

**National Association of Forensic Science Boards**

**Inaugural Conference November 16-17, 2023**

**Barbara Jordan Conference Center**

**Austin, Texas**

**Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 to 9:45 Opening Plenary Session

Welcome to Texas — Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Barbara Hervey

Why are we here and what do we hope to accomplish over the next two days? — Michael Coble and Lynn Garcia, Texas Forensic Science Commission

Collaboration Across States: Judge Kent Cattani and Judge Ron Reinstein (Retired) — Arizona Forensic Laboratory Advisory Committee

9:45 – 10:00 Break

10:00 – 11:00 The UK System – Gary Pugh OBE, UK Forensic Science Regulator

11:00 – 12:00 Forensic Science Improvement in the United States – John Morgan

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:15 Forensic Science Boards in Practice

Moderator: Marna McLendon

Building Forensic Science Accountability Together – Sarah Chu

New Board – Massachusetts – Kerry Collins and Lisa Kavanaugh

Advisory Boards—Arizona, North Carolina – Judge Ron Reinstein (Retired),  
Judge Kent Cattani, and Kermit Channell

2:15 – 3:30 Discussions

A. Pros and Cons of FSB Models (Dan Katz, Maryland, moderator)

B. What Do Crime Labs Have to Gain? (Stephen Butler, Arizona; Peter Stout,  
Texas, moderators)

3:30 – 3:45 Break

3:45 – 5:15 How Does a Commission Evolve?

Moderator: Kermit Channell

Establishment and evolution of Self-disclosure, OSAC Implementation,  
Code of Professional Responsibility, and Forensic Licensing Programs – Lynn  
Garcia and Leigh Tomlin —Texas

Establishment and evolution of Report Standards — Jill Dooley, New York

6:30 Optional Conference Dinner (location TBD)

### **Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 – 10:00 Lessons Learned

Moderator: John Morgan

“Not Success Stories” — Dan Katz, Maryland

Washington DC — Amanda Sozer, SNA International

Boards in Practice – Wisconsin, Katie Hoffmeyer; Massachusetts, Lisa  
Kavanaugh

10:00 – 10:15 – Break

10:15 – 11:30 Discussions

A. Identifying Stakeholders and Working Together (Marna McLendon, Arizona, moderator)

B. How Can Boards and Commissions Help Each Other? (Lynn Garcia, Texas, moderator)

C. Small State Boards (Kermit Channell, moderator)

11:30 – 12:00 Break & Networking

12:00 – 12:45 Guiding New Boards and Commissions

Moderator: Kerry Collins

Speakers:

Establishing A New Commission – Illinois — Robin Woolery

The Michigan Commission We Needed – John Collins

12:45 – 1:00 Break

1:00 – 2:00 Working Lunch

The Australian Model — Linzi Wilson-Wilde, Chief Executive Officer, Forensic Science Queensland, Queensland, Australia

2:00 – 2:15 Future of the NAFSB — John Morgan

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2:30 — 5:00 Executive Session: NAFSB Planning Board

1. Conference After-Action
2. Governance and Future of NAFSB
3. Next Steps