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2009 Spring Conference *MAGICAL!*

Greenville proved to be a successful venue for the Scali 2009 Spring Conference. Held at the Embassy Suites Greenville Golf Resort and Conference Center, which is surrounded by the par 72 championship Verdae Greens, the conference kicked off with a golf tournament and putting challenge. The hotel, which is features an atrium with fountains and flowing streams filled with koi, provided a free breakfast cooked to choice in the mornings and a



complimentary bar in the evenings.

SCALI had use of large conference room with a separate vendor's room, where rather lavish refreshments were served during the breaks, giving everyone time to network with each other and with the vendors during the breaks.

The hospitality reception on Thursday night was one of the best to date, with a lavish buffet of hot wings, meatballs, prime rib, and a variety of dips. An open bar was also provided. Some

of the conferences were treated to entertainment from Marti the Magician.

The excellent speaker slate moved along with only one minor delay on Friday. Topics included use of databases for locating people, how to handle latent blood samples, concealed weapons, body language, premises investigation, courtroom demeanor,

cell phone forensics, financial planning.

The Friday evening annual Awards Dinner featured entertainment by Marti the Magician. Again, another lavish buffet including a variety of green salads, pasta salads, and a fabulous potato salad, chicken and beef medallions, with decadent desserts.

Prior to the awards presentation, it was announced that the SCALI Scholarship Award was renamed the Robert Joseph scholarship award. This year's scholarship recipient went to Rebekah Cheek,

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SCALI DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:



I am extremely humbled that you have chosen to re-elect me this year. To my very worthy opponent, I say, keep working hard for SCALI as you have for many years. We all appreciate it. I am also grateful to the membership for the Who's Who Award. I am deeply honored to receive this and will strive to always help any of you as much as I can. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

We have had another fabulous, successful, and educational conference. We all owe a huge thanks to Marty Henderson for hosting and to co-hosts Ken Walter, Bob Joseph, and Bill Roberts. Their

hard work was evident and without their dedication and ability to go above and beyond the call of duty, this conference would not have been so successful. Their help is greatly appreciated as is the help of those working the registration desk and selling raffle tickets.

As an Association we continue to grow and in the past few months have increased our membership by dozens. Your Regional Directors and I will continue to encourage eligible investigators to join. Likewise, if you know someone who is eligible please refer them to the application on the website.

I am continuing to make some changes to the SCALI bookkeeping program to better track finances and membership payments. Also, by the next conference, we should be able to accept credit card payments for reg-

istration and for membership dues.

SLED has agreed to keep our advisory committee together and I will be arranging a meeting with SLED soon. Please let your regional director or me know if you have issues that need to be addressed. We will be working hard to keep the lines of communication open with Regulatory so that our voice will always be heard.

A special thanks to Donna Brisbin for agreeing to help Ken with the Journal. Welcome to Don Wilson who will be the Coastal Regional Director. Don has also agreed to host the 2010 conference in Charleston. Thanks to Tracy Hoshell who will host the fall conference in Aiken and special recognition to Dr. George Hoshell for the Editor/Publisher award. Congratulations to Rebekah Cheek for winning the 2009 Scholarship award. This award will now be known as the Robert Joseph Scholar-

ship Award in honor of Bob Joseph. Congrats Bob for also being PI of the Year!

Remember, this is your association and we want to hear from you regarding any issue you feel is important. The Executive Committee will be meeting soon to address some constitutional issues that will be voted on at the next annual meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall 2009 conference in Aiken.

Vicki

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It's finally here. The new and exciting SCALI Journal. It is time to bridge the Journal with today's ideas and technology. Your new co-Editor, Donna Brooks has worked feverishly on this new product. I mean feverishly. She has merged many of her new and exciting ideas with the ideas already presented in the Journal. Just let me be the first one to commend her for her hard work.

The Journal is for the membership of SCALI. We have set aside different themes and ideas to try to rejuvenate many of you writers. It's now time to pen those articles and become a published Investigator. Want to write, but don't have a good idea? Call myself or Donna. We will help.

Don't forget the advertising. Thanks to all those who have advertised and continue



Ken



Many of you know me, but I'm sure there are plenty of you who do not. Ken and I thought that I should introduce myself and explain a little about the new look of the SCALI Journal.

I have over twenty years investigative experience between being a private investigator, a Special Agent for the Georgia Bureau of

Investigation, and working as a Special Investigator for a major insurance carrier. I am from Georgia originally and moved to Aiken, South Carolina in order to foxhunt more. I have been a member of SCALI for approximately eight or nine years and have actually watched SCALI grow from a small group to the huge association it is today.

It is a long detailed story as to how I became the editor of another publication, however, I did, and as a cost saving measure, I purchased my own (quite expensive) layout software. The other publication is quite large and is printed every other month.

One day, the Journal came in the mail and I was looking at it while I had the other magazine up on the computer. Clearly recognizing it to be in Microsoft Publisher, a format difficult for printing companies to deal with, and frankly, a limited software, I thought, well, I have this really nice software, I might as well share. I contacted Ken, and here we are.

The Journal is the voice of the organization. That means it belongs to every member. The way to continue positive growth in this organization is to communicate. The Journal is one of many ways to do so. For those who do know me, you probably know that I don't have time to write all of the articles and do all of the layout; so what we need and want is for everyone to feel included and to provide material.

