This Newsletter will be published on a quarterly basis as the official communication of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists. For this first year we will send the newsletter to all registrants of previous SOFT meetings and to other forensic toxicologists whose names appear on other regional mailing lists. As of January 1978 only dues paying members will continue to receive the newsletter. A portion of the annual dues has gone to support this publication and mailing costs.

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EDITORIAL

SOFT SPONSORSHIP OF LOCAL MEETINGS

At a recent executive board meeting a proposal to support groups of forensic toxicologists in their efforts to hold local sub-sectional meetings was wholeheartedly endorsed. Those toxicologists within a two-hour drive of New York City were the first to hold such meetings. The question then arose, "How should a group seek SOFT sponsorship and what standards should the board establish?"

I took the liberty of outlining a number of steps and criteria (for program and faculty) and asked members of the executive board to comment. In general most comments considered my requirements of program and faculty too restrictive (and probably not realizable). The consensus of opinion was that three months prior to the proposed meeting date a detailed description of the program and presentors should be sent to the secretary. Copies would be sent to each executive board member. If board approved, the program could then be advertised as SOFT-sponsored. If suitable, a newsletter announcement would be published. The secretary would also provide a mailing list.

If you have any comments about SOFT sponsorship please send them to a member of the executive board before the October 14th annual meeting.

SOFT TREASURER'S REPORT

September 1, 1976 to September 1, 1977

Balance from 1976 $1205.25
Income from 1976 Annual Meeting 53.53
Income from 1977 dues & New Applications 840.00
Income from 1977 Annual Meeting (Reservation of Space by instrument Corporations on "The Emerald Seas" 600.00

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Submitted by
Thomas J. Manning, Treasurer
SOCIETY OF FORENSIC TOXICOLOGISTS
MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The first official SOFT Membership Roster (8/1/77) is attached with this issue of "Tox Talk". The Roster and additional information are from the combined records of the Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Committees. Members should note that the Roster is intended to include the full name of the member and the highest degree earned, the full office mailing address, the office phone number and a notation describing membership status (R = Regular Member, A = Associate Member and C = Charter Member). Any errors, omitted information or changes should be reported to the Secretary. The Roster will be useful to the members only if it is accurate and up-to-date.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It is recommended that a $5. application fee be levied to cover costs of handling, copying and mailing.

It is recommended that a $20. annual dues be collected from full and associate members.

Subsequent to the secretary's report, the following applications were received.

Following are the recommendations of the membership committee:

**Full members:**

- **Norman A. Wade**
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If your name does not appear on the Membership Roster or the above list of recently acted upon applications, we have no record of your application. The oversight may be ours, but please help by submitting the following application form.
SOCIETY OF FORENSIC TOXICOLOGISTS
Application for Membership

Applicant name: ____________________________ Type of membership applied for:

Full (¥20.00)______

Associate (¥10.)______

Address ____________________________

Telephone - Office ____________

Home ____________

Employment and Positions Held (last 6 years)
(Up-To-Date resume may be substituted)
1. ______
2. ______
3. ______
4. ______

Earned degrees:

Degree Granting Institution Year Granted

Areas of interest in forensic toxicology (i.e. instrumental specialities, research areas, etc.)

Present job title, and brief description of duties:

Relevant publications:

References (please submit 2):

Signature of applicant

Return this completed application, together with a non-refundable check for 1st years dues, payable to "Society of Forensic Toxicologists", to:

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REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Vice President............. Thomas A. Rejent
Secretary.................... Yale H. Caplan
Treasurer.................... Thomas J. Manning
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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Those articles which bear an asterisk have been changed (additions, deletions, etc.) from the original draft of the constitution and by-laws. These changes must be ratified at the October, 1977 Annual Meeting.
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Preamble - Name and Objectives

Section I - The name of this organization is Society of Forensic Toxicologists, Inc.

