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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

For over 40 years the association has been holding an Annual Meeting to elect their officers and conduct their continuing education. It is a tradition that has carried on, unabated, through recessions, national turmoil, and tragedy. Through it all NALI has persevered and continued its legacy as the nation's most prestigious investigative organization.

Our most recent conference concluded on June 19 at the Westin Hotel in Las Vegas. Members from all over the country met to conduct association business, receive excellent training, and install the new Executive Council. Paul Jaeb was reelected as the National Director, and will begin his seventh and final year on the Executive Council. Terry Cox, CLI and Troy Fleming were reelected as the Assistant National Director and National Secretary. All of the Regional Directors were reelected with the exception of Neeta McClintock, who did not seek office.

Your new Executive Council, announced by Election Chairman Tom Dolan is as follows:

Paul Jaeb, National Director
Terry Cox, CLI, Assistant National Directory
Troy Fleming, National Secretary
John Hoda, CLI, Region 1 Director
Tom Cole, CLI, Region 2 Director
Mark Murnan, CLI, Region 3 Director
Ron Watkins, Region 4 Director
Rikki Glen, CLI, Region 5 Director
Jayne McElfresh, Region 6 Director
Sheila Klopper, Region 7 Director

The constitutional amendment presented to the membership passed and Chicago was selected as the site of the 2012 Annual Conference.

The Executive Council met on June 17 and conducted all of their regular duties, including accepting reports from several committees. The committee also voted to enact a new bylaw establishing a refund policy for

conference registrants. John Lajoie, CLI, outgoing Chairman of the CLI Committee, provided the incoming Chairman David Luther, CLI with an updated CLI Guide and the roster of Certified Legal Investigators.

Region 7 Director Sheila Klopper did an outstanding job with the training agenda. Mary Ellen Attridge, Richard Lichten, and Ron Martinelli provided excellent training in false confessions, police misuse of force, and Taser mentality and sudden in-custody death respectively. Each presentation was salient, at times humorous, and well put together. Each presenter was clearly an expert. Nicole Bocra provided Day Two training on Internet based research and social media. Everyone in attendance learned something from her extremely informative presentation.

The keynote presenter at the Friday training session was Dr. Clem Pellett who shared his family's struggles with finding the killer of his grandfather who skipped bail over 40 years ago. NALI members Sheila Klopper and Pat Shaughnessy were instrumental in locating the fugitive and returning him to justice. It was a fascinating and emotional story.

At the Annual Banquet National Director Paul Jaeb announced the winners of the NALI Editor-Publisher Awards. Mark Murnan and Dean Beers, both CLIs, were recognized. Rich Robertson won the first place award for his article titled, "Child Deaths: Not all Tragedies are a Crime." Certificates of Appreciation were given to Neeta McClintock, John Lajoie, CLI, and Rory McMahon, CLI for their tireless volunteerism. Nevada Supreme Court Justice Michael Cherry was the keynote speaker and entertained the guests sharing insights from his 40 year career in Las Vegas as a public defender, private practice attorney, and Special Master.

The National Director appointed the following committee chairmanships: David Luther, CLI, Certified Legal Investigator Committee; Diane Cowan, CLI, Continuing Education Committee; Rich Robertson, TLI Editor.

Once again, Alan Goodman led the NALI Scholarship Auction with the help of David Luther and Nicole Bocra. Over \$3000 was raised. The 2010 recipients of the \$1500 Scholarship Awards were the niece of Ron Watkins, Jr. and the daughter of Tom Brabston.

NALI's MidWinter Conference is now being planned for the first weekend in February in Miami, Florida.