



Relationship Testing Standards Committee

CHAIR: Megan Shaffer, PHD

PURPOSE: To develop and update relationship testing standards.

- CHARGES:**
1. Obtain input and review existing requirements of Standards for Relationship Testing Laboratories according to the revision schedule.
 2. In coordination with staff, prepare guidance for use in Standards Source and create records of rationales for changes existing requirements.
 3. Review and respond to requests for variances to or deviations from relationship testing standards. Forward appeals to the SPC chair for assignment to the Review Committee. Include background information and recommendations as appropriate to assist the committee in its deliberations.
 4. Develop interim/emergent standards as needed for submission to the Board of Directors.
 5. Identify quality issues and concerns and forward to staff and the Standards Program Committee.
 6. Monitor the development of new technologies with potential application to relationship testing and develop or modify standards when appropriate.
 7. Coordinate revisions of the Relationship Testing Assessment Tool with the Relationship Testing Accreditation Committee when RT standards are changed.
 8. Administer jointly with CAP the Relationship Testing Inter-Laboratory Comparison Program.
 9. Provide Child Support Enforcement agencies and state and federal government entities (including the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) with relevant information on AABB relationship testing standards and the accreditation program. Report to the Board on issues that may affect AABB and its accreditation programs.
 10. Respond as requested to questions from the membership about RT Standards.
 11. Periodically review and revise Standards for Relationship Testing Laboratories in a manner that is more inclusive of the international parentage testing community.
 12. Provide an AABB liaison to the International Society for Forensic Genetics Parentage Testing Committee.

Current Personnel as of May 20, 2024

Name	Roles
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Megan Shaffer, PHD	
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Time Commitment: To learn about the time commitments for this committee, please contact the staff liaison listed in the roster above.