

International Association for Identification



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FYI, this update is sent each month to all IAI board members, officers, committee chairs, regional representatives, division secretaries, certification board chairs and secretaries, division editors and IAI staff. This update contains information that is of particular interest to these groups. It is also available on the “Members’ Area” of the IAI’s website. Please see the last page of *Identification News* for login and password information.

Hello again from the IAI office.

As summer comes to a close and the leaves start to change, IAI activities begin to pick up. Vacations are over and as folks get back into the “normal” swing of things, activities here in the IAI office pick up as well.

ATTN: Regional Representatives and Discipline Chairs

A number of new discipline sub-committee chairs have been appointed by President Phil Sanfilippo and will be receiving this update for the first time. The purpose of the update is to provide timely information of interest. This update also is sent to all division secretaries and regional representatives who are asked to disseminate it to their division members. In that way the IAI parent body can reach many people who are members of state divisions but not the parent body.

One of the most important duties of the regional representatives and the discipline sub-committee chairs is to approve membership applications. Applications are sent to the regional representative of the division where the applicant lives/works as well as the sub-committee chair of the discipline the applicant lists as their primary discipline. If either the regional representative or the sub-committee chair denies membership, it is denied so both need to approve the applicant. In order to provide timely service to applicants, please return those application forms in a timely manner, generally no longer than two weeks. If either the regional representative or sub-committee chair has questions about the applicant, do not hesitate to call the person and simply ask them some questions. In the past we have found a reluctance to do that but the most direct way to get the information is from the applicant.

Please note also that a recommender is not absolutely necessary. We know there are many individuals who will benefit from IAI membership but do not know an IAI member to recommend them. I instruct those who say they want to apply but do not know a recommender with the following: “Be sure to include complete information about your employment, why you want to join the association and also the name, e-mail address and phone number of your supervisor so if those who must approve memberships have any questions, they will have that

information available.” This matter comes up frequently and sometimes applicants are rejected because they do not list a recommender but please keep in mind that is not absolutely required.

Division Secretaries Please Note

Because division secretaries are generally a long-term appointment, they are the primary contact between the IAI office and the divisions. As fall rolls around and divisions have meetings, those positions sometimes change. If your division changes the secretary position or the chair of one of your certification committees, please be sure to notify the IAI office. These are key individuals who are points of contact between the parent body, the certification boards and the division.

I also send this *Monthly Update* to all division editors if I have their contact information. Those positions also change periodically so below is the group e-mail list of the division editors. Please review this list to determine if 1) your division editor is on the list and 2) if the e-mail address is correct. Please let me know if that information needs updating. There are undoubtedly some division editors not on the list of if you find that to be the case in your division, please send me the name and e-mail address for your editor and I'll be happy to add it to the list.

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As always, don't hesitate to contact the IAI office if there is anything we can do to assist you.

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