If each and every member takes time to write an article, or to supply us with something they have read for which we can reprint,

to support the Journal. Please support those who support your Association.

For those who missed the Greenville Conference, just let me say it was a blast. Good speakers, good food and great networking. And for those who missed Tommy Blackwood's improv, he will be performing again at the next Conference in Aiken...funny funny! Good luck to Tracy Hoshell for hosting the Fall Seminar in Aiken, SC. See all of you there.

please forward it to us. Please forward relevant photos as well. We will in future editions, place call outs for specific types of material that we are interested in. Please make an attempt to help us out with it. In addition, Ken and I would like to make the Journal something that others within the context of our business would enjoy reading as well, such as paralegals and attorneys.

This issue, which features our recent Fall Conference is only a first quickly done effort. As future issues come forth, there will be some format changes here and there as Ken and I settle into a routine and work out all of the kinks involved in this process. So, if there are a few mistakes, please forgive us while we get a handle on things.

Keep in mind before you launch a lot of criticism, of that old adage of when you point a finger (when you point one finger at another, you are pointing at least three at yourself) in an accusatory manner, stop and think about what you have done to be a positive force.

Members new and old, we would like to here from you. Don't be shy. If you are unfamiliar with the publishing world, we will help you. Our policy is to print material that is relevant and objective about our organization and our profession.

Advertising is what drives publishing. We truly appreciate all of the fabulous advertisers and welcome more new members to advertise. Again, if this is an unfamiliar venue, please contact me, don't be shy. It's not that difficult nowadays since the advent of the computer. Publisher had some limitations that Adobe CS4 does not. I have reworked a lot of ads, so if you don't like your ad, or if you didn't like it before and I have not worked on it, please let me know and we can work something out.

So, for those of you who attended the conference, you can sit back with some sweet tea and reflect on the great time you had and for those who missed it, YOU REALLY MISSED a GREAT CONFERENCE and hopefully this edition will show you just how much so.

Donna

Controversy Arises During Annual Business Meeting

Currently, the Executive Board, comprised of the four Regional Directors and one At-Large Director (represents areas out of state) meet one time per year at the Spring Conference.

Thursday evening's business meeting resulted in the re-election of all incumbent directors, with only one new director. Membership attendance at this meeting was reported to be lower than usual. However, for the first time, three positions were challenged. Ken Walter threw his name into the hat for Director, while Tracy Hoshell ran against Dave McDougal for the Midlands Region. Coastal Region Director incumbent, Jack Geren withdrew his name due to a family member's ongoing illness, leaving his opponent, Donald Wilson



Betsy Whetsell Kept The Minutes

to obtain the position by default. Frank Rimsek was unopposed for the Director At Large position (represents out of state members).

Additional voting resulted
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in the passing of two Constitutional Amendments:

ARTICLE VII. Section 6. Election of Officers
c) All declared candidates for office must disclose all criminal convictions within the last ten (10) years for which the court imposed sentence could have been thirty (30) days or more.

ARTICLE V. Duties OF OFFICERS Section 1. STATE DIRECTOR

(a) The State Director may appoint committees and committee chair persons to handle any matter or recommendations in as they may come up. All candidates for committee appointments shall disclose to the State Director:
(aa) All criminal convictions within the last ten (10) years for which the court imposed sentence could have been thirty (30) days or more;
(bb) All fines or sanctions imposed upon them by SLED

or the South Carolina Administrative Law Court within the last ten (10) years.

Director Vicki Childs and Steve Abrams were on the ballot for the

"Who's Who" Award, with Director Childs later being announced the winner at



New Costal Region Director Don Wilson

the Awards Banquet.

The ballots, printed on the back and front of a single sheet of paper, were passed out, filled out by members and then passed back to the end of the rows to be taken up by ballot counters, Guy Johnson, Bob Joseph, and Tammy Brown. The ballots were not placed in envelopes or concealed

Bob Joseph (left) and Guy Johnson (right) Pass Out The Ballots

in any manner. One member had previously mailed in an absentee ballot, in anticipation of not being able to attend, however, the ballot was located by Bob Joseph and destroyed in front of the membership.

During the regular business meeting, the membership and the directors took a bye on reading the minutes from last year's meeting. However, new business brought up a controversial topic for both the membership and directors. It was

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brought to the attention of all that it may have been a mistake for the directors to have had the membership vote on allowing former Directors "permanent" voting status on the Executive Committee. By allowing all former directors to maintain this status would allow for persons who, after some time, retire and no longer involve themselves in the organization, to have control over the organization's business. In addition, at some point, it could also be feasible that there could come a time when there would be more directors than members.

This discussion, while, at times, appeared to take a personal tone, appeared to the membership to have merit, and in fact,

after some discussion, it was determined by some directors and some members, that the actual voting on this matter was conducted improperly, and therefore either needed to be re-established through more accountable methods or to be determined to be invalid. No concrete solutions by the directors were provided and it was suggested that the matter be taken up at next year's annual meeting.

The Fall Conference will

be in Aiken, hosted by Tracy and George Hoshell of CSI in North Augusta, and Donna Brooks Brisbin of Thoroughbred Investigations of Aiken. Carolyn Graham

possibility of redistricting of the regions, which was previously reported in the last Journal, was not brought about for discussion during the meeting by members nor the executive committee.



