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The IAI strongly endorses the OSAC as it did with its predecessor, the SWGS. The OSAC is the primary source for creating standardization throughout all of the forensic sciences. Formed under a working agreement with NIST and the Department of Justice (DOJ), the OSACs operate under a very large level of bureaucracy and have been slow to develop standards and guidelines for the forensic community. The guidelines under which the OSACs operate should be streamlined to create a more efficient process.

Being the primary group tasked with developing standards and guidelines across all the forensic sciences, the OSACs should be primarily comprised of the appropriate subject matter experts including actual practitioners equally represented throughout all OSAC levels. The OSAC is currently housed under and funded through NIST, it is felt that DOJ would be better suited to administer and fund the OSAC. After being placed under DOJ for administrative purposes, the OSAC should be a completely autonomous group. Funding for the OSAC should be insured for at least ten years. With a less cumbersome process and extended funding we would be able to guarantee that the OSAC developed forensic standards would be continually reviewed and kept up to date.

The IAI is committed to playing an active role in assisting with whatever is adopted for OSAC 2.0

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