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Greetings from the NAME Foundation. For some reason, this year seems to have flown-by, perhaps, in part, because of the busy-ness associated with the opioid epidemic. In any event, this Newsletter represents the final installment for 2019. In this issue, we provide a recap of the very successful NAME Annual Meeting which took place in Kansas City, MO. Thank you for your support, and please continue to support the NAME Foundation.



Kansas City, MO – Site of the 2019 NAME Annual Meeting

2019 NAME Annual Meeting – Kansas City, MO

The 2019 Annual Meeting (NAME’s 53rd Annual Meeting) took place in Kansas City, MO, from October 18-22, at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center. Tara Snethan, Dee McNally, and 2019 Annual Meeting Chair J. Keith Pinckard (and many others) did an awesome job putting-on an excellent program. The scientific program, including posters and oral presentations, was outstanding. Congratulations for all who

participated. On Saturday evening, there was a huge celebration for NAME Executive Director Denise (Dee) McNally, who has been with NAME for 40 years! The evening featured the band “2nd House,” with members Dennis Laffoon, Dave Wallace, Jessica Gray, Donna Hensley, and Kirk “Skinny” Webb. It was a fun time...good music, dancing, great friends, and a wonderful celebration of Dee’s 40 years of service to NAME.



The band "2nd House" provided outstanding entertainment during Dee McNally's 40th Anniversary celebration.



Denise McNally has served NAME for 40 years!



Past NAME President and NAME Foundation Founding Director Tom Noguchi at Dee's celebration event.



Many people attended Dee's 40th celebration, including members of Dee's family.



The music was great.



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**NAME Foundation
Chair Joe Prahlow
presents Dee with
a gift in recognition
of her many years
of service to NAME
and the NAME
Foundation.**

2019 Scientific Program and Meeting

As mentioned above, the scientific program was outstanding, with many superb paper and poster presentations. The meeting was one of the best-attended in NAME history. There were also numerous exhibitors at the meeting. Many of the eating events (including breakfasts) took place in the exhibit hall, which allowed for more interaction between meeting attendees and the exhibitors. Other events included various committee meetings and annual favorites, such as the Residents Reception, the International Relations Reception, the Cadaver Open, and the Annual Rigor Run and Walk.



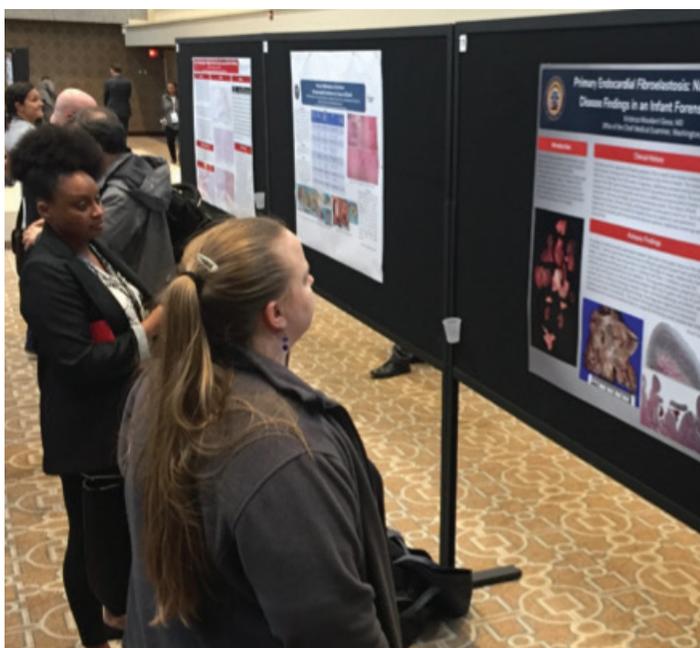
NAME President Jonathan Arden welcomes attendees to the 2019 NAME Meeting.