Minutes of the business meeting were taken by Betsy Whetsell and members with questions or concerns are asked to contact the

Executive Committee.

of Columbia also volunteered to assist with the conference. The



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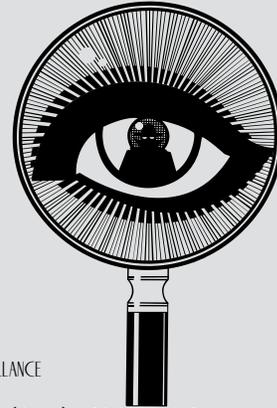
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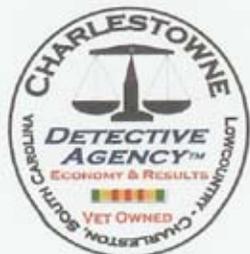


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Speaker Snippets

The speaker slate for this year's conference was loaded with great speakers and great topics.

Read on for a sample of who some of them were and what they talked about.

Jan Hargrave "Nonverbal Communication"

Being the last speaker on Friday afternoon can be a hard time slot, as by that point, everyone is saturated in detail, and frankly, most people are a little physically and mentally weary. However, Jan Hargrave's "Nonverbal Communication" turned out to not only maintain the interest of the conference attendees, she was one of the highlights of the conference and kept everyone on the edge of their seat with her fabulously successful style of speaking. While nonverbal communication is always a favorite and a very important skill to have, Hargave kept everyone interested and laughing, all the while, making her points in a way that most will never forget.

According to the biography provided, she "was born to French-Acadian parents in the unique 'Joie de Vivre' (Joy of Life) culture of southwest Louisiana and as a result, sprinkles her

captivating presentations with entertaining Ragin' Cajun folkloric tales." She is "a member of the American College of Forensic

Examiners and received her Bachelor's, Master's, and Specialist degrees in Business/Psychology from the University of Louisiana

at Lafayette." She is the CEO of Jan Hargrave and Associates which is a consulting firm based in Houston, Texas, where she

EVENT	HOST/Speaker	LOCATION	DATE/TIME
Golf Tournament	Guy Johnson	Verdae Greens Golf Club	05/14/ 11:00 AM
Early Registration	Registration Desk	Embassy Suites	05/14 5:00 PM
EC Meeting	Exec Committee	Embassy Suites	05/14 5:30 PM
General Membership Meeting/Election	Vicki Childs-Director	Embassy Suites	05/14 6:30 PM
Hospitality Suite	SCALI	Embassy Suites	05/14 8:00 PM
Welcome	Vicki Childs/ Marty Henderson	Embassy Suites	05/15 8:00 AM
GPS Tracking	Donald Kneece	Embassy Suites	05/15 8:30 AM
How to Find'em	Dave B. MacDougall	Embassy Suites	05/15 9:30 AM
Premise Accidents	Stephen Lewis, Esq.	Embassy Suites	05/15 10:30 AM
LUNCH	SCALI	Embassy Suites	05/15 11:30 AM
Armed Investigators	William Roberts	Embassy Suites	05/15 1:00 PM
Latent Blood Stains	R. H. "Bob" Joseph, CLI	Embassy Suites	05/15 2:00 PM
Nonverbal Communication	Jan Hargrove	Embassy Suites	05/15 3:00 PM
Adjourn for Day			05/15 4:50 PM
Cocktails	SCALI	Embassy Suites	05/15 7:00 PM
Awards Dinner	Key Note: Marty Shapiro Trickster & Magician	Embassy Suites	05/15 7:30 PM
Awards Presentation	SCALI	Embassy Suites	05/15 9:00 PM
Adjourn for Day			05/15 10:00 PM
Tax Savings Strategy for PIs	Marty Shapiro, CWS	Embassy Suites	05/16 8:30 AM
Computer Forensics	Frank Grindstaff	Embassy Suites	05/16 9:30 AM
Credibility is Believability—Success in Court	Stevee Ashlock	Embassy Suites	05/16 10:30 AM
Cell Forensics & ZRT	Kevin Thomas	Embassy Suites	05/16 11:30 AM
Adjourn—Presentation of Certificates	Vicki Childs and Marty Henderson	Embassy Suites	05/16 12:30 PM

NOTE: This schedule is subject to change as to time and as to speakers. SCALI strives to always present expert/knowledgeable speakers. However, SCALI does not and can not warrant or guarantee the contents and material presented by any speaker.



“Listening Monty”

was an Adjunct Professor at the University of Houston for eight years. She is also a member of the American College of Forensic Examiners.

television talk shows including Maury Povich, Montel, Fox News, and the Learning Channel. Her client list includes: Starbucks, Johnson and Johnson, The Boeing Company, NASA



“Lying Monty”

Hargrave is an author of four books, *Let Me See Your Body Talk*, *Freeway of Love*, *Judge The Jury*, and *Strictly Business Body Language*. She has been on numerous SCALI Journal April-May-June 2009

Johnson Space Center, and the U. S. Marshall’s Service. She kept everyone riveted with facts and tips for

discerning the truth versus deception. According to her, approximately fifty-five (55%) percent of a person’s communication is nonverbal. Thirty-eight (38%) of communication is reportedly through voice inflection, leaving only seven (7%) of communication coming from actual words. Furthermore, she purports that the “mouth lies-not the body.” She provided realistic examples

of deception and truth including “steepling” which is the placing of the hands in an upright position, with the fingertips touching each other and essentially, appearing to look like a steeple, which she describes is a gesture of confidence. She further suggests that the “most negative hands are when you can not see the hands.”

