

Farrell C. Shiver:

The 2016 Albert S. Osborn Award Recipient

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At the recent annual conference in Pensacola, the prestigious Albert S. Osborn Award for Excellence was presented to Farrell C. Shiver. Farrell is the 14th recipient to receive the award.

To be nominated for this award, the member must have been active in the field of questioned document examination for a period of at least 25 years and must have been a member of the ASQDE for a period of at least 20 years.

In addition, the award is bestowed by the Society on those "...who have attained exceptional distinction for their cumulative activities, such as professional research or literary accomplishments which advance the field of questioned document examination, and outstanding service to the ASQDE over a long period of time, such service resulting in generally recognized and beneficial improvements in the Society."

For this year's honoree, the list of accomplishments and dedicated service to the ASQDE is long, starting from the beginning of his career.

Farrell received his training while working at the Army Laboratory. During his years with the Army, he trained four document examiners and was awarded three meritorious medals for his work.

Farrell was accepted as a Provisional Member of the ASQDE in 1993 and became a Regular Member two years later.

From 1997 to 1999, he served as the first chair of the SWGDOC subcommittee for standardization. Since that time, Farrell served on the Executive Committee as a Director, Treasurer, Vice President and became the Society's 30th President. That was a total commitment of eight years.

Farrell also held the position of Journal Editor. In addition, for more than 10 years, Farrell has been responsible for the ASQDE website. He initially took over maintenance of the site, and then accomplished a complete re-design of the site. He continues to maintain the site, which involves updating the annual meeting pages as well as maintaining the various document archives.

Farrell became a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners in 1993 and has remained certified since that time. He currently serves as a Director with the ABFDE. His professional memberships include the

Questioned Document section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the Southeastern Association of Forensic Document Examiners and the Society.

Farrell has presented numerous research papers to the Society as well as other organizations.

In our family of document examiners, we network with each other regarding various questions and issues that arise during our casework. Farrell commonly responds with relevant and detailed information, offering resources that

he has added to the ASQDE website for all to share.

Throughout his tenure on the ASQDE board and for his successors long after, Farrell's wisdom, experience, and thorough knowledge of the ASQDE bylaws, past practices, policies and history has made him the most valuable resource of all.

The EC was very pleased to present Farrell C. Shiver with the prestigious and well-deserved Albert S. Osborn Award in honor of his many contributions to the field and to the ASQDE.

