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*President's Appointed Committees:*

**PROFICIENCY TEST COMMITTEE:**

Phyllis T. ROLLAN (Chair)

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**NEWSLETTER:**

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**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

Ross GARDNER (Chair)

Don SCHUESSLER

Bruce MacLEAN

Tom GRIFFIN

Paul KISH

**ETHICS COMMITTEE:**

Tom BEVEL (Chair)

Bart EPSTEIN

Bruce MacLEAN

Fred CARTER

Phyllis ROLLAN

Vince HAWKES

**DAUBERT COMMITTEE:**

Tom BEVEL (Chair)

Rod ENGLERT

Ross GARDNER

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLOODSTAIN PATTERN  
ANALYSTS ANNUAL MEETING**

**6 October 2000  
Tucson Arizona  
MINUTES**

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Phyllis Rollan, President  
Joe Slemko, Vice President Region II  
Don Housman, Vice President Region IV  
Daniel Rahn, Sergeant at Arms  
Norman Reeves, Secretary Treasurer  
Nancy Sperber, Legal Representative  
Herbert MacDonell, Historian

**6 October 2000**

With 56 voting members present, the business meeting was called to order by President Rollan at 1:35 P.M.

President Rollan stated that the minutes from the 1999 meeting were in the hospitality area and requested a motion for approval.

Larry Renner made a motion to approve the 1999 business meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Jon Nordby. The motion was approved.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Chairman of the membership committee reported that the lists with applicants to be advanced to provisional and the provisional members being advanced to full membership were in the hospitality suite for review.

A motion by Nancy Sperber to advance the applicants to provisional and the provisional to full members as per the posted lists was made. The motion was seconded by Don Schussler and approved by the body.

**VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS:**

President Rollan requested the Vice President reports.

Vice President Slemko, Region II reported that the year was normal and commented regarding his duties as webmaster. The website will provide information for member sponsored training activities. There will also be a disclaimer on the site indicating that the training is not IABPA certification.

There were no other Vice President reports provided.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The treasurer's report was posted in the hospitality area for review by the membership.

Norman Reeves indicated that he is in the process of instituting the acceptance of credit cards for payments to the IABPA and it should be completed in the near future. The current financial standing was discussed and the result of the Houston 1999 conference's expenses to the Association.

There was a motion to accept the treasurer report, seconded and approved by the body.

### **LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:**

Nancy Sperber discussed the need for the Legal representative to review all contracts that the IABPA engages. This need is primarily the result of the Houston conference. The legal representative reviewed contracts this year for the Tucson conference.

Any use of the IABPA name is to be reviewed by the legal representative.

The Houston conference host issues were discussed relating to the boards concerns.

A floor discussion of legal issues between the IABPA and CTS (Collaborative testing service)

### **SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT:**

Nothing reported by Dan Rahn.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **PROFICIENCY TEST COMMITTEE:**

LeAnn Singley reports that members of the IABPA have been working with CTS this year reviewing and refining the proficiency test for bloodstain pattern analysis. These members are working independent of the IABPA in their endeavors.

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

Tom Griffin indicated that the chair, Ross Gardner was unable to come to the meeting but has provided a six-page report to the board of the work that was done this year. Revised guidelines for training and a possibility of future guidelines for advance courses was discussed. A course evaluation, at the end of a 40-hour course, in the form of an examination by the instructor, was discussed.

#### **CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE:**

Phyllis Rollan indicated that the committee has made some revisions to the by-laws relating to ethics and the operational procedures for future conferences. These changes will be published for approval of the body for an annual conference meeting in the future.

#### **DAUBERT COMMITTEE:**

Nancy Sperber discussed current legal issues and noted that Tom Bevel has provided a survey at the meeting which results will be compiled for future publication.

**HISTORIAN'S REPORT:**

Herbert MacDonell provided the meeting with the latest historian information.

**EDITOR'S REPORT:**

Editor Toby Wolson discussed the guidelines for submitting articles to the newsletter will be submitted for board review.

