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## IAI President to Speak at 50th Anniversary Banquet of OK IAI



2016 National IAI President, Bridget Lewis, will be the keynote speaker at the Oklahoma State Division IAI 50<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary Banquet, Thursday, May 19, 2016. Lewis' forensic experience began in 1979 at the Des Moines, Iowa Police Department, where she spent her last 13 of 17 years as a Crime Scene Investigator. In 1996 Lewis began working at the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation Crime Lab as a latent print examiner, footwear and tire impression examiner, and crime scene investigator. Lewis became a member of the I.A.I. in 1991. She served as a board member for ten years, then moved through the officer's ranks to eventually serve as the 2015-16 National President. Retired for three years, Lewis currently resides on 40 acres with ten German Short Hair pointers in St. Charles, Iowa.

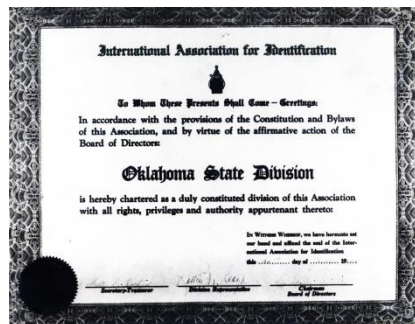
## Eighteen Life Members to be Recognized at OK IAI Banquet

The OK IAI will honor active and associate members, past and present, who have been selected as Life members. This honor is bestowed on Active and Associate Members who have maintained membership for 20 consecutive years and reached the age of 55, or contributed outstanding service to the Association, Forensic Science and Law Enforcement, and who, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, are worthy of recognition.

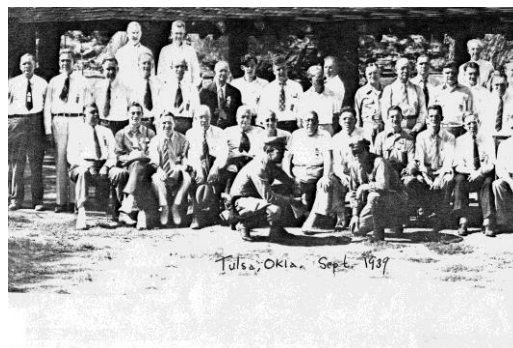
Eighteen members of the OK State Division of the IAI have been selected as 2016 Life Members include Tom Bevel, Carl Cloud, Al Cross, Iris Dalley, Kirby Darbe, Harry Hunt, Cynthia Hutchcroft, George Kennedy, Tom Lewallen, Arthur Linville, Patricia Linville, Boyd Mize, Larry Peters, Ernest Smith, Karen Smith, Harry Stege, Ron Wortham, and Rockie Yardley.

## The Oklahoma State Division of the IAI Reaches its 50 Year Milestone.

On July 21, 1966, the state of Oklahoma became a permanent part of the national body of the International Association for Identification. Harry W. Stege, Tulsa Police Department, was the first president. The first annual meeting of the Oklahoma Division took place on April 20, 1968 at Lea's Skyline Restaurant, 1631 SE 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK. A fall conference meeting was held November 9, 1968. A business meeting and election of officers were held. Elected officers were Bob Travis, Vice President, Paul Boyd, Editor and Historian, Larry Bayles, Secretary-Treasurer, Roy Goodenough, Sergeant of Arms. The Board members were Carl Cloud, Doyle Connelly, Tom Lewallen, Charles V. Ryan, Ernest Smith, Paul Sterlin and Vernon Glover. There was no registration fee. Each meal cost \$1.50. The annual meeting lasted one day, 7.5 hours. Below is the division charter and photo of twenty-two members of the Oklahoma State Division of the I.A.I. Since 1966, "the OK IAI has grown to a body of membership of 734, across a wide variety of physical forensic science disciplines", states Deion Christophe, OK IAI Division President. According to Lisa Gleisberg, OK IAI Division Secretary, the current membership stands at 124. Founders, including Harry Stege, Carl Cloud, Ernest Smith, Larry Peters, Tom Lewallen and George Kennedy, are expected to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet.



**HISTORICAL INFORMATION IS NEEDED BY THE OK IAI.** The names of past presidents of the Oklahoma Division of the IAI for the years 1972 -1979, 1984, 1987-1990, and 1995-2002 are needed. If you can help with this information, please contact Lisa Gleisberg, OK IAI Secretary, at [lisa.gleisberg@okc.gov](mailto:lisa.gleisberg@okc.gov) or 405.297-1158.



## 1939 I.A.I. Convention Held in Tulsa, Oklahoma is one for the Books.

One may be surprised that the Twenty-Fifth Annual Convention of the International Association for Identification was held September 11-14, 1939 at the Mayo Hotel [Hotel Kayo], Tulsa, Oklahoma. William Paul Whitley of North Carolina was the incoming National President of the I.A.I., serving

1939-1940. He replaced William E. Cashin of New York, who presided at the Tulsa conference. The annual banquet was held at the Crystal Ball Room, Mayo Hotel. To see more about this convention, visit the Historical Display Table and view the OK IAI scrapbook at the 2016 Annual Educational Conference.



