



