

AFOAM STRATEGIC PLAN 2008

GOAL 1

AFQAM will promote and provide quality assurance support to the forensic science community and its' member laboratories.

OBJECTIVE 1.1

The Association will strive to increase membership to include at least one representative Quality Assurance Manager from each forensic science laboratory.

Action 1.1.1

The membership committee will actively recruit members both from accredited and non-accredited laboratories.

OBJECTIVE 1.2

The Association will assist member laboratories with obtaining accreditation from a recognized accrediting body.

Action 1.2.1

The membership committee will identify non-accredited member laboratories and member laboratories pursuing re-accreditation.

Action 1.2.2

The Board will develop a plan to provide access to resources to these non-accredited laboratories and those going through re-accreditation to assist with the accreditation process.

OBJECTIVE 1.3

The Association will strive to include representatives who are advancing the profession of forensic quality assurance management.

Action 1.3.1

The membership committee will actively recruit individuals who may not be quality assurance managers in forensic laboratories but who are actively engaged in advancing the professionalism of forensic quality assurance management.

GOAL 2

The Association will strive to ensure that the criminal justice community receives the highest quality forensic science service from its member laboratories.

OBJECTIVE 2.1

The Board will work with various applicable forensic organizations and member laboratories to facilitate conformity to established quality assurance standards within member laboratories.

Action 2.1.1

The Board will solicit from recognized forensic accrediting organizations information regarding non-conformity to established standards identified during audits.

Action 2.1.2

These issues of non-conformity to standards will be posted on the AFQAM discussion list and suggestions on how to achieve conformity will be disseminated.

Action 2.1.3

The association will strive to put forth standards in the area of forensic quality assurance separate from the working technical groups.

GOAL 3

Further develop and establish the Association in the forensic science community.

OBJECTIVE 3.1

AFQAM will seek funding and establish a base revenue source to support members either through an awards program or through financial assistance to participate in or attend the AFQAM annual meeting.

Action 3.1.1

The Board will identify a list of recognized Forensic Science organizations (e.g., NFSTC, AAFS, ASCLD/LAB, UCF-NCFS, NIJ) that could potentially partner with and provide support to the Association.

Action 3.1.2

The Board will contact these organizations to solicit support and establish partnerships.

Action 3.1.3

Pursue application to other organizations that have an interest in accreditation, such as NACLA, ILAC, etc.

OBJECTIVE 3.2

AFQAM will establish relationships with the forensic science educational community.

Action 3.2.1

The Board will identify FEPAC accredited academic programs.

Action 3.2.2

The Board will attempt to establish a liaison with identified programs.

GOAL 4

Develop educational and training opportunities to the membership to further enhance the profession.

OBJECTIVE 4.1

AFQAM will provide educational and training opportunities for it's' members by soliciting workshops, seminars or other educational means.

Action 4.1.1

The Training & Education Committee will identify potential resources of training and education for the membership, including costs, and provide the information to the Program Committee by May 1.

Action 4.1.2

Identify and disseminate to the membership ISO and ILAC hot topic information.