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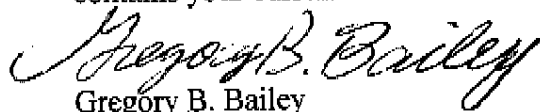
Fellow Members:

The Michigan Ontario Identification Association was established in 1947 for the purpose of associating those of us in forensic science into an organized body for the enlargement and improvement of scientific identification, and to encourage an active exchange of information among us relating to the work that we do in latent print identification, crime scene processing, and other forensic disciplines.

The history of M.O.I.A. has been that we have an annual training conference held alternately in Michigan and Ontario. Because of budgetary considerations and travel restrictions, we have experienced a lack of participation by our members, through no fault of their own. The Port Huron conference scheduled for June, 2009 received responses from 7 people. I have authorization from president Dave Bohdal to proceed with the planning for the 2010 conference; unfortunately, we are now at a point where hotels, caterers, speakers, vendors and planners are reluctant to commit in advance unless our response improves.

To address this issue, I have suggested to our president that we begin some one day, or even half day, training seminars on a variety of pertinent topics to be held at various departments and locations throughout Michigan and Ontario for the benefit of our members, thereby keeping travel and time away from work at a minimum. I would also arrange vendor participation at these events allowing them to showcase their products and would ask that they assist with providing either lunch and/or refreshments.

Before beginning the planning of these seminars we need to know how many members we have who want to participate in the organization, to the degree that they are able to and to the extent that their departments will allow them to. Dave Bohdal will be contacting our Canadian members and I will be contacting those in Michigan. If you want to continue with M.O.I.A., all I need is a brief email stating so (address above) that contains your current contact information: address, phone, email, fax, department, etc.

  
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