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In support of this mission this year, the IAI committees and leadership focused on the following objectives:

- **Increase visibility of IAI activities to members, non- members, IAI divisions and other organizations.**
 - Create an advocacy committee to facilitate outreach to all Divisions and International liaisons
 - Increase international representation by continent
 - Support existing and new charters domestically and internationally
 - Enhance and market the IAI Face book page
 - Publish the IAI liaison and committee activity in the Identification News
 - Survey and coordinate activity within a discipline across the Science and Practice Committee, Certification Boards and Scientific Working Groups
 - Survey conducted by Forensic Identification Standards Committee
 - Update the IAI website
 - Streamline the application for certification through electronic submissions
 - Create mobile applications for the conference guide, vendor advertising and IAI surveys
 - New Strategic Research Committee to work with IAI committees, boards and other organizations

- **Promote collaboration with other organizations.**
 - Create new liaison positions to:
 - the National Institute of Standards and Technology
 - the National Institute of Justice
 - the National Science Foundation
 - the ASCLD Forensic Research Committee
 - the IAI Executive Board
 - the FBI CJIS Identification Services Subcommittee

- **Specialized training for managers and emerging leaders.**
 - Created an Executive Leadership Seminar for Managers at the IAI Conference to discuss:
 - the National Commission on Forensic Science
 - Senator Leahy's legislation in support of the forensic science community

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- Special guest in attendance: Chan Park – Staff from Senator Leahy’s Office
 - accreditation, certification programs, responding to motions for discovery
 - RS&A training programs that support certification and training
 - the IAI committee on probability models: evaluation and training
 - the Foresight Program for Managers
 - the FBI NGI current and future increments

 - **Focus on safety and presentation of the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) through OSHA.**
 - Local OSHA representative assisting with conference safety and training at the conference
 - New safety signs at conference
 - Workshop release forms for workshop attendees

 - **Provide input to draft legislation or activity that will impact the forensic science community.**
 - Senate Bills regarding the establishment of an Office of Forensic Science
 - Comments on Senate hearings related to Forensic Science
 - Response to the DOJ Deputy Attorney General on the establishment of the National Commission on Forensic Science
 - Texas Commission on Forensic Science regarding IAI certification programs

The IAI long range planning future initiatives

- Review ethics complaint process
- New Science and Practice Committee Chair
- Reorganize website according to disciplines and IAI liaisons
- Increase outreach to Divisions and editors
- Prepare certification programs for reaccreditation through FSAB
- Create new provisional subcommittee on Facial Identification

Thank you for your support this year and I encourage all of you to approach each day with your very best effort, expand your network of professionals and resources, and get involved in the IAI as you learn more when you step out of your comfort zone and reach out to others.

Every day is a new opportunity to make a difference as you continue to serve the public to ensure safety in your local neighborhood.

In closing, I would like to share a message from keynote speaker Steve Gilliland at the IAI conference in Providence, Rhode Island: “I firmly believe that the true joy to life is the trip and that in order to enjoy the ride, we have to change our behavior through choices we make every day...If I wake up every day and don’t have any passion towards what I am doing, forget why I am doing it, and hate who I’m doing it with, then it’s time to check my passion.” The theme of his speech was to identify and approach life with a passion and purpose which are critical factors in living a good life, making the most of your life and achieving success.

Your work is too important and can impact so many lives. If you don’t love what you do every day, make a decision to find your passion, claim it and pursue it.

His closing message....Love what you do; love why you do it and who you are with...Life is short....Enjoy the ride.

Have a great year and make it your best!

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