



VIRGINIA FORENSIC SCIENCE ACADEMY

Alumni Association

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Dear Members,

With 2025 underway, I wanted to contact our membership with some information from your Board. At the Annual Retraining, we conducted our Annual Board meeting with our membership present, and a quorum was established. At the meeting, we discussed the budget of our association and how much was being spent each year on Retraining compared to how much was being brought in through dues payments. After much discussion, a motion was made that we start charging a \$150.00 registration fee for Retraining, rather than raising dues. After that motion was made and seconded, the members voted and passed it unanimously. This is not what the Board, nor members, wanted to do but to maintain the association and get it back in financial stability it became necessary. Hopefully, in the future, the Board and membership can revisit this and either keep it in place or remove or reduce the registration fee. I do believe that if we can encourage our past graduates and future graduates on how important the association is and how helpful it would be for them to become members the association would be in a better financial situation. I hope this fee does not discourage you or your agency from sending graduates to Retraining.

The 2025 Annual Retraining will be at the Delta again, September 3rd-5th. We are looking for some presenters, and if interested contact Jeff Dwyer. We are looking forward to seeing everyone this fall and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Respectfully,
S.J. Shumate
VFSAA President