

SOME SOFT HISTORY

2000

- President: Robert Zettl, MPA
- Meeting/Host: Milwaukee / Steve Wong
- ERA Winners: Laureen Marinetti, Wayne State University; Martha Burt, Hennepin County Medical Center; Diane Boland, University of Arizona
- Mr. Zettl jokes that he is something of a newcomer, having been a SOFT member for only 20-plus years. He was elected to the board of directors, then served as treasurer and vice president before becoming president. He notes that he had no forensic background coming out of college. He began his career at the Colorado Department of Health in the Alcohol Test Program and later led the Toxicology Program, which was created by combining the state's alcohol and drug test programs. CONNECTIONS: Mr. Zettl and fellow SOFT president Laurel Farrell were coworkers at the Colorado Department of Health and co-hosted the '96 Denver meeting.



J. Robert Zettl, MPA

2001



Michael Smith, Ph.D., DABFT

- President: Michael Smith, PhD, DABFT
- Meeting/Host: New Orleans / Barbara Manno, Robert Turk & Pat Pizzo
- ERA Winners: Robert Kronstrand, Linkoping Univ.; Edward Carter, Univ. of Maryland
- Dr. Smith, who was working in the Pentagon on 9/11, and the SOFT membership didn't let terrorism stop a great meeting in New Orleans. A retired US Army Colonel, Dr. Smith is a forensic toxicologist in the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System, has directed clinical research at Army medical centers, and was commander of the Army's forensic toxicology laboratory. He received his PhD in physical biochemistry from Purdue. He has authored over 100 peer-reviewed scientific publications and abstracts, written book chapters, and testified as an expert in more than 60 courts-martial/ federal courts. He is a Fellow of AAFS and a member of the American Association of Clinical Chemists and TIAFT.

2002

- President: Laurel Farrell, BA
- Meeting/Host: Dearborn / Dan Isenschmid & Brad Hepler
- ERA Winners: Riet Dams, NIDA; Paul Jannetto, Milwaukee MEO/Medical College of Wisconsin; Laureen Marinetti, Wayne State; Brandy Yglesias, UT Health Center-San Antonio
- Ms. Farrell served as a director/officer of SOFT for seven years. She also chaired the joint SOFT/AAFS Drugs and Driving Committee (2000-2002), of which she has been a member since 1995. She is an AAFS Fellow and recipient of the Toxicology Section's Ray Abernethy Award. She recently received the National Safety Council's Robert F. Borkenstein Award as well. Ms. Farrell worked for the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment for over 21 years in the toxicology and breath alcohol programs. She transferred to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and was an Agent-in-Charge for the Denver laboratory when she retired in 2007. She joined the ASCLD/LAB staff in 2008 as an inspector.



Laurel Farrell, B.A.

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2003

- President: Amanda Jenkins, PhD, D-ABC, DABFT
- Meeting/Host: Portland / Kent Johnson
- ERA Winners: Dustin Yaworsky, University of Connecticut; Jimmy Crockett, Jr., University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- In addition to serving as an officer of SOFT, Dr. Jenkins is a Fellow of AAFS and former Chair of the Toxicology Section. She received the Section's Irving Sunshine Award in 1996. She has been a member of TIAFT since 1987 and was the TIAFT Bulletin case notes editor (North America) from 1999 to 2009. Dr. Jenkins became the Director of Toxicology at UMass Memorial Medical Center in 2008. Previously, she was a toxicologist for the OCME in Baltimore and an Intramural Research Training Award (IRTA) fellow at NIDA/NIH. Dr. Jenkins has taught at the University of Maryland, Case Western, Youngstown State, and UMass. She was also chief toxicologist for the Lake County (OH) Crime Laboratory for 10 years. She received her PhD in toxicology from the University of Maryland, and earned a master's in forensic science from Strathclyde University and a bachelor's in biochemistry and physiology from Leeds University.



