



ASB Interest Categories – Updated 2023

Academics and Researchers – Instructors or researchers from accredited institutions of learning, especially those with curricula or programs relating to forensic sciences, foundational sciences, public health, and other applicable disciplines. Researchers in fields related to forensic sciences not affiliated with an academic institution. Excludes non-teaching students and full or part time instructors who also currently serve as law enforcement or jurisprudence professionals. (Category includes: professors, advanced graduate students, statisticians, private sector and government researchers, etc.)

General Interest – All materially impacted parties not included in other interest categories, includes only those whose business or other interests are not covered by another discretely defined interest category. May include organizations with missions and activities directly related to forensic sciences, research, activities, education, practices, and policies; certification and accreditation organizations; advocacy organizations involved in forensic procedures, processes, and outcomes. These would be organizations that represent diverse interests and do not align with a specific interest category. Can also include individuals not directly involved in forensics, non-practicing individuals with 5 or more years of experience in forensic or forensic-related practices, activities, research, or policy implementation. Membership category may be organization or individual. (Category includes: regional, national, international, and advocacy organizations; retired forensic practitioners; retired academia, etc.)

Jurisprudence and Criminal Justice – Persons involved in jurisprudence or law enforcement activities. Includes non-practitioner law enforcement, practicing and retired attorneys (civil and criminal), and practicing and retired judges. Also includes victim advocates and current and retired legal and jurisprudence professionals teaching (non-research) at accredited educational institutions. Membership category may be organization or individual. (Category includes: detectives, sexual assault nurse examiners, attorneys, etc.)

Producer – Industries or companies that design, manufacture, or otherwise support product development and application relative to forensic sciences and activities. Membership category may be organization or individual. (Category includes: instrument/equipment manufacturers, reference material producers, proficiency test manufacturers, quality control product producers, evidence collection kit manufacturers, chemical manufacturers, etc.)

User - Government – Persons from government entities currently involved with forensic-related case work activities. Includes laboratory, coroner, and medical examiner personnel; laboratory managers and policy-makers; forensic analysts; and crime scene investigators. (Category includes: forensic scientists, friction ridge examiners, footwear and tire examiners, coroner and medical examiner personnel, forensic odontologists, forensic anthropologists, etc.)

User - Non-Government – Persons from non-government entities currently involved with forensic-related case work activities. Includes non-governmental laboratory, coroner, and medical examiner personnel; laboratory managers and policy-makers; forensic science consultants; forensic analysts; and crime scene investigators. (Category includes: private forensic scientists, friction ridge examiners, footwear and tire examiners, coroner and medical examiner personnel, forensic odontologists, forensic anthropologists, etc.)