

HAPS Conference Happenings 2014

HAPS held their 2014 Annual Conference and Advanced Homicide Training Seminar in Baltimore July 9-11, and attendance was overwhelming! The Training Center at the OCME Forensics Sciences Building was bursting at the seams as presentations were offered on some of the most challenging and evolving topics today, which (though not all inclusive) included:

- Current Drug Trends
- Cell Phone Technology
- Future Technologies in DNA
- Rapid DNA
- GSR Value and Legalities
- Prosecuting a Murder with No Body

All the presenters were exceptional and those in attendance came away with a greater ability to do their jobs.

Socially the Conference was also very successful, as attendees were treated to lunch each day, an exceptional President's Reception Social Hour, and an Orioles vs Nat's baseball game. Susan Marks, a well-known independent film producer also gave a preview of a documentary film she is developing centering on the life of HAPS benefactor Francis Glessner Lee.

During the HAPS annual business meeting, several significant changes to the way HAPS functions were made. Effective immediately with the 2014-15 HAPS fiscal cycle, the HAPS President will now serve a term of two (2) years rather than a single year. Det. Gary Childs will continue as President for one more year, followed by two year terms for Second Vice President Scott Keller and all subsequent Presidents. All other positions will be subject to re-election each year.

A new Secretary Treasurer, Jerry Dziecichowicz (Jerry D) was elected and will be handling the collection of dues as well as all other secretary/treasurer matters. To minimize confusion, anyone submitting dues payments by check, made payable to "HAPS, Inc." should continue going to Ken Ward until the next dues billing cycle.