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You've got a curious mind, so you're probably asking yourself what is DIA 2.0? Is it a new computer program to help you locate that elusive witness that never seems to be home, even though their car is in the driveway? Is it a dog repellent that makes puppies stop barking and point in the direction of the front door? Is it a new communication device similar to what our parents called pagers?

No, no, no, this means the DIA and you! As a member of this professional organization your input is crucial and your opinions matter.

DIA has updated its online and social media presence and we want to hear what the members want and need. The Executive Board of Directors is responsive and is working on taking input and turning it into action.

The Officers and Executive Board of Directors are working hard to implement plans to benefit our members and their practice.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Why become a member? DIA offers many benefits to today's criminal defense investigators. Make no mistake about it, we are professionals in our field and the DIA is a professional organization committed to supporting California's Criminal Defense Investigators.

This organization is committed to broadening your knowledge through annual seminars and certificated training. We select speakers from various fields related to the justice system and the clients we serve. Beyond the fascinating topics, we can also find inspiration from presenters and their experiences. Whether it's a reformed gang member, a trial attorney who uncovered a real conspiracy, or a Public Defender who knows it's the investigator that makes their cases. Soon DIA will also be adding free one day seminars for enrolled members.

The DIA also provides members with a directory to build your network. Networking is important in gathering information

for our cases when the leads take us into another county, but it can also help us build upon our skills by sharing experiences and knowledge. Through the online community and various functions members can make connections that can last through the years.

Being part of this prestigious organization that has been around for over 50 years looks great on a resumé or CV. As an Investigator you know that this also is a way to add strength and confidence to your testimony when called to the stand.

DIA members give back to the community through involvement with this organization. We build our reputation and status within the defense community. DIA also supports organizations like Homeboy Industries which gives hope to former defendants and helps them find a way out of the cycle. Homeboy Industries provides most of the merchandise we sell.

Lastly, as a member of the DIA you have a chance to be a leader in the defense community. You can seek to present on a pertinent topic or join the board to work hand in hand with investigators from across the state to contribute to our shared knowledge through arranging the trainings and increasing the benefits we can offer.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Voting members in 2017 elected the current board and updated our organization's by-laws. One of these changes allowed for board members to serve two year terms and another change incorporated DITA into our by-laws. These changes were proposed by board members based on the input of the DIA membership.

This year our Active Members will vote again on who they want to represent them and run the Defense Investigators Association. If you're interested in running for a position or just want to assist the DIA Board, please e-mail us at: diacalif@gmail.com

Yours truly,

Your DIA Executive Board of Directors

JUST THE FACTS:

- DIA to offer Scholarships for family members
- About Time...
- New Public Defender for California's most populous county
- Executive staff
- DITA IV, a surprise in store!



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DIA's Single Day Seminars are here!

The DIA Executive Board is excited to present a new member benefit: SINGLE DAY SEMINARS. This FREE Seminar is strictly limited to current DIA Members (Active & Associate). These sessions will be held in Northern California as well as in Southern California.

The first in our series of Single Day Seminars will focus on investigations involving social media. Presented by acclaimed DITA presenters **Maria Sapene & Timothy Wratten**, this training will be broken up into two sections, an Introductory class and an Intermediate class.

The first class, *Introduction to Social Media Investigations* (8:30 am to 11:30 am, attendance highly recommended), will cover the basics of social media searches and introduce you to a variety of social media sites. For this introductory course attendees must have Google and Facebook accounts. The second class, *Intermediate Social Media Investigations* (12:30pm to 4:30 pm), will cover accessing, collecting, documenting and monitoring. For this second class attendees should have some knowledge or familiarity with social media

searches.

Not a member of this prestigious professional organization? Don't worry, simply join DIA prior to the training and you can register for this educational offering. To apply you must be working in the field of criminal defense (including attorneys, investigators, assistant investigators, trainees, paralegals, law clerks, investigative interns, etc.). Join now before seats fill up!

Seats are limited and only available to members on a first come first served basis. Registration will be required and registration info will be available at www.cdia.org soon.

What's next? We are working on setting up seminars focused on DMV records and resources. Beyond that, if you have any ideas please pass them on to a DIA Executive Board Member so we can provide the best for DIA Members!

*Michael Noffsinger, Santa Clara County Alternate Defender
Leticia Macias, Investigator Los Angeles Public Defender*



Social Media Investigations:

Presented by LA County Investigators, Maria Sapene and Timothy Wratten.

Northern Session: Monday, July 8, 2019

8:30 am— 4:30 pm

1400 Parkmoor Ave., San Jose, CA

Southern Session: Tuesday, July 16, 2019

8:30 am— 4:30 pm

US Marshal Training Facility -

1938 Saturn St. Monterey Park, Ca 91755



DIA's New Family Scholarship

At a recent Board meeting, the DIA Board of Directors approved a measure which will provide a **\$500 college scholarship** for the child of a DIA member of good standing.

The Board recognized that defense investigators are self sacrificing individuals, and that our profession is not the highest paying profession for people of our talents. The Board felt this award would assist "public defender families" and hopefully encourage those with the same self sacrificing

attitude to pursue an education and possibly a career in criminal defense investigations.

This scholarship is to be awarded annually. Details will be confirmed by the Board of Directors at the next Board meetings. Members will receive this information as soon as these details are finalized. The hope is to award this scholarship prior to the start of the Fall 2019 semester.

**Scholarships are also offered for DIA training events. Applicants for all scholarships must be connected to DIA members who meet the application qualifications.*

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Investigators and
our families!*

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2019-2020 Upcoming Events:

DIA One Day Seminar - TBD May ? , Moore Park, CA

DIA Annual Seminar - June 20-21, San Diego CA

DITA IV: - October 7-11, San Diego, CA

DITA I: - Early 2020, Location TBD

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