Section II - The purposes (objectives) of this Society shall be to:
1. Provide an organization of professional Forensic Toxicologists; i.e., those scientists engaged in the analysis of human tissue and body fluids for drugs and/or poisons, and who interpret the information generated from these analyses in a judicial context.
2. Promote establishment of uniform qualification and requirements for certified Forensic Toxicologists and promote a mechanism for the continuing certification thereof.
3. Stimulate research and development in the field of Forensic Toxicology.
4. Provide a forum for the discussion and exchange of professional experiences.
5. Promote and further the education and training in Forensic Toxicology under the direction of certified Forensic Toxicologists.
6. Provide a Board of Review in cases involving differences of professional opinion.
7. To review and make recommendations upon pending or existing legislation which appears to relate to the field of Forensic Toxicology.
8. Act on administrative, career, and financial problems affecting Forensic Toxicologists.

CHAPTER II - MEETINGS

Section I - An Annual Meeting shall be held at a time and place selected by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

Section II - There shall be at least one meeting of the Board of Directors prior to the convening of the Annual Meeting.

Section III - Unless otherwise ordered by a vote of the majority of the voting members present, the order of business at the Annual Meeting shall be as follows:
1. Reading of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the Society
2. Report of the Board of Directors
3. Report of Committees
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Nominations from the floor
7. Elections
8. Installation of Elected Officers
9. Adjournment

Section IV - Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall determine parliamentary practice and procedure in all cases to which they apply except where inconsistent with these by-laws.
CHAPTER III - ELECTED OFFICERS

Section I 1. Officers - There shall be four elective officers and shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

2. Terms of Office - The officers, with the exception of the Treasurer, shall be elected for terms of office of one year. The Treasurer shall be elected for a term of office of three years.

Section II 1. Board of Directors - The Board of Directors shall consist of nine voting members, four of whom must be the elected officers of the Society. The past President of the Society shall serve as a non-voting member of the Board.

2. Executive Board of the Board of Directors - The Executive Board of the Board of Directors shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary.

3. Terms of Office of the Board of Directors - The Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary shall serve a one year term on the Board Directors. The treasurer shall serve a three year term. Other members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a three year period with the exception of the first five members elected. In this case, one director will be elected for a period of three years, two directors will be elected for a period of two years, and two directors will be elected for a period of one year.

Section III - Qualifications of Elected Officers and Directors - All officers and Board members must be full members of the Society.

Section IV - Elections - Elections shall be held at the close of the business meeting of the Annual Meeting. All newly elected officers shall assume their duties at the close of the business meeting.

Section V - Duties of Officers:

1. President - The President is the principal executive of the Society under the direction of the Board of Directors.
   a. Presides at all membership meetings
   b. Presents an annual report to the membership at the annual meeting.
   c. Appoints all committees and individual assignments
   d. Insures that all books, reports, and certificates so required by law are properly kept and filed
   e. Is empowered to Co-sign checks and drafts with the Treasurer of the Society. Checks and drafts in excess of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250) shall require approval of the Board of Directors.
   f. Holds interim meetings as needed or as requested by either the Board of Directors or by referendum of the membership.
   g. Shall respond to the petition of members by acknowledgement within fourteen days of the receipt of such a petition. The President shall then refer said petition to the Board of Directors.
   h. Has other such powers normally vested in the executive officer of a membership organization
   i. The President shall serve as an ex-officio member of all Committees

2. Vice-President - In the absence of the President, he shall perform all functions normally performed by the President.
3. Secretary -
   a. Shall keep and publish an accurate record of the proceedings of the Society.
   b. Shall have charge of all papers, keep all records, make such reports and perform such duties as are incidental to the office and required by the Society.

4. Treasurer -
   a. Shall receive, record and deposit all monies received by the Society.
   b. Shall pay and record all duly authorized expenditures of the Society as established in Section V, 1. e.
   c. Shall prepare a financial report to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Section VI - Duties of the Board of Directors - The Board of Directors is charged with the general management of the Society which shall include, but not be limited to:
   a. approve all expenditures in excess of $250.
   b. review and act on all petitions submitted by the membership
   c. provide for an annual audit of the Treasury
   d. appoint special committees as required

CHAPTER IV - COMMITTEES

Section 1 - Nominating Committee
   1. Members of the Nominating Committee. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three full members, each having a one year term of office. No member of this committee shall serve consecutive terms.
   2. Duties of the Nominating Committee - The Nominating Committee shall provide a Slate of Officers and members of the Board of Directors to the full membership of the Society at least thirty days prior to the start of the Annual Meeting.