Toby Wolson also discussed that he is no longer going to be the editor at the end of his year and thanked all those who have worked with him.

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

President Rollan stated that during a board meeting at the conference, the following members were nominated for the IABPA Board.

PRESIDENT	Daniel Rahn
VICE PRESIDENT REGION I	William Gifford
VICE PRESIDENT REGION II	William Basso
VICE PRESIDENT REGION III	Rick Pippins
VICE PRESIDENT REGION IV	Don Housman
SECRETARY TREASURER	Norman Reeves
LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE	Nancy Sperber
HISTORIAN	Herbert MacDonell
SERGEANT AT ARMS	Brian Kennedy

Additional nominations were requested from the floor and no additional nominations were made.

Larry Renner moved the nominations be closed and accepted. The motion was seconded by Don Schuessler and approved by the body.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business is discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The meeting location for 2001 was discussed. Due to the success of the 2000 meeting in Tucson and the next time zone scheduled for a meeting is the Pacific Time zone, it was proposed to hold the conference in Tucson Arizona in 2001. Bob Froese, San Jose, has spent a considerable time in 2000 attempting to secure a site for the 2001 meeting. Due to the market in San Jose, the cost factor was prohibitive. The board thanked Bob for his concerted efforts and understood the problems that San Jose presents.

Jon Nordby made a motion to have the conference in Tucson in 2001 and Brian Kennedy seconded the motion. The body approved the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Herbert MacDonell made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Jon Nordby. President Rollan adjourned the meeting.

# IABPA NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES

February, 2001

## **Proposed Article Types:**

**Research Paper:** Detailed discussion of research in bloodstain pattern analysis or related subject areas explaining hypothesis, scientific method, results and conclusions.

**Technical Article:** A step-by-step discussion of a new technology or new uses of an existing technology in bloodstain pattern analysis or related areas, explaining analytical procedures, materials, methods, instrumentation, results, and conclusions.

**Case Report:** Discussion of interesting bloodstain pattern analysis cases.

**Historical Article:** Discussion of bloodstain pattern analysis history.

**Book Review:** Summary and analysis of bloodstain pattern analysis books or publications.

**Letter to the Editor:** Brief communication discussing new research, technology, or previously published papers.

## **Proposed Article Submission Guidelines:**

- (1) Manuscripts must be written in clear and concise language.
- (2) The manuscript must be written in a logical, organized manner, progressing from a statement of purpose through procedures, ending in a discussion of results, conclusions, and implications on bloodstain pattern analysis.
- (3) All articles must be original material, no previously published articles will be considered for publication.
- (4) All article submissions must contain proper reference citations identifying the author, article title, and publication specifics.
- (5) References to instrumentation and specific products should identify the manufacturer of the item.
- (6) The title of the article should be concise and identify the authors by name and affiliation.

### **Proposed Article Submission Guidelines:** (cont.)

- (7) Figures, charts, photographs, graphs, tables, and diagrams should be suitable for publication at the time of article submission. Please keep in mind that at the present the IABPA News is unable to publish in color, so these items should be in high-resolution black and white.
- (8) Article submission may be done by e-mail (attached document) or mail. If submission is by USPS, please provide four clean copies of the article and associated figures, charts, photographs, graphs, tables, and diagrams.

### **Proposed PEER Article Review Guidelines:**

**All** Articles will be **PEER** reviewed by a minimum of three editors.

- (1) If the Article submitted is acceptable without changes, the Editors should not feel compelled to make corrections if they are not necessary.
- (2) If the Article submitted is acceptable with changes, the Editors will make constructive comments on how to improve the article and associated figures, charts, photographs, graphs, tables, and diagrams. They will consult with the Author either individually or by a single spokesperson for the group, requesting clarification and/or suggesting additional research in a follow up article.
- (3) The article, associated figures, charts, photographs, graphs, tables, diagrams, and editor comments will be returned to the author(s) for revision and re-submission for the purpose of publishing in the IABPA News.
- (4) Editors **DO NOT** reserve the right to make changes to the article and its associated figures, charts, photographs, graphs, tables, and diagrams prior to publication in the IABPA News, **without the knowledge and written APPROVAL of the Author.**
- (5) All articles and associated figures, charts, photographs, graphs, tables, and diagrams submitted to the IABPA for publication consideration rightfully become the property of the IABPA and remains the property of the IABPA, unless the IABPA declines to publish the article. Authors should be aware that any claims to a copyright are waived by their submission for publication if their article is published.
- (6) Authors assume total responsibility for the content and accuracy of their submissions.

