## Minutes for the State of North Carolina Forensic Science Advisory Board Meeting (NCFSAB)

Meeting – October 22, 2013 – 9am North Carolina State Crime Laboratory Raleigh, NC

**Board members present:** State Crime Laboratory Director Judge Joe John, Peter Marone (Chair), Michael Coble (via teleconference), Kermit Channell, Tracey Dawson Cruz, Amanda Julian, Roger Kahn, Alka Lohmann, Bruce McCord, Christopher Palenik, Bethany Pridgen, Deborah Radisch, Leonard Stefanski, Ronald Singer, Robert Zipf

Board members not present: David Hinks, Peter Stout

Others in attendance: Suzi Barker, Mark Boodée, Michael Budzynski, John Byrd, Jennifer Councilman, Jonathan Dilday, James Faggart, Deena Koontz, Chuck McClelland, Karen Morrow, Elizabeth Patel, Natasha Robinson, Joy Strickland, Timothy Suggs, Amanda Thompson, Pete Ware (NCSCL); Stormie Forte (SBI Ombudsman); Sarah Rackley Olson (Office of Indigent Defense Services); Jerry Cantrell, Amanda Lamb (WRAL); Gary Robertson (Associated Press); Larry Yates (NCGA Program Evaluation Division); Christy Agner, John Bason, Matthew Boyatt (NC DOJ)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marone at 9:03 am. As the first order of business the board voted to adopt the minutes for the previous meeting, as presented.

State Crime Laboratory Director Judge Joe John delivered a Powerpoint slide presentation which included the following topic areas:

An overview of legislation impacting administration and operation of the NCSCL passed by the 2013 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly

A review of NCSCL achievements and improvements

A look at recent/upcoming actions and outreach activities of the NCSCL Director

A summary of ongoing challenges to efficient operation of the NCSCL including voluminous submissions, inadequate staffing, and non-competitive pay

The meeting recessed at 12:00.

During the lunch break Board members received a demonstration of robotic technology in the Forensic Biology Section.

The meeting resumed at 2:50.

Board member Christopher Palenik discussed his subcommittee's review of procedures in the Trace Evidence section of the NCSCL.

Board member Tracey Dawson Cruz reported that her subcommittee on Forensic Biology procedures is in its review phase.

Board discussion topics included meeting times for subcommittees, salaries/pay grades for lab employees, and attraction and retention of qualified lab employees.

Chairman Marone reminded the Board that he will step down as chair in 2014 and asked board members to start thinking about who will serve as the next chairman.

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> 2014.

The Board selected April 8<sup>th</sup> 2014 as the date for the following meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 PM.