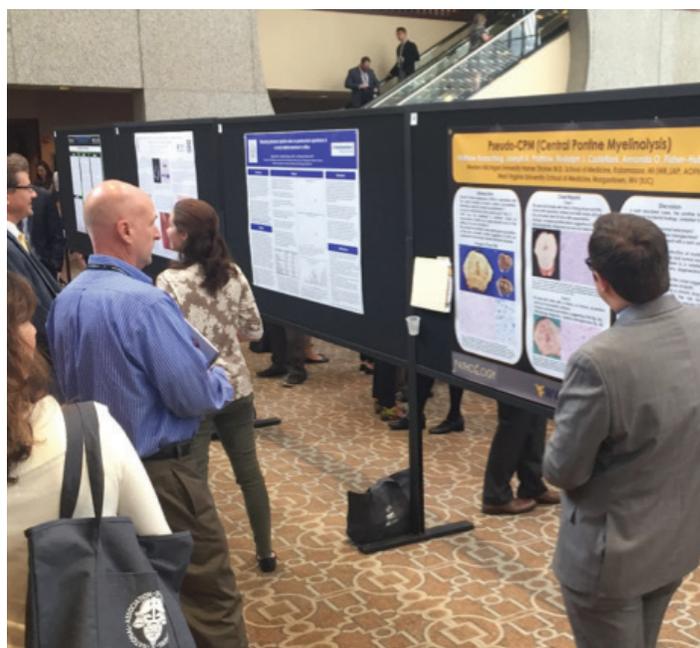
The platform presentations were well-attended and well-received.



The presentations generated much discussion, with time allotted for questions and answers.



There were 3 separate days of poster presentations.



Meeting attendees viewing the posters.



The opening evening reception/dinner took place in the exhibit hall.



Another view of the exhibit hall.



International Relations reception.



Strategic Planning Committee meeting.



Resident and Fellow Reception.



Participants in the (very dark) Annual Rigor Run and Walk.



Participants in the 2019 Cadaver Open. The winning team included Wayne Daniels, Robert Winter, and Marty Mosley. Closest to the pin: Mike Graham, Charlie Littman, Andrew Layman, and Chris Geffre.

Award Winners

John Pless Best Student Presentation

Kasey Kreutz – Poster “Reducing Laboratory Rejection Rates of Postmortem Specimens at a County Medical Examiner’s Office”

Sarah Sweet – Platform “Freddie Gray- How One Death Changed the City of Baltimore”



Sarah Sweet – winner of the Best Student Platform Presentation Award.



Kasey Kreutz being presented the Best Student Poster Award by Dr. Stoppacher.



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John Smialek Best Resident Paper

Daniel C. Butler, M.D. – Platform – “Placental Refractile Material Identified in Three Cases of Intrauterine Demise Due to Known, Reported, and Suspected Misoprostol Use”

Kimberly M. Johnson, M.D. – Poster “Critical Analysis of Laboratory Testing Methodologies When Interpreting Conflicting Results at Autopsy”



Daniel Butler – Winner of the Best Resident Platform Presentation Award.



Kimberly Johnson being presented the Best Resident Poster Award by Dr. Stoppacher.

Susan P. Baker Public Health Impact Award – Sponsored by the Maryland Medical Legal Foundation

Kathryn Pinneri, M.D. “Beyond the Autopsy: Postmortem Familial Variant Testing”

The IOPO award was given to Mark LeVaughn

NAME Foundation Events at the 2019 Annual Meeting

The NAME Foundation had a strong presence at the Annual Meeting. Favorites, such as the Silent Auction and the 50/50 raffle took place again at this year’s meeting, raising \$7590 and \$400 dollars, respectively. This year’s big Foundation fundraising event occurred on Sunday evening, and featured Dr. Andrew Baker, who gave a very moving and informative presentation on his role in the events of the 911 terrorist attack involving the US Pentagon. Thanks Andy for an awesome presentation. The event raised \$7170 for the Foundation!