Hargrave encouraged audience participation by having everyone raise their hand as they would before giving testimony in a court of law; surprising everyone by explaining the various ways the hands were raised and what they signified. Additionally, she further entertained and educated the group on body language by using SCALI’s own Monty Clark, who could not help but exhibit body language that everyone identified after listening to Hargrave and watching their interaction.

After the adjournment of the day, to everyone’s delight, Hargrave went outside for a book sale and signing, with almost all of the books selling, and more sold and to be shipped upon her return home.

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“Married” Monty

Frank Grindstaff

“Computer Forensics”

Frank Grindstaff provided the group with some interesting insight into the complicated world of Cyber Crime stating what we have learned to be true, that today, anyone can be a cyber criminal. He also indicated that ninety (90%) percent of documents created on the computer today, never make it to paper form. The field of computer forensics is defined as a science due to the fact that it “must follow predesigned standards.” Computer forensics is defined as “the art and science of gathering, retrieving, and presenting digitally based evidence” and working in this area is “similar to risk based auditing.”

Grindstaff outlined some of the more common mistakes made by those without proper training and experience include:

Not making a bit streamed image

Booting up the computer

Not having the policy around before making an image

Not using a properly trained person in computer forensics

Not notifying the right persons in the IT department

New technology has moved away from the traditional method of “ghosting” an image and also due to an issue with Symantec.

Many intelligent and knowledgeable questions came from the audience and Steve Abrams was also brought into the presentation to add that when it comes to passwords, that the Windows password does not count in the privacy of files area, but that only “files with encrypted passwords are protected.”

Other suggestions for

successful and time efficient computer forensic investigations included proper preparation, such as developing key words to search for, determining types of files that one is interested in, and which computers to start with.

Grindstaff is employed as a member of a computer forensics team for a Fortune 500 company. Prior to that, he worked for approximately seventeen years in information systems auditing and has significant experience in computer programming, computer security, financial and operational auditing. He has an undergraduate degree in Computer Science from the University of South Carolina and

completed his MBA at Georgia State University. He is active in many



**Frank Grindstaff lectures on
Computer Forensics**

professional organizations and has held office in several.

a third party to be tracked if an investigator uses a “slap and go” type tracker, does not trespass in order to install it, does not alter the vehicle in any way, and does not tie into the power supply of the vehicle. The Supreme Court has upheld such cases in the past. In addition, investigators make not track government employees while they are on government property, and in the event this does occur, one must erase any data obtained during the time the party was on the government installation;

Don Kneece

“GPS Tracking”

SCALI’s own Donald Kneece, longtime member and raffle ticket seller provided the group with information in the world of Global Positioning Systems (GPS). Owner and operator of Kneece Investigations, he has an extensive background in training in the art of covert surveillance and has worked with a couple of manufacturers’ of GPS tracking equipment, and has written an article

published in PI Magazine.

In addition, he teaches several courses in this area which have been accepted for training credits, not only by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division for private investigators and law enforcement officers, but in Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Florida, and New York.

He indicated that he uses GPS for a variety of reasons, citing that he generally uses a tracker during the first week of involvement

in domestic cases in order to establish vehicle driver habits. He discussed the growing technology of “live tracking” by use of the Internet. Trackers come in a variety of technology, including “ping” type trackers, “true live” trackers, and “modem to tracker” communication on voice trackers.

According to Wilson, in a marital situation, either party is authorized to hardwire a vehicle with a GPS tracker. Currently, South Carolina Law allows

the exception being that the investigator has a pass and is allowed to enter the same property. He further indicates that an investigator may put a tracker on government owned vehicles.

Currently, he reports that the state of Georgia has pending legislation reference restrictions on the use of GPS Tracking. However, he further indicated that there are no written statues for the most part on the use of tracking devices for private investigators, stating that South Carolina law currently addresses only law enforcement in this area.

Wilson also covered the use of covert cameras and explained some of the finer

technical details of why black and white is generally better and more successful than the use of color in such cases.

Essentially, black and white is better in low light situations as it has more horizontal lines of resolution, while color is much grainier in low light situations. He discussed Digital Video Recorder (DVR) selections and what to look for and to avoid. He also addressed the problem of making copies of recorded video and dealing with the issue of the lack of recording of the original time/date stamp; suggesting some third party software that could remedy this in many situations.

Additionally, he suggested that one may have better luck storing covert cameras

in wooden containers as opposed to metal due to the magnetic issues that many times arise in the use of metal.



Don Kneece “enlightens” the group on surveillance techniques



Stevee Ashlock

Trial Consultant and international speaker Stevee Ashlock discussed some pretty basic, but important techniques for maintaining credibility and believability in the courtroom by investigators. Many of the issues she discussed were somewhat personal and what most people’s mother’s tried to teach them; she

Stevee Ashlock

“Credibility is Believablity-Success In Court”

reinforced the fact that these are the means by which juries observe and then make decisions on the witnesses presented.