### **Case Report Guidelines:**

- (1) Cases that are presently before the Courts or under Appeal will not be accepted for publication.
- (2) Authors wishing to use the News to solicit assistance from the IABPA membership, with respect to unsolved cases having unidentified stain patterns or technical questions, must contact the Editor to determine the appropriate format for submission.

### **Historical Articles Guidelines:**

- (1) Historical Articles must be supported by the appropriate references.

### **Book Review Guidelines:**

The Editor will ask an associate editor or another IABPA member to review a new book and/or publication, which relate to bloodstain pattern interpretation. The review is meant to inform the membership about the new publication. It is important that the IABPA membership be made aware of the literature published in this field and whether or not the information is accurate.

### **Letters to the Editor:**

- (1) Letters to the Editor concerning articles published in the IABPA News or any other News medium, i.e.: Scientific Journals etc., containing slanderous comments, however slight, will not be accepted.
- (2) The Editor alone will decide whether or not to publish a submitted letter.

# International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts

## Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Basic Course

### Course Requirements

**Purpose.** A course of instruction designed for investigators, crime scene technicians, forensic technicians, and others involved in criminal and medical-legal investigations and crime scene analysis. The course is intended to develop a fundamental knowledge of the discipline of bloodstain pattern analysis. The course should illustrate to the student basic principals of bloodstain pattern analysis and the practical application of the discipline to actual casework. The course syllabus is not intended to create an “instant” expert.

**Course Objectives.** Upon completion of the course the student should:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the development, history and advancement of bloodstain pattern analysis.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the inherent limitations of bloodstain pattern analysis.
- Recognize key bloodstain patterns and understand the mechanism by which they are created.
- Determine impact angles for individual bloodstains.
- Determine a probable point (area) of convergence for a group of bloodstains.
- Demonstrate the ability to combine point (area) of convergence with impact angle to locate the probable point of origin for a given blood spatter event.
- Recognize proper protective measures to follow in a bloodstained scene.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the methods of documenting bloodstain scenes, both photographically and in written format.
- Demonstrate an ability to evaluate a basic bloodstain pattern scene.

**Course Length.** The course of instruction should be a minimum of forty hours in length.

**Course Content.** The course should include instruction in the following areas:

**I. Introduction to Bloodstain Pattern Analysis.** A discussion and lecture designed to introduce the student to the basic tenets of bloodstain pattern analysis, its function and purpose as a forensic discipline, as well as a historical review of its development.

*This section should include lecture directed at:*

1. The purpose and function of bloodstain pattern analysis in a modern investigation.
2. The history of bloodstain pattern analysis, including the formation and purpose of the International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts.
3. The application of basic scientific method in bloodstain pattern analysis. To include:
  - a. What scientific method entails.
  - b. How to develop objective case oriented experiments.

4. A discussion of biohazards associated with bloodstain patterns and the appropriate personal protection techniques.
5. Characteristics of liquid blood and blood droplets under force:
  - a. The general nature of liquids and in particular the incompressibility of liquids.
  - b. The effects of surface tension on individual droplets and pools of blood.
  - c. The effects of terminal velocity on free falling droplets.
6. Characteristics of blood droplets on impact:
  - a. The effect of the volume on individual droplets.
  - b. The effect of target surface characteristics.
  - c. Limitations of determining distance fallen for individual droplets.
  - d. The relationship of angle of impact to stain shape.
7. Limitations in bloodstain pattern analysis conclusions.
  - a. General conclusion information (consistent, inconsistent).
  - b. Impact angle determinations.
  - c. Point of origin determinations.
  - d. Pattern transfer determinations (consistent v. identification).