Dan Isenschmid, Ph.D., DABFT

2004

- President: Daniel Isenschmid, PhD, DABFT
- Meeting/Host: Washington, DC / Marc LeBeau, Rebecca Jufer-Phipps & Madeline Montgomery
- ERA Winners: Dawn Parker, National University; Robin Choo, NIDA; Danyel Tacker, UT Medical Branch-Galveston; David Burrows, East Tenn. State Univ.
- Dr. Isenschmid was a member of the SOFT board of directors for four years before serving as treasurer, vice president, and president. He has also served on the Tox Talk editorial board and chaired the Health & Safety committee among other activities. Dr. Isenschmid is a Fellow of AAFS and former Toxicology Section chair, a former secretary of ABFT, and a former treasurer of TIAFT. He is a three-time SOFT ERA winner, and recipient of both the Sunshine and Gettler Awards from the AAFS Toxicology Section. Dr. Isenschmid is Chief Toxicologist of the Wayne County ME's Office and assistant professor at Wayne State University. His own education includes a bachelor's degree in biology from Adelphi University, and a master's and doctorate in pathology and forensic toxicology, respectively, from the University of Maryland.

2005

- President: Graham Jones, PhD, DABFT
- Meeting/Host: Nashville / Louis Kuykendall
- ERA Winners: Jessica Jennings, Michigan State University; Romina Kaushik, University of Maryland
- Dr. Jones was on the SOFT board of directors for three years before becoming secretary, vice president, and president. He was a member of the original Laboratory Guidelines committee (1988-2010) and its chair from 1992 to 2005. Other affiliations include: AAFS (fellow, past president, chair of the Mass Spectral Database committee); CSFS (fellow); ABFT (director and chair of the Accreditation committee); member of TIAFT, CAT, and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain; Royal Society of Chemistry (fellow); and Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (past president). Dr. Jones has been the Director and Chief Toxicologist of the Alberta ME's Office toxicology laboratory since 1981. Previously, he was a senior scientist at University Hospital Edmonton. Dr. Jones is the recipient of the AAFS Toxicology Section's Gettler Award and the CSFS Douglas M. Lucas Award. He has a PhD in pharmaceutical chemistry from Chelsea College, University of London, and a BSc in pharmacy from the Brighton College of Technology.



Graham Jones, Ph.D.,
DABFT

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2006

- President: Timothy Rohrig, PhD, DABFT
- Meeting/Host: Austin / Rod McCutcheon
- ERA Winners: Erin Kolbrich, NIDA; Stacy Smeal, Center for Human Toxicology, Salt Lake City
- In addition to being president, Dr. Rohrig has served as SOFT's vice president, treasurer, a member of the board of directors, and Technical Guidance committee chair. He is also a Fellow of AAFS, former chairman and secretary of the Toxicology Section, and recipient of the Rolla N. Harger Award. He is a former president of SAT, as well. He is the Director and Chief Toxicologist of the Sedgwick County (KS) Regional Forensic Science Center. Prior positions include Director of Laboratories at the Center for Forensic Sciences, Onondaga County, NY, and serving as Chief Toxicologist for the Oklahoma OCME, West Virginia OCME, and Kansas Bureau of Investigation's Forensic Science Laboratory. Dr. Rohrig has a BS in chemistry and PhD in pharmaceutical sciences. He teaches at the University of Kansas School of Medicine and Wichita State, and taught previously at SUNY-Syracuse and the University of Oklahoma.



Timothy Rohrig, Ph.D., DABFT

2007

- President: Diana Wilkins, PhD
- Meeting/Host: Chapel Hill / Ruth Winecker and Jeri Roper-Miller
- ERA Winners: Amy Cadwallader, Center for Human Toxicology; Michele Merves, University of Florida; Erin Kolbrich, NIDA; Cody Peer, WVU; Sandeep Sunny Rodhey, Pace University
- Dr. Wilkins is the Laboratory Director of the Center for Human Toxicology at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center. Concurrently, she is a research professor in the College of Pharmacy. Previously, she served as Assistant Director, QA/QC Manager, and Senior Toxicologist at the Center. She earned her BS, MS, and PhD at the University of Utah as well. Dr. Wilkins is a member of AAFS, TIAFT, and the World Association of Anti-Doping Scientists (WAADS), in addition to SOFT. She has been a member of the Drug Testing Advisory Board (DTAB) of the DHHS Division of Workplace Performance (1994-1997), an ad hoc member of several NIH/NIDA study sections, and a consultant to the FDA's Clinical Chemistry & Clinical Toxicology Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee (2003-2007).