Section II - Membership Committee
   1. Members of the Membership Committee. The President shall appoint a Membership Committee consisting of three full members, a three year term of office, with the term of office of a member of the committee expiring each year. Three members shall be appointed the first year with their appointment being for one, two and three years. The senior member of the committee shall preside. No member of this committee shall be re-elected to this committee until a period of three years has elapsed after the completion of his term of office on this committee.
   2. Duties of the Membership Committee - The duties of this committee shall be to fulfill all requirements as stated by the Constitution reference to membership in this Society.

Section III - By-Laws Committee
   1. Members of the By-Laws Committee. The President shall appoint a By-Laws Committee consisting of three full members, each having a three year term of office, with the term of office of a member of the committee expiring each year. Three members shall be appointed the first year with their appointment being for one, two and three years. The senior member of the committee shall preside. No member of this committee shall be re-elected to this committee until a period of three years has elapsed after the completion of his term of office on this committee.
2. Duties of the By-Laws Committee - The duties of this committee shall be described by the President

CHAPTER V - AMENDMENTS

Any part of this Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members present at the Annual Meeting, provided that copies of each proposed amendment shall have been mailed to all voting members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Annual Meeting at which final action is to be taken.

MEMBERSHIP

* Membership in this Society is available to individuals who have demonstrated an ability to perform as Forensic Toxicologists as recognized by members of S.O.F.T., INC.
  a. They must obtain a qualified level of training as shown by degree attainment, or training as determined by S.O.F.T., INC.
  b. They must have extensive experience in Toxicology and/or continued interest in the field.
  c. They must be sponsored by two members of the Society who are in good standing.
  d. They must submit a resume, brief and thorough.

CHARTER MEMBERS

* Full members who have attended at least one meeting prior to the Annual Meeting in 1975.
  FULL MEMBERS: Ph.D. + 2 years' experience)
             M.S. + 4 years' experience) + continued interest
             B.S. + 6 years' experience)

RETIRED MEMBERS

* Any Charter Member of Full Member may be proposed by the Membership Committee for Retired status who:
  a. has had twenty-five (25) years service in the field of Forensic Toxicology, or
  b. is sixty-five (65) years of age and has served a minimum of five (5) years as a Charter Member or ten (10) years as a Full Member of the Society.

This classification must be confirmed by favorable vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the voting members present at the Annual Business Meeting.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

For those not qualified for full membership, but show interest in the field of Forensic Toxicology. Associate Membership need not lead to Full Membership.

STUDENT AFFILIATES

Students enrolled in any science program whatsoever should be welcomed.
**TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:**

a. Any member may terminate his membership in the Society by informing the Chairman of the Membership Committee, in writing, of his intent.

b. The fiscal year of this Society shall be from the first day of July to the thirtieth day of June. Any member who fails to remit his dues after a second written notice and prior to the end of the second consecutive fiscal year will be dropped from membership.

c. The Membership Committee, when notified by the Treasurer that a Charter, Full or Associate Member has failed to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Society, will terminate the membership of said member.

d. A member may be expelled from the Society for unethical conduct, conduct detrimental to the profession of Forensic Toxicology, or conduct detrimental to the welfare of the Society. A member or members of the Society may initiate proceedings to expel another member for cause by petitioning the President of the Society in writing. The President shall immediately refer the matter to the Ethics Committee established by the Board of Directors.

The Membership Committee shall inform the Members of the Society at the next regular business meeting of any proposed terminations. A three-fourths (3/4) vote of the voting members present at the business meeting is required for expulsion of any member.