**II. Recognition and Creation of Basic Stain Patterns.** A combination of lecture and practical designed to lead the student through a primarily hands-on process of the cause and effect relationships that exist with regard to the creation of bloodstain patterns.

*This section should include lecture and practical directed at understanding:*

1. Passive Stains:
  - a. Drip Patterns.
  - b. Flow Patterns.
  - c. Pools.
  - d. Saturation stains.
2. Projected and Impact Spatter stains:
  - a. Impact Patterns.
  - b. Splashes.
  - c. Cast-off Patterns.
  - d. Arterial Spurt and Gush Patterns.
  - e. Expirated Bloodstain Patterns.
3. Transfer Stains:
  - a. Wipe Patterns.
  - b. Swipe Patterns.
  - c. Transfer/Contact Patterns.

4. Misc. Patterns:
  - a. Void Patterns.
  - b. Fly Spot Patterns.
  - c. Bubble Rings.
  - d. Perimeter/Skeletonized Bloodstains.

**III. Point (Area) of Origin Determinations.** Lecture and practical exercises that lead the student through the process of establishing the probable point (area) of origin for an impact pattern and the various methods available to an analyst to make the point (area) of origin determination.

*This section should include at the minimum, both lecture and a pass or fail practical that requires each student to:*

1. Evaluate and select appropriate stains for inclusion (considering stain shape, stain location in the pattern, and number of stains).
2. Evaluate and determine the impact angle for a variety of well-formed bloodstains, to an acceptable error level of +/- five degrees.
3. Recognize and determine directionality in a variety of bloodstain shapes.
4. Evaluate and determine point (area) of convergence.
5. Apply “stringing” and/or mathematical methods for point (area) of origin determinations.
6. Understand the limitations of point (area) of origin determinations, recognizing when point (area) of origin determinations are either impractical or impossible.
7. Discuss and if possible use, forensic software designed for making point (area) of origin determinations.

**IV. Correlation of Bloodstain Pattern Analysis With Other Forensic Evidence.**

Lecture and demonstration with examples of how bloodstain pattern analysis must fit with other known evidence, using a holistic approach.

*This section should include at a minimum:*

1. The use and limitations of presumptive tests for blood.
2. The importance of identification of bloodstain patterns to a specific source through DNA/Serology technology.
3. The correlation of bloodstain patterns to wound pathology.
4. The sequencing of bloodstain pattern events.

**V. Documenting Bloodstain Patterns.** Lecture and practical demonstrating current methods of photography, report writing, diagramming and the function of additional enhancement techniques (e.g. luminol).

*This section should include:*

1. Demonstration of photography techniques, illustrating the use of overall, mid-range and close-up photographs to document bloodstain patterns.
2. Proper use of scale and other photography enhancement devices (e.g. ABFO scales, Road mapping techniques, stain labeling)
3. General discussion of latent blood visualization using chemicals.
4. Report writing techniques.
5. General discussion of presenting bloodstain pattern analysis testimony at legal proceedings.

**VI. Associated Practical Exercises.** The course at a minimum will include the following practical exercises:

1. **Stain Shape as a Function of Impact Angle.** Production of stains at varying angles between 10-90 degrees on different surfaces. Demonstrating the reproducibility of the various stain shapes and the effect of surface characteristics on those shapes.
2. **Diameter of Individual Stains as a Function of Distance Fallen and Droplet Volume.** Production of a variety of droplets from various distances and of different droplet volumes and surface characteristics, illustrating the limitations present in evaluating distance fallen.
3. **Creation and Causation of Cast-off Patterns.** Production of cast-off patterns by various objects. Illustrating the mechanism and limitations in evaluation of cast-off pattern stains.
4. **Creation of Impact Spatter Resulting From Blunt Trauma Force.** The creation and evaluation of spatter resulting from force associated with physical blows. The practical should demonstrate clearly the correlation of force to spatter size and its effect on: variance in the range of stain sizes for a given pattern, preponderant stain size, and stain distribution.
5. **Creation of Impact Spatter Resulting From Explosive Force.** The creation and evaluation of spatter resulting from gunshot. The practical should show the correlation between spatter dispersion and source-to-target distance and the differences between forward spatter and back spatter.