Diana Wilkins, Ph.D.

2008

- President: Christine Moore, PhD, DABCC
- Meeting/Hosts: Phoenix / Vickie Watts & Norman Wade
- ERA Winners: Sherri Kacinko, NIDA; Meng-Yan Wu, Fooyin University
- During Dr. Moore's presidency, SOFT expanded its relations with other organizations, appointing liaisons to the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) and the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology (AACT). Dr. Moore has also been president of the Midwest Association for Toxicology and Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (MATT), is vice president of the Society of Hair Testing, and is a Fellow of both AAFS and the Royal Society of Chemistry. She has a BSc in applied chemistry (University of Salford), an MSc in forensic science (University of Strathclyde), and a PhD in forensic toxicology (University of Glasgow). Most recently, she received a DSc from the University of Glasgow. Dr. Moore is Vice President, Toxicology Research & Development, at Immunalysis Corp.



Christine Moore, Ph.D., DABCC

SOME SOFT HISTORY

2009

- President: Anthony Costantino, PhD, DABFT
- Meeting/Host: Oklahoma City / Philip Kemp & Dennis McKinney
- ERA Winners: Erin Karschner, NIDA; Xiaoyun Liu, South China University of Technology; Jillian Yeakel, Arcadia University; Jayne Thatcher, University of Washington; Teresa Gray, NIDA; Huda Hassan, University of Glasgow
- In addition to SOFT, Dr. Costantino's affiliations include TIAFT, the American Assoc. for Clinical Chemistry, and the American Assoc. of Pharmaceutical Sciences. He has been President and CEO of DrugScan since 2008. Previously, he was a VP at NMS Labs. From 1991 to 2002, he had various roles within American Medical Laboratories, the most recent being Senior VP, Toxicology. Dr. Costantino has a PhD in forensic toxicology from the University of Maryland, and an MS in pharmacology/toxicology and a BS in pharmacy from Duquesne University.



Anthony Costantino, Ph.D., DABFT



Bradford Hepler, Ph.D., DABFT

2010

- President: Bradford Hepler, PhD, DABFT
- Meeting/Hosts: Richmond / Michelle Peace & Lisa Tarnai-Moak
- ERA Winners: Hannah Bunten, Center for Forensic Sciences (UK); Samantha Tolliver, FL International Univ.; David Schwope, NIDA
- Dr. Hepler has been on the SOFT board of directors, treasurer, vice president and on the Tox Talk editorial board, in addition to being president. A Fellow of AAFS, he has served both secretary and chair of the Toxicology Section and received the Section's Ray Abernethy Award. He is also a member of TIAFT, CAT, AACC, and ASCP. The Laboratory Director at the Wayne County ME's Office since 1992, he originally trained under Dr. Sunshine at the Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office. He also spent six years in the US Air Force. Dr. Hepler has a BSc in chemistry (California State Polytechnic University) and a PhD in chemistry (McGill University). He is an assistant/adjunct professor at Wayne State University.

2011

- President: Sarah Kerrigan, PhD
- Meeting/Hosts: San Francisco / Nikolas Lemos & AnnMarie Gordon
- ERA Winners: Michelle Schmidt, Cedar Crest College (PA); C.Meagan O'Hehir, Arcadia University (PA); Dayong Lee, NIDA; Trista Wright, East Tennessee State University; Nathalie Desrosiers, NIDA
- Dr. Kerrigan is a Professor of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University, where she is Director of the Master of Science in Forensic Science Program. She also serves as Lab Director of the Sam Houston Regional Crime Laboratory in The Woodlands, TX. Sarah received her initial training in forensic toxicology at the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Lab in London, England. Dr. Kerrigan has served on the Board of the California Association of Toxicologists, and chaired multiple committees for the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and the Society of Forensic Toxicologists. Dr. Kerrigan has been a contributing author to many scientific publications, and recipient of many prestigious awards, including the 2002 Irving Sunshine Award.



Sarah Kerrigan, Ph.D.