



# Carol Edelen

Chesapeake Bay Division – International Association for Identification  
Secretary/Treasurer  
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Looking back over the past ten years, the members of the Chesapeake Bay Division (CBD) of the International Association for Identification (IAI) knew with confidence that the executive office managed by Secretary/Treasurer Carol Edelen was in excellent working order and meticulously run by one of the most respected and dedicated members of the Division.

With Bill Edelen at her side, and others that have assisted in preparing for conference activities, Ms. Edelen effectively and respectfully handled the administration of a Division of over 700 members with excellence. Responsive by nature, this Secretary/Treasurer would always deliver nothing less than “A+ Quality Service” to the members and customers she served.

Ms. Edelen gracefully wore many hats as she sifted through the volumes of paperwork required to run a Division of this size and ensure that all of the tax documents were completed and submitted in accordance with laws and regulations so that the CBD would continue to operate in an acceptable manner. This task could have easily been handled by a small army; however, exceptionally accomplished by the Edelen team.

As a member and a past president of the CBD, both Sandy McKay and I have appreciated the presence of a natural leader on the executive board serving in the Secretary/Treasurer position who has been reliable, dependable, and consistent in running this office and in communicating to members new developments as they have occurred within the forensic science community. These duties are tedious and endless as one can review in the CBD Officers Guide prominently posted on [www.cbdi.org](http://www.cbdi.org) under Section 2.5.

Ms. Edelen has demonstrated servant leadership as she has faithfully supported all of the Vice Presidents, Presidents (past and current), and Board of Directors that have been duly elected by the membership each year to serve on to the executive board. Ms. Edelen diligently provided each officer with the appropriate historical knowledge along with documentation of prior Board activities offering the continuity necessary to preserve the traditions and legacy operations represented by the CBD Charter of 1963 and the mission and vision of the IAI since 1915. With this in mind, it was inevitable and no surprise that Ms. Edelen would receive the prestigious Lillian U. Jenkins Special Achievement Award for her outstanding service.

## LILLIAN U. JENKINS SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

### RECIPIENT - CAROL EDELEN - 2005

The Board of Directors of the Chesapeake Bay Division has established an award (adopted in 1986) in the name of Lillian U. Jenkins, in recognition of her many years of outstanding service to the CBD-IAI. This award is to be presented to an Active Member of the Division, as now defined in its Constitution, who in the opinion and judgment of the Board of Directors, has made a most significant and valuable contribution in the areas of: Identification or Allied Sciences or Outstanding Service to the CBD-IAI.

With the many accomplishments and successes Ms. Edelen has achieved as Secretary/Treasurer and as Past President of this Division, she will be leaving quite a legacy for members to enjoy and appreciate as her goals were set high during her time served. She will be remembered for the foundational items she has preserved and for setting the bar high in the administration of the executive office of the CBD. Although with regret we acknowledge her request to retire from office, we remain grateful for the tireless effort she put forward in the past decade to serve our members in such an honorable fashion. With appreciation and admiration...★

*Respectfully submitted,  
Past Presidents Deborah Leben and Sandy McKay*