6. **Creation of Projected Blood Patterns.** Creation of spurt and gush type stains both on vertical and horizontal targets.
7. **Creation of Transfer Patterns.** The creation of a variety of transfer pattern stains using various objects. Demonstrating the limitations present in the recognition and individualization of transfer patterns.
8. **Creation and Recognition of Blood Trails.** Creation of blood trails under various conditions, showing the correlation of horizontal motion of blood at various speeds to the resulting individual stain shapes.
9. **Drying Times of Blood.** A practical demonstrating the process of blood droplet drying times in relation to stain size.

**VII. Administrative Requirements.** The course should provide or include the following:

1. A pretest designed to test the students understanding of the key objectives.
2. A practical based or written examination process designed to test the student's comprehension of the key objectives.
3. A course handbook or manual, which describes the practical exercises and provides space for writing notes and observations.
4. The creation of individual standards of key bloodstains patterns, by each student.
5. A certificate of completion describing the dates of training, the number of hours completed, the name of the instructor(s) and the location of training.
6. A course evaluation form, maintained by the instructor.

# **IABPA Annual Training Conference**

Tucson, Arizona  
October 3-5, 2001

**\*CONFERENCE CONTENT**  
**Check [iabpa.org](http://iabpa.org) for updates during the year.**

REPORT WRITING  
CASE PRESENTATIONS  
THE ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY OF BLOODSTAIN PATTERNS II  
IABPA ISSUES  
LEGAL ISSUES  
SCIENTIFIC METHOD EXPERIMENTS  
MEET WITH THE IABPA BOARD MEMBERS  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This is a great opportunity for you to bring your open and closed cases to be reviewed and discussed by fellow and experienced members of the IABPA in a relaxed and semi-private setting - not formal presentations.

Add a presentation to your Curriculum Vitae!  
Share your experience with the other analysts!

*Time slots are limited and you should contact Norm now to ensure an opportunity to make your presentation.*

Presentations will be one hour or less so more may participate.

**Contact Norman Reeves:**  
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**520.760.6620**

***ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE UPCOMING  
NEWSLETTERS AND WEB SITE [WWW.IABPA.ORG](http://WWW.IABPA.ORG)***

# IABPA Annual Training Conference

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## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

\*REGISTRATION FEE: \$185.00 USD PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2001  
\$200.00 USD AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2001

ON SITE PAYMENT: \$230.00

STUDENT FEE: \$150.00 PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2001  
\$175.00 AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2001

To register for the conference complete the enclosed registration form and submit it with your payment to Norman Reeves.

\*REFUND REQUESTS MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2001

## HOTEL INFORMATION

HILTON TUCSON EAST  
7600 East Broadway  
Tucson, Arizona 85710

Identify the **IABPA** when making reservations.

Reservations may be made by calling:

1-800-HILTONS OR 1-520-721-5600

OR

Online-<http://www.hilton.com/hotels/TUSHEHF/index.html>

Go to online reservations- find Hilton Tucson East- Enter **Group code: IAP**

### ROOM RATES:

**FIRST COME FIRST SERVE!!  
WHEN THE ROOM BLOCK IS GONE  
SO ARE THE RATES!**

\*\$79USD single and double occupancy

**Government rate** upon request and proof of status as a government agency. There are a limited number of government rate rooms available. The rooms are available on a first come first serve basis.

\*+9.5% sales tax + \$1.00 city tax

Note: Dress will be "Tucson casual" (for men, slacks, shirts, casual shoes, and no neckties. For women shorts, slacks, comfortable shoes) throughout the whole conference unless you choose to go somewhere that requires "dress up."

# **IABPA Annual Training Conference**

Tucson, Arizona  
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## **TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION\***

### **DRIVING FROM PHOENIX: 2-HOUR DRIVE**

I10 East to the Broadway Blvd./Congress exit.  
Stay on Broadway Blvd. 10 miles to the Hilton East.