(end of By-Laws)

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

April 24-28, 1978 - CDC

Toxicology Applications Part I
Lab Screening for Drugs of Abuse
CONTACT: Dr. Ann Yobs - CDC - Atlanta, Georgia 30333

May 1 - 5, 1978 - CDC

Toxicology Applications Part II
Analysis in overdose
Therapeutic Monitoring
CONTACT: Dr. Ann Yobs - CDC - Atlanta, Georgia 30333

June 5 - 9, 1978 Advanced Toxicology
CONTACT: ASCP - 2100 W. Harrison, Chicago, Ill.

November 14 - 19, 1978
Therapeutic Monitoring
CONTACT: ASCP - 2100 W. Harrison, Chicago, Ill.

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RECERTIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE SUMMARY

I  Method of Recertification  YES
   A. Choice of Examination or Point System  17
   B. Combination of Examination and Point System  11
   C. Point System only  3
   D. Examination only  0

II Components of Point System  YES  NO
   A. Coursework-Student  28  4
   B. Coursework-Instructor  27  4
   C. Meeting Attendance  29  2
   D. Paper Presentation at Meeting  25  5
   E. Workshop-Student  26  4
   F. Workshop-Instructor  27  6
   G. Proficiency Testing  22  9
   H. Preceptor Training  15  14
   I. Individual Reading  19  9
   J. Reviewer for Journal or Books  16  14
   K. Committee Member  25  9
   L. New Membership in Forensic Science Organization 15  16

III Certification  YES  NO
   A. Requirements should be more stringent  9  20
   B. Ph.D. requirement should be eliminated  16  18
   C. The temporary waiver of the Ph.D. should be extended 3 years after the existing December 31, 1977 date.  21  8
   D. Number of Ph.D.'s responding  24  10
   E. Number of Diplomates responding  11  19
   F. Number whose certification is in process  4

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LOCAL SOFT MEETINGS

Those Forensic toxicologists within a one hundred mile radius of New York City have held two local meetings. The first of those meetings was held at St. John's University on July 22, 1977. Approximately thirty-five people attended and participated in a discussion on propoxyphene.

The second meeting was co-sponsored by NYU Department of Forensic Medicine and New York City Medical Examiner's office on September 9, 1977. Approximately seventy toxicologists attended a seminar on the determination of toxic metals. The following titles and presenters took part in the four hour program.

1. TOXICOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS OF THE REINSCHE TEST
   Dr. Donald B. Hoffman - Senior Chemist
   Assistant Professor, Dept. Forensic Medicine
2. METHODS FOR DISINTEGRATION OF ORGANIC MATERIAL
   Dr. Milton L. Bastos - Professor of Toxicology, Dept. Forensic Medicine
   Director of Toxicological Laboratories, N.Y.C.
3. **CHOICE OF INSTRUMENTAL ANALYTICAL METHODS IN TOXICOLOGY**
   Dennis Craston - Senior Physicist, M.Sc., Asst. Clin. Prof. Pathology  
   N. Y. Med. Coll.

4. **CRITICAL EVALUATION OF ANALYTICAL METHODS FOR DETERMINATION OF LEAD**
   Dr. Bernard Davidow - Assistant Commissioner of the Dept. of Health,  
   City of New York

5. **ANALYTICAL METHODS FOR DETERMINATION OF ARSENIC**
   Dr. Jesse Bidanset - Professor of Toxicology of St. John's College  
   Director of Toxicology, Nassau County

6. **NORMAL LEVELS OF HEAVY METALS IN TISSUES**
   Dr. Richard Coumbis - Director of Toxicology, New Jersey

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**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

Rancho Los Amigos Hospital  
7601 East Imperial Highway  
Downey, California

Several positions are likely to open up. Interested parties should contact - Narish Jain, Ph.D.  
(213) 922-7973

**Technician $10,600**
Requires 8 college units of chemistry

**Toxicology Technologist $12,500**
B.A. in Science and 6 months in Toxicology or a 2 years of college  
and 2 years of experience in Toxicology

**Toxicologist $15,800**
B.A. in chemistry and 1 year experience in Toxicology

If you have a job opening or are seeking employment, take advantage  
of this column by letting others know.