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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCE ANNUAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 19, 2014
COMMISSION OVERVIEW:
JOHN BUTLER
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31 Voting Members; 8 Ex-officio Members

- >300 candidates

- Represent diverse backgrounds and broad experience including (not exhaustive): forensic science practitioners; research scientists; academicians; law enforcement; prosecutors; defense attorneys; judges; victim advocates; and statisticians.
COMMISSION OPERATIONS:
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Welcoming remarks by Co-Chairs and Dr. John Holdren, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology

AGENDA ITEMS:
• Judge Harry Edwards reflected on the NAS 2009 report
• BJS Census of Publicly Funded Crime Laboratories
• White House Subcommittee on Forensic Science
• Proposed Organization of Scientific Area Committees (NIST)
• NCFS priority topics and potential subcommittees

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MAJOR THEMES

- Accreditation
- Certification
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- Medico-legal Death Investigation
- Education and Training
  - Legal Professionals
  - Forensic Practitioners
- Reporting and Testimony
- Scientific Inquiry/Research and Development
- Human Factors
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