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## **An open letter to IAI Divisions**

The goal set by the IAI Board of Directors at their mid-year meeting in January of this year, achieving ISO 17024 accreditation, required that we start doing business differently.

Many of you who attended the Cincinnati conference in August should be familiar with the changes to the IAI By-laws which removed the certification program from direct IAI control. This requires that the certification program develop new governing documents and protocols. Most of these changes will be in the administrative and management realm and won't really affect the way that program participants interact with the various certification boards or the online application process.

The ISO standard requires that the program be financially viable. If you are a member who is certified, your five-year certification has been subsidized by the IAI. In order to achieve financial independence and help cover the costs associated with ISO accreditation, it will be necessary to raise the certification/recertification fee by \$100 effective January 1, 2017. We will also discontinue the \$50 payment per applicant to divisions on that date. This was a unanimous decision of the FCMB.

I and the boards appreciate your understanding as we navigate through the changes, road bumps and other challenges we face on the road to ISO accreditation.

For the Forensic Certification Management Board,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Garrett", written over a faint blue line.

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