## **Membership and Annual Conference Growth Expected to Continue in the OK State Division of IAI**

Twenty-five people from around the state and Arkansas have joined OK IAI as active, associate and student members in the 2015-16 year. According to Board Chairman, Jackie Smithson, “the OK IAI division membership has grown, along with having well-attended conferences.” For the first time in OK Division history, the 2016 conference has over 110 pre-registered attendees. “This is by far one of the largest IAI divisional conferences”, stated Smithson. He goes on to say, “Being a member of any professional organization proves that you are willing to be proactive in the progression of the field in which you are involved. Student members can learn about the different forensic sciences and make a determination as to whether or not they want to pursue a career in forensics. Associate members provide the needed support within the organization, allowing [the Division] to sustain and continue to grow. Active members are the backbone of the division. They are active in the development of new techniques, meeting standards and changing the future of the division. Without all membership types, the division becomes stagnant and fails.”

### **New members for 2016 include:**

Don Balch, University of Arkansas  
 Amanda P. Bradbury, OCPD  
 Jason Brakhage, Norman PD  
 Jeanette Covey, Norman PD  
 Ashley Deeds, OCPD  
 Stacy Fox, OSBI  
 John Frucci, OSU/Forensic Science  
 Patrick Gandara, Woodward PD  
 Marc Harrison, OCME  
 Marisa Jaber, Student  
 Joe D. Koerner, Jr., MAC University  
 John Lindsey, Sr., Muscogee Creek Nation  
 Audry L. Mann-Moon, OCPD  
 Travis Munson, Woodward PD  
 Sandra Murphy, OSBI  
 Darren Navratil, Woodward PD  
 Jason Reeves, Tulsa PD  
 Elisabeth Retieffe, Norman PD  
 Samantha Richardson, OCME  
 Jason Salyards, OCPD  
 Brian R. Shafer, Private Practice/DDS  
 Lavonne A. Stickrod, Forensic Artist  
 Claude “CJ” Sober, Woodward PD  
 Robert Whittington, Lawton PD  
 Carlos Zambrano, OCME

## ***OK IAI President Deion Christophe Examines Diversity in the State and National body of the IAI, Foresees Minority Growth***



The original 1915 preamble of the national body of the IAI, (originally the International Association for Criminal Identification, or I.A.C.I.), was amended in 1918, changing “men” to “persons” to permit women to join, and adding “persons” joining the I.A.I. had to be white. The next major revision of the preamble, constitution, and bylaws in 1922 became more specific by stating, “...no person of Negro blood shall be eligible to membership in the Association”. Twenty four years later, the 1946 conference provided the setting for two constitutional changes, the formation of the Nomination Committee and dropping the exclusion of those with “Negro blood” from membership, [Journal of Forensic Identification, 298/65(4), 2015].

When asked his thoughts on diversity in the State division and the national body, OK IAI President Deion Christophe stated, “Our division boasts two African-American presidents, as well as presidents of Native American heritage, in its 50 year history. Joyce Gilchrist was the state’s first African-American president, holding the position during the 1985-86 term. My term will end in 2017. I do think this alone is something to be proud of in regards to the advances the I.A.I. has made. Do I think there needs to be modifications, additional growth of this nature throughout the national body? Absolutely. I belong to other professional organizations, some international, that have yet to place any minority members in leadership roles. However, change mimics the times. With that said, I predict continued strides in diversified leadership and high amounts of minority membership growth in the state divisions and international body of the IAI as the forensics community continues to expands”.

## **2016 OK IAI Division Conference Expected to Set Attendance Record**



The Oklahoma State Division of the IAI will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the 2016 Annual Educational Conference. Conference dates are May 18 -20, 2016 at the University of Central Oklahoma Forensic Science Institute, 801 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Edmond, OK. Registration opens at 7 a.m., Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

The conference will provide 24 hours of CLEET credit, including Mental Health. Presentations during the three-day conference will include the Chris Kyle, “American Sniper”, crime scene reconstruction presentation, cold case presentations, officer - involved shooting reconstruction, Triple homicide Presentation by Kent Buehler, Filicide: Why Parents Kill, and Civil and Criminal Commitment for Homicidal Ideation, Mental Health: Dealing with Alzheimer’s, and Excited Delirium. Over 125 people will attend this year’s conference, setting a new record for the OK State Division Annual Educational Conference. Commemorative coins and a firearms raffle along with more celebratory events will be a part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet will be held Thursday, May 19, 2016 at Wings Event Center, 13700 N. Eastern Avenue, Edmond, Oklahoma. Reception will start at 6:30 p.m. and the banquet program will begin at 7 p.m. Attendees may bring a guest for a nominal fee. Founding members of the Oklahoma State Division of the I.A.I. and life members will be recognized. The keynote speaker will be international I.A.I. president, Bridget Lewis.

## **FIREARMS RAFFLE EXPECTED TO BOOST ATTENDANCE AT BANQUET**

Win a Smith and Wesson Shield 9mm Pistol. Paid conference registration will automatically enter attendees into the raffle, however, you must be 21 years of age or older to be eligible to win. All applicable federal and state laws and regulations apply. The winner will receive a voucher to take to C.O.P.S. Gun Shop to trade in for the firearm, upon completion of all necessary background checks and paperwork. The winner MUST be present at the OK IAI 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet, Thursday, May 19, 2016 to be eligible to win.

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