Citing the average educational level of today’s juror as being of the ninth grade, essentially, the first impression is based upon appearance, how one speaks, and mannerisms.

One of the most important things an investigator can do while on the witness stand is to sit up and lean

forward. She demonstrated the proper way to sit and to stand up from a sitting position, most different than most do in a casual or formal setting. She emphasized the use of good posture whether sitting or standing, and suggested walking with a purpose, as opposed to the ways many people currently walk, slumped forward and looking down, giving off an air of defeat or insecurity.

Maintaining a balanced stand is also important as is the use of one’s hands for

emphasis as one speaks. In addition, when trying to emphasize a point, she suggests when testifying, to lean forward and to expand or widen ones hand gestures in order to create drama.

Fashion and personal hygiene are imperative. One should be clean and fresh smelling, wearing neutral clothing which is properly tailored and pressed. She suggested

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SCALI GOLF:

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They went right, left, up and down. Some rolled to a stop, 3 feet past the ladies tee, others bounced off the cart path, landed in the sand, under the pine straw and of course, in the water.

The Tournament began on-time. Other than that, nothing went right the rest of the day, well, except for my tee shots of course. They went right, left, up, and down. Some rolled to a stop, 3 feet past the ladies tee, others bounced off the cart path, landed in the sand, under the pine straw and of course, in the water.

joined us, Vicki Childs and Hyatt Whetsell. That was a

Finally, the tournament started, one by one, the

join the previous Army of golfers. That's right, no



"Army of Golfers" participating in the Tournament

Army for us. We wanted to represent all the branches of the Service. Guy decided he would represent the Air Force. He liked those high flying machines that crashed to the ground. His golf shots were a representation of a high arcing Blue Angel, dipping its wings

and crashing somewhere on the golf course. Monty, well, you know Monty,

As the day began, thirteen brave souls stood beside the first tee box. Guy Johnson was making up the new rules, two other brave souls

welcome relief. Hyatt had a cart with a cooler full of beverage and Vicki had a camera to document the

Army of golfers hit their golf balls.

The Army was in perfect unison with their cadence..... left, right, left, right, that is their golf shots went left, right, left, right.

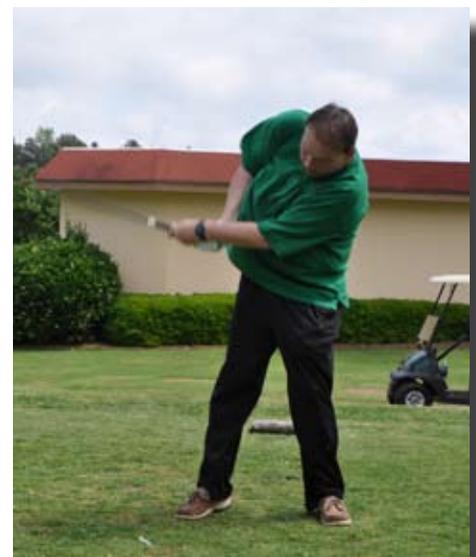
Joining my foursome were Guy Johnson, Steve Spindler, Monty Clark and myself. Since we considered ourselves the misfits of the group, we decided not to

he wanted to be a Marine. He wanted to be the hunter,



"Balls Went Left"

pending massacre. Before the first golfer lined up his tee shot, someone jokingly yelled FORE. As I glanced over to the driving range, everyone was taking cover, not knowing that the joke was on them.



"Balls Went Right"

seek and destroy. So he hunted for his golf balls all day and destroyed several tree limbs in the process.

Steve was a little more graceful. Steve wanted to be the Coast Guard. Search and rescue sir. So naturally,

Steve spent the better part of four hours searching for his golf ball and trying to rescue our team to a respectable score. Myself? Well, the Navy of course. To be more exact, the Submarine Force. My golf balls spent more time underwater during the round of golf than most people spend reading a Harry Potter book. I actually liked the stealth of being underwater. It was easier to drop a new golf ball than spend time searching, crashing or seeking. At the end of the day, our foursome held a respectable 2nd place finish.

All in all, it was a fun day. The fellowship of the group was great. Even later in the evening and the next day, the group was still laughing about bragging. It turned out to be an awesome opportunity to network and to rekindle old relationships.



- A –Team; Tommy Blackwood – Captain, Andrew Staffileno, Michael Cheek**
- B-Team; Frank Rimsek – Captain, Marty Henderson, Michael Spane**
- C-Team; Butch Hendrix – Captain, Billy Cleveland, Denny Bertwell**
- D-Team; Guy Johnson – Captain, Ken Walter, Monty Clark, Steve Spindler**

I would recommend the golf tournament to anyone.
-Ken Walter



“Follow Through”



“Confidence Is Key”

CLOSEST TO PIN contest winning a Lob Wedge--- Tommy Blackwood

LONG DRIVE CONTEST winning cash prize---Tommy Blackwood

PUTTING CONTEST winning a putter---Steve Spindler

cotton shirts for men and provided tips on the proper length for slacks and shirt cuffs. Tattoos, she felt, were best covered by clothing, not bandages as the overall public still maintains a stigma for those bearing them. Both men and women need to limit accessories, with men wearing bearing only a watch, ring, and a belt. Shoes for ladies should be closed toe and for both sexes, of leather. Keys and cellular phones should be left in one's briefcase or otherwise not on one's person while testifying.

