

FORENSIC SCIENCE STANDARDS BOARD – PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES



Overview

The Organization of Scientific Area Committees ([OSAC](#)) for Forensic Science is governed by the Forensic Science Standards Board ([FSSB](#)). The FSSB's aims are to:

- Facilitate the promulgation of standards that will support the development of quality benchmarks and enhance consistency across the forensic science community.
- Discuss and address issues related to the OSAC standards development process.
- Coordinate the activities of OSAC's Scientific Area Committees (SACs), subcommittees, and interdisciplinary committees.

The FSSB has designated voting members from the following seven professional associations: AAFS, AFQAM, AFTE, ASCLD, IAI, NAME, and SOFT. OSAC is updating the roles and responsibilities of these Professional Association Representatives (PARs) for terms starting on October 1, 2025.

New Roles

The FSSB PARs will enhance the connection between OSAC's FSSB and their professional association's governing board (i.e., board of directors or executive committee). This increased engagement will enable OSAC to broaden its reach in implementing standards and allow professional associations to have more input into OSAC activities.

PARs Will Provide to OSAC's FSSB:

1. Quarterly updates on their professional association's standards implementation efforts and activities.
2. Input from the professional association's governing board on priorities for OSAC to pursue.
3. Reports on perceived challenges from their respective professional associations regarding OSAC's work products.
4. Facilitation of an annual interface between the professional association's governing board and the OSAC Program Office or FSSB Executive Team members.

PAR Will Provide to their Professional Association:

1. Briefs to their governing board on OSAC's activities and direction.
2. Pathways for professional associations to provide feedback to the FSSB.
3. As applicable, facilitation of discussions with their respective professional associations about having OSAC-sponsored standards meetings at their professional association's annual meeting/conference.¹
4. As applicable, facilitation of OSAC presentations by FSSB leadership or OSAC Program Office members during their professional association annual meeting/conference.

¹ This is a discussion and does not require a financial commitment from the professional association.