



February 5, 2013

Dear Chairpersons of the Certification Boards and Science and Practice subcommittees,

The International Association for Identification's midyear meeting was held on February 4-5, 2013. During the meeting it was discussed that the subcommittees and certification boards for each discipline within the IAI should be aligned with the same guidance documents and resources within a discipline.

John Vanderkolk from the Forensic Identification Standards Committee will send a survey to each committee and board chair to determine what references and resources are currently being used to support activity such as training, casework, certification, and study within a discipline.

We appreciate your time and look forward to the survey results. Please be advised that as of February 4<sup>th</sup>, the following position was voted and confirmed by the Board of Directors:

All Science and Practice Subcommittees, the Certification Boards, and the general membership shall be advised that the respective IAI disciplines SWG's Guidelines and Standards are hereby recognized and adopted by the IAI.

Further, it is the responsibility of the Science and Practice Subcommittees and Certification Boards to review the respective SWG Guidelines and Standards on a continuous basis for new and revised SWG documents and that comments and concerns regarding SWG documents shall be forwarded to the IAI Chief Operations Officer who will forward to the Board of Directors for review and consideration.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Fourth Vice President Harold Ruslander or Professional Programs Chairman Robert Garrett.

Very respectfully submitted,

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PPQAGB Chairman Robert Garrett  
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