### **ARRIVING BY AIRLINE TO PHOENIX**

**ARIZONA SHUTTLE 1-800-888-2749**

**\$40 ROUND TRIP**

**\$22 ONE WAY**

**\$37 ROUND TRIP SENIOR CITIZEN**

**\$21 ONE WAY SENIOR CITIZEN**

### **DRIVING FROM TUCSON AIRPORT: 30-45 MINUTE DRIVE**

Exit the airport and make a right on Valencia.  
Valencia to Kolb, make a left turn onto Kolb.  
Take Kolb to Broadway Blvd. Make a right on Broadway Blvd.  
Take Broadway Blvd. directly to the Hilton East.

### **ARRIVING BY AIRLINE TO TUCSON**

**ARIZONA STAGECOACH 520-889-1000**

**\$28 PER PERSON ROUND TRIP**

**\$15 ONE WAY**

**\$36 COUPLES ROUND TRIP / \$19 COUPLE ONE WAY**

\*TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE CONFERENCE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL ATTENDEE.

## Organizational Notices

# YOUR DUES ARE DUE!!!

**2001 IABPA Dues are \$30.00 USD**

Please forward payment to:

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The following information is easily attainable at our Website:

- **Conference Information**
- **Upcoming Training Opportunities**
- **IABPA Applications**
- **IABPA Request for Promotion Forms**



### **Texas Court Ruling**

A recent court ruling pertaining to Bloodstain Pattern Interpretation has been posted in its entirety on our Website. I urge you to visit the website to review this document.

## Training Opportunities

**April 30 – May 4, 2001**  
**Spring Bloodstain Institute**  
Corning, New York

◆  
Herbert L. MacDonell  
Bloodstain Evidence Institute  
P.O. Box 1111  
Corning, New York  
Voice: 607-962-6581  
Fax: 607-936-6936  
E-mail: forensic@servtech.com

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**May 7-11, 2001**  
**Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis**  
**and**  
**Expert Witness Workshop**  
Miami, Florida

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Toby L. Wolson, M.S.  
Miami-Dade Police Department  
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**September 24-28, 2001**  
**Fall Bloodstain Institute**  
Corning, New York

◆  
(See: April 30-May 4, 2001)

**October 3-5, 2001**  
**International Association**  
**of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts**  
**Annual Training Conference**  
Tucson, Arizona

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**December 10-14, 2001**  
**Bloodstain Pattern Analysis**  
**Workshop**  
Miami, FL

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(See: May 7-11, 2001)

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*Training announcements for the  
June 2001 Newsletter must be received  
before May 15, 2001*

## Editor's Message

As your new Editor, I will be working towards making our Newsletter a professional publication which is recognized for its quality. I intend to work with each and every member who wishes to submit an article for publication in a prompt and professional manner. Feel free to contact me.

The purpose of the PEER review is to elevate the IABPA News into a publication which is recognized and respected within the forensic science community. It is my desire as Editor to assure that what is published within the News is technically accurate. We must remember that what is published in the Newsletter has the potential of affecting each and every member of this organization.

I would like to draw your attention to the Letters to the Editor section in the new Newsletter Guidelines. This should be looked at as a tool for members not only to communicate to me as Editor but to the rest of the organization. If you have something you feel should be published in the Newsletter but are uncertain where it fits in the new guidelines, please call or email me for clarifications.

Call for papers: The IABPA News needs research papers and case studies for publication in future issues. If you have been doing research in bloodstain pattern analysis or have an interesting case, please share it with all of us. Send your completed article to:

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## Past Presidents of the IABPA

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Warren R. Darby	1988
Rod D. Englert	1989-1990
Edward Podworny	1991-1992
Tom J. Griffin	1993-1994
Toby L. Wolson, M.S.	1995-1996
Daniel V. Christman	1997-1998
Phyllis T. Rollan	1999-2000

## Associate Editors of the IABPA News

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