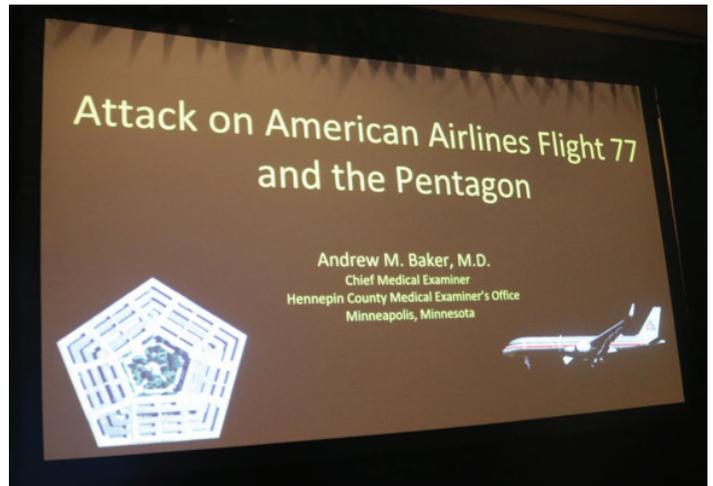
The Silent Auction was a huge success. Thanks to all who donated items, placed bids, and purchased items.



The NAME Foundation Evening Fundraising Event took place on Sunday evening this year and featured Dr. Andrew Baker.



The 50/50 raffle generated \$400 dollars for the NAME Foundation.



Unlike in past years, when the event has been open to the general public and has had more of an entertainment appeal, this year's event was closed to the public, and the subject matter was somber and quite emotional. Thank you Andy for an outstanding presentation.

NAME Elections

The NAME Annual Business Meeting was highlighted by the election of the following members to leadership positions for 2020:

President: Sally Aiken MD (Washington)
Vice President: James Gill MD (Connecticut)
Secretary-Treasurer: J Scott Denton MD (Illinois)

Board of Directors (starting 1st term):
Keith Pinckard MD

Board of Directors (returning for second term):
Joyce deJong DO
Kent Harshbarger MD
Judy Melinek MD
Owen Middleton MD
Reade Quinton MD
Robert Stoppacher MD
Barbara Wolf MD
Tom Hensley, F-ABMDI (Affiliate investigator)

AMA Delegate: Michelle Jorden, MD California
AMA Alternate: J Scott Denton, MD Illinois

Retiring Board of Directors
William Oliver, M.D. – North Carolina

At-Large Members of the Executive Committee
(elected by the BODs from the BODs):
Joyce deJong
Laura Knight
Kathy Pinneri



The NAME leadership for the 2019 meeting: Executive Committee at-large member Joyce deJong, NAME Executive VP Mary Ann Sens, Secretary/Treasurer Scott Denton, Vice President Sally Aiken, President Jonathan Arden, and EC at-large members Kathy Pinneri and Laura Knight. Not pictured (due to illness): Chair of the Board Kim Collins. Incidentally, this group will also be the leadership/ Executive Committee for 2020, with the addition of Jim Gill, who was elected Vice President. Sally will be President. Jonathan will be Chairman of the Board.

2019 NAME Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony

This year's Luncheon featured Mary Gilliland, recipient of the George E Gantner, Jr, MD Memorial Lecture Award. Other awardees included those listed above, as well as the following President Awards:

Iceberg Award – **Laura Knight**

Executive Diamond Awards – **Lindsey Thomas and Sally Aiken**

Setting the Standard Award – **Barbara Wolf**

Outstanding Service Awards – **Barbara**

Sampson, Erin Brooks, and Kim Collins

Congratulations to all! Also recognized was the Medical Examiners Office in Kansas City, which was officially recognized for attaining NAME accreditation.



Dr. Jim Gill was elected Vice President for 2020.



The Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony was well-attended.



Members of the ME office in KC received NAME Accreditation, presented by Brian Peterson.



Mary Gilliland was the keynote speaker and winner of the Gantner Award.



Sally Aiken received an Executive Diamond Award.



Lindsey Thomas received an Executive Diamond Award.

NAME Foundation Update

The NAME Foundation continues to grow in its impact within the forensic pathology/death investigation community. As you probably already know, the Foundation exists to promote the profession by advocating for research, education, and history preservation. The Foundation has been especially active in recent years, through its sponsoring of the annual awards for best papers for affiliates, students, and residents. The Foundation has also provided thousands of dollars in travel stipends for students and residents to attend the NAME Annual Meetings. At this year's meeting, 41 students and residents will each be receiving \$250 travel stipends from the Foundation. For those of you who are already members of the Foundation, many thanks. To those of you who have not yet joined, please consider joining us.