Good personal hygiene and grooming, such as haircuts and manicures for both men and women are important.

Suggesting that depositions are as important as actual courtroom testimony, she suggested that one should keep the lips off of ones teeth as one speaks and to answer only what one was asked. She further suggests that one present cases with five (5) key elements of evidence and when asked for opinions by attorneys, a good preface is to begin with "In my professional findings, I have concluded

..."

Ashlock's biography indicates that she is "an author, international speaker, trainer and consultant, appearing at universities, conventions, conferences and associations. As a keynote speaker, she facilitates corporate seminars and interactive workshops, concentrating on professional presentations.

As a trial consultant, she has participated in numerous high profile criminal trials, working side by side with

attorneys and witnesses, coaching and refining important strategies using in the courtroom to elevate jury awareness and comprehension of evidence. She also works one-on-one with clients to perfect their effectiveness and dynamics in the courtroom."

She is a member of Toastmasters International, instructor for the Knowledge Shop, and author of *Credibility Is Believability: Success In The Courtroom*, and a syndicated columnist..

Kevin Thomas "Cell Phone Forensics"

Last, but certainly not the least interesting was Kevin Thomas' presentation on Cell Phone Forensics and the ZRT System. Kevin, clearly by his accent is from "across the pond" and has extensive knowledge and experience in his field, working with both foreign and domestic governments as well as private industry.

Coming from a background in the optical media market, Thomas has worked with computer and cell phone forensics for the past ten years and is the CEO of Fernico LLC headquartered in Charlotte, NC. He has assisted in the development of numerous software and hardware tools developed specifically for law enforcement.

Thomas is responsible for developing the ZRT System, widely

accepted as the easiest way to manually process evidence from a cell phone, PDA, or GPS. ZRT assembles the information into a presentable report.

According to Thomas, "software development" in this areana has become a

"bullet train" in the last two years, but feels that it will eventually become more mainstream. Cell phones are "the pc of five years ago." He indicates that there are essentially four techniques for cell phone retrieval. The number one technique involves the use

of a tool known as "Cellebrite" here in the USA. He describes it as looking much like a Nintendo with cables. Essentially Cellebrite is successful because the cell phone manufacturers are providing the technology to Cellebrite before the new phones come out. Other techniques employ the use of "XLY" in Europe, as well

as "Data Pilot" and "Parabend."

Overall, this currently ever changing field employs the use of a "toolbox" consisting of several "big tools" and some "small tools." "No one tool will do everything" therefore, there is no "one stop shopping for cell phone" data retrieval. Some phone which are the same model may have different "buses."

While Thomas feels that cell phone retrieval "is not the mystique that people think" he advises investigators to use caution and definitely not to play with the hex dump.

Numerous investigators clamored around the exhibit table asking questions and watching Thomas demonstrate some of the items used for cell phone retrieval after the lecture.



Kevin Thomas mobbed by investigators

End of Snippets





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the daughter of Michael and Karin Cheek. Michael owns and operates Priority Plus Investigations in China Grove, North Carolina.

Re-elected Director Vicki Childs received the "Who's Who" Award while George Hoshell received the Editor's Award. Bob Joseph received the "Investigator of the Year."

The Annual Business Meeting held on Thursday evening resulted in the re-election of all incumbents: Director, Vicki Childs; Piedmont Regional Director, Marty Henderson; Midlands Regional Director, and due to the withdrawal

of Coastal Director Jack Geren, his opponent, Don Wilson is now the new Coastal Director by default.

In addition, there was no discussion concerning the approved redistricting plan by the Executive Committee.

Please see page 21 to review the plan.



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The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles brought to my attention that when they receive vehicle registration information requests (Form 5027-A) from Private Investigators it is often not readily apparent that the request is from a P. I.

Therefore, they ask that you note, in large easy to read letters, that your request is from a Private Investigator. This will cause the request to be expedited and returned to you, hopefully, within 72 hours.

Please note that the correct fax number to send your requests [Form 5027-A] is 803-896-6682

David B. Mac Dougal

Below is a link to report and/or review companies that are or suspected of employing illegals.

Citizens in Anderson County are making a lot of noise concerning these companies.

If you know of or suspect any employer using illegals for cheap labor, put them on the list.

It is my understanding the web site is monitored closely by the Government authorities

<http://www.wehirealiens.com/>

Guy R. Johnson



How To Open An Account With SCDMV

If you do NOT have an account with the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles to run vehicle registrations this information should be useful. Without an account you will not be able to run tag numbers when they come online.

Attached are (1) directions and (2) the DPPA form needed to establish an account with the SCDMV.

If you are going to use this information in connection with a court case, pending or anticipated, or in connection with service of process check the line for 18 U.S.C. 2721 (b)(4). The requirement...If User is employed by or contracting with one or more law firms... can be met by listing the names and addresses of the firms you currently deal with on a regular basis. You do not need to amend this every time you add a new law firm nor do you have to list every law firm for which you ever did work.

If you are going to use this information in connection with workers comp, disability or insurance claims investigations check the line for 18 U.S.C. 2721 (b)(6). The requirement to ...provide specific information to explain how this exemption applies to it...can be met by simply stating that you will use to investigate workers compensation or disability claims.

If you will use this for both scenarios answer both questions. In either case brevity prevails. There is no need to include a dissertation as to what you plan to do with this information.

Keep in mind that if you misuse this information there are federal civil and criminal penalties. You can be sued and they can collect. BE CAREFUL!

David B. Mac Dougal

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Coastal Region Don Wilson

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Nothing reported here, however, contact with Don indicated that recently several firms were fined for applying late.



Upstate Region Marty Henderson

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Here in the Upstate we continue to hold our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of EACH month. We did, however, have to delay Junes meeting a week due to some work related travel on my behalf. Julys meeting will be on Tuesday July 14th and August will be on Tuesday August 10th, both at Logan's Roadhouse in Greenville.

I would like to thank all of the many volunteers who helped out at yearly seminar: Bob Joseph, Vicki Childs, Ken Walter, Guy Johnson, Carol Sutton, Roy Turner, Ginger Crowder, Shannon Barnes, Greg Evans, Hyatt Whetsell, and Cowboy Bill Roberts. I would also like to thank our many sponsors and vendors as their generous donations make everything possible.

2009-2010 Committees are currently being organized. If anyone is interested in serving on any committees please contact me and I will recommend you to Vicki for appointment.

Midlands Region Dave MacDougall

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I thank the members of the Midlands Region for re-electing me to this position for another two years.

Tracy Hoshell has graciously and willingly taken on the task of organizing the 2009 SCALI Fall Conference to be held in the Aiken – North Augusta area. Many of us have already offered our assistance to Tracy as needed. I am confident she can call on any SCALI member to assist if needed.

“Basic Training for PIs” is going on the road for the first time since its inception over a decade ago. Wofford College in Spartanburg has asked to host the January 2010 program although we will have the same presenters as in recent years. It is possible that the 2011 program will be held in the Coastal Region.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the fall conference.

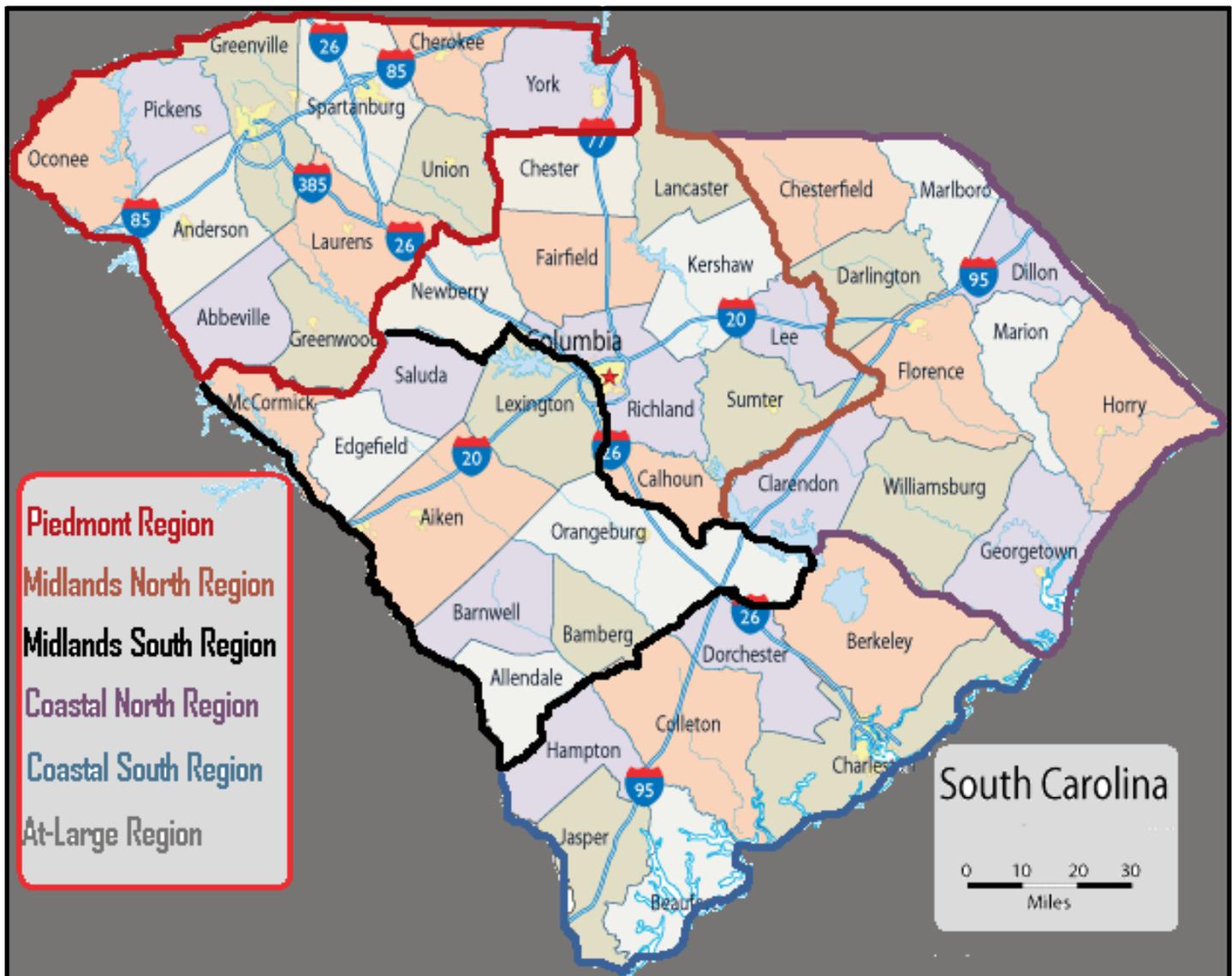


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Nothing reported at this time.



APPROVED REGIONAL CHANGES

The graphic above is the suggested, or as reported in the last Journal “approved” map for redistricting the regions, creating six as opposed to four regions. As you can see by the map, the large Midlands and Coastal regions would be divided into, allowing room for two more Regional Directors.

If you have a comments or concerns about this matter, please contact the Executive Committe. The Regional Directors contact information is provided on their page.

2009

BOB JOSEPH NAMED INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Bob Joseph received this year's designation as "Investigator of the Year." Bob owns and operates Alpha PI Services and is one of the "founding fathers" of SCALI.



Guy Johnson congratulates Bob as Ken Walter presents him with the award

SCALI AWARDS

Guy Johnson

SCALI, having formed and organized in 1985 by three (3) South Carolina Private Investigators, has grown tremendously. How and why did the association grow and survive?

Simply because of the individuals dedicated to the association as well as the investigative industry. In 1990, the members of the association, a very small group, voted to give awards at the annual SCALI conference. The very first award was given to the member submitting the best article for the SCALI quarterly journal. Hence, the SCALI Journal "Editor/Publisher" award. In 1992, the members voted to give an award to a member selected as "PI of the Year". The selected individual, within the association, normally excelled and exceeded expectations of a Private Investigator as well as a dedicated member of SCALI. They were leaders and forerunners attacking the problems of

the industry, pushing forward for enhancements to better the image of the profession. Being selected and "PI of the Year" is an honor bestowed upon the best of the best..

Later in 2002, it was decided another award should be granted to SCALI members and licensed investigators. "Who's Who". The recipient of the award must first be nominated by SCALI members and provide a brief history and reasons why the individual is being nominated. SCALI members are then asked to vote for each nominee. Individuals nominated for this award should be well known for their involvement and achievements within the SCALI association as well as the investigative industry. They would have achieved success not only in their expertise but overall success in the association, industry, governing bodies of the industry, and local, state or national affiliates of the industry. They should be a leader well known for their involvement

Executive Director Vicki Childs Re-elected And Voted "Who's Who"

Ballots were cast in Thursday night's annual business meeting not only for officers, but for the SCALI "Who's Who" Award. This year, Executive Director Vicki Childs and Investigator Steve Abrams of Abrams Computer Forensics were the nominees.

Vicki with the "Who's Who" Award with Bob Joseph in the background



AWARDS

SCALI SCHOLARSHIP RENAMED

As previously reported, the Scali Scholarship has been renamed the Robert Joseph Scholarship in honor of its founder, Bob Joseph of Alpha Pi Services, and the moderator for the SCALI List Serve.



Robert "Bob" Joseph and Rebekah Cheek

This year's recipient was Rebekah Cheek, the daughter of Michael and Karin Cheek. Michael owns and operates Priority Plus Investigations in China Grove, North Carolina.



"Dr. George" Hoshell Win's Editor's Award

George Hoshell of Consulting and Investigative Services in North Augusta, SC obtained his Ph.D. this year and also received the SCALI Journal's Editor Award for his article on "Professionalism." George is married to the "Amazing" Tracy Hoshell also of CIS and of the "Marti the Magician" Act.

Wayne Freeman Finally Gets His -

Award That Is!



Ken Walter presents Wayne with his long overdue prize

Wayne Freeman won the Editor's Award some time back but was never formally given the award, so finally he was not only recognized for winning, but also got a beautiful award!



I attend many annual conventions of various civic organizations on a large scale. As a first timer, with SCALI I admit this past conference wins hands down. I was skeptical going in, but now look forward for the next one. I met some new acquaintances on the Golf Course, Hospitality Room and sitting next to me in the seminars. What was most impressive was the schedule of events, and how everything went so smoothly. Again a big WHO WAH !

May I make a suggestion for next year. It seemed to be a good many first timers at the Conference & Banquet. Next year set aside a nice gift or two (depending on how many newcomers) and draw first for them, then place remainder of tickets with others...at least some newcomer will walk away with a prize and all newcomers will feel a sense of recognition, not that I did not, its just I really would have like to got one of those COOLA BAGS!

Again thanks SCALI and all those who made it happened and those that laughed at my jokes!



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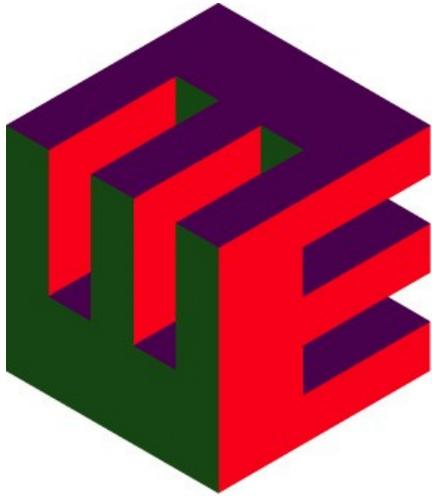
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