Did you know that the NAME Foundation also offers membership to organizations? As such, corporations and educational institutions may join to show their support for forensic pathology/death investigation research, education, and history preservation. If you know of any corporation or educational institute whose leaders may be interested in joining the Foundation, please pass our information along to them, and let the Foundation know of their interest. Corporate/Institution membership categories are available at the following annual donation levels: \$250, \$500, and \$1000.

The standing committees (and Chairs) of the NAME Foundation include the following: Membership/Nominations (John Butts), Bylaws/Policies (Greg Schmunk), Finance/Investment (Mike Graham), Fundraising (Chris Milroy), Advocacy (Michael Rieders), Newsletter (Joe Prahlow), Silent Auction/Meeting (Amy Martin), Education (Frank Miller), Research (Joe Felo), History (Greg Schmunk), and Long-Range Planning (Tom Noguchi).



Laura Knight received an Iceberg Award.



Barbara Wolf received the Setting the Standard Award.

Dr. Jan Garavaglia ended her term as a NF BoT member, as well as her service as the first “NAME Foundation Advocate.” Thanks to Jan for her many years of service to NAME and the NAME Foundation! Newly elected members to the NF Board of Trustees were Keith Pinckard and Samantha Wetzler.



Dr. G receives recognition from NF Chair Joe Prahlow for her many years of service and advocacy on behalf of the NAME Foundation.



It just so happened that the two most recently elected NF BoT members, Keith Pinckard and Sam Wetzler, both celebrated a birthday on the day they were elected as Board members.

Important Inquiry:

At the request of the NAME leadership, the NAME Foundation Board of Trustees (as well as the NAME Board of Directors) will be investigating the pros and cons of possibly merging the Foundation back “under the umbrella” of NAME. Currently, both organizations exist as separate entities but share many common goals. The Foundation initially began as a committee within NAME, but then incorporated as a 501c3 organization, while NAME remained a 501c6. Several years ago, for tax-savings purposes, NAME also became a 501c3 organization. As such, the NAME leadership is asking about having the Foundation merge back with NAME. All NAME members and NAME Foundation members are invited to provide input to this discussion. Please direct any comments/questions to NF Chair Joe Prahlow at joseph.prahlow@med.wmich.edu Thank you.

The NAME Foundation and Academic Forensic Pathology Journal

As most of you already know, at last year’s NAME meeting, the NAME Board of Directors voted to change course regarding the official NAME journal. For a variety of reasons, NAME has returned to the *American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology* (the “orange journal”) as its official publication. Since that time, Academic Forensic Pathology, which had been the official NAME journal for the preceding 8 years, is now officially owned and published by SAGE Publishing, and the NAME Foundation has entered into an agreement with SAGE regarding the journal, which is now referred to as “the journal of the NAME Foundation.”

The former owner of the AFPj, Evan Matshes, was able to arrange to graciously donate a free year's subscription to AFPj (2019) for all active members of the NAME Foundation. So, if you are currently a NAME Foundation member, you have free access to AFP. Moving forward into 2020 and beyond, discussions have been ongoing with SAGE Publishing regarding possible reduced subscription pricing for active NAME Foundation members. The scope and the focus of AFPj fits-in nicely with that of the NAME Foundation, and the Foundation is optimistic that its relationship with AFPj is successful for both the Foundation and AFP. Check-out the NAME Foundation website (see below) for details regarding how to access the AFPj online. NOTE: The first issue of 2019 was a bit delayed due to the transition; however, it was published a couple of months ago. The second issue should be ready to go soon. Thank you for your patience. In addition, regarding indexing, all articles from 2016 to present are currently indexed in PubMed and PubMedCentral. Sage Publishing is working towards retroactively indexing the content from 2011-2015. See below for details about how to sign-up for electronic access to the journal via the NAME Foundation website.

Perhaps the most exciting news is that the arrangement for a FREE subscription for all NAME Foundation members will continue through 2020. Thanks to Sage Publishing for making this happen.

New NAME Foundation Website!

<https://namefoundation.wildapricot.org/>
(see below for details)

Journal Access

To access the AFPj (if you are already a Foundation member), simply to the website at <https://namefoundation.wildapricot.org/>. After you log in, go to the "AFP JOURNAL" tab at the top of the page to find further instructions.

To Join the Foundation or to Renew Your Membership

You can join (or renew your Foundation membership) via the new NAME Foundation web site.

If you are a NAME Foundation member but have never been to the site, here is how to get on:

- Go to <https://namefoundation.wildapricot.org/>
- Click "Log in" at the top right.
- Enter your e-mail address and password. If you forgot or don't know your password, click on "Forgot password".
- If you are in the system, you will receive a link to enter a new password.



NAME FOUNDATION

If you are not yet a Foundation member (you will get an “Email not found” message when you enter your e-mail on the “Forgot password” page):

- Go to <https://namefoundation.wildapricot.org/>
- Navigate to the “Donate” tab.
- Enter the requested information and choose a donation amount (minimum of \$50 for individuals, \$250 for institutions to obtain benefits of membership, such as the journal).
- If you wish to designate your donation to a specific category, please do so. If you want to donate to multiple categories, you will need to make multiple separate donations.
- Once your donation is processed you will have access to the site and the journal.

Any Foundation member who donates the required minimum donation will have their membership expiration date extended by one year from the date of the donation. Alternatively, any member may go to their profile (click on your name in the upper right corner) and then click on the “Renew to mm/dd/yyyy” button in the center of the form. If you are making an institutional donation, please check the box at the bottom of the donation form.

If you have any problems with the above, or if you feel that you are a Foundation member and the system does not recognize you, please send an inquiry to the Secretary:

mailto: gregory.schmunk@polkcountyiowa.gov

Please also check the Foundation Website for information regarding the AFP journal and any special events which are planned.

Message from the NAME President



Jonathan L. Arden, MD
2019 NAME President

Dear NAME Foundation Members:

I write this as I am winding down a busy and eventful year as NAME President. The year seems to have flown by in no time. I am very happy with the actions and accomplishments of NAME this year, and I am looking forward to continuing those efforts as Board Chair next year. I am pleased to report that activity in my signature initiative, workforce development, has increased recently and will be growing substantially this coming year. More people have volunteered to participate, comprising a mix of our more senior members and those who have recently entered forensic pathology. NAME is receiving ongoing and welcomed support in this issue from various partners, including the CFSO, CDC and NIJ. Another transition for me will be taking on the role of CFSO liaison to the CFSO next year, to help represent the interests of NAME and the larger forensic community to our government.

As was presented and discussed at the NAME annual meeting in Kansas City, one major issue that NAME and the NAME Foundation will be exploring in the coming year is the relationship between the two organizations. The Foundation

began as a NAME committee that separated from NAME based on restrictions in the Federal tax codes; those restrictions no longer apply to NAME, obviating the need for the administrative separation. The Foundation conducts fundraising and activities that provide significant and valuable benefits to NAME, the most visible being that the Foundation graciously funds stipends and awards at the NAME meeting. Given the existing close working relationship, and the conjoined purposes and goals of the two organizations, re-uniting them would provide administrative and fiscal efficiencies. I look forward to ongoing discussions between the leaderships of NAME and the Foundation this year to determine what structure will be best for our future.

My thanks to Foundation Board Chair Joe Prahlow for the opportunity to address the Foundation membership in this Newsletter. I look forward to continuing to work with Joe and the Foundation this year, and I thank them for all they do. And, as always, I strongly encourage NAME members to contribute to the Foundation, so it can continue its valuable work on behalf of NAME.

Jonathan L. Arden, MD
2019 NAME President

Future NAME Meeting Locations

2020 Interim - Anaheim, CA
February 18, 2020

2020 Annual - Denver, CO
October 9-13, 2020

2021 Interim - Houston, TX
February 16, 2021



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Ex-Officio (non-voting): Kim Collins, Jonathan Arden, Sally Aiken.

NAME Foundation Membership Criteria

The NAME Foundation is proud to offer membership to any member of the National Association of Medical Examiners who makes an annual contribution to the NAME Foundation. The following minimal annual contribution qualifies membership in the NAME Foundation:

NAME Members:	\$50.00
NAME Affiliates:	\$20.00
Non-NAME Individual:	\$50.00
Corporate/Institution:	\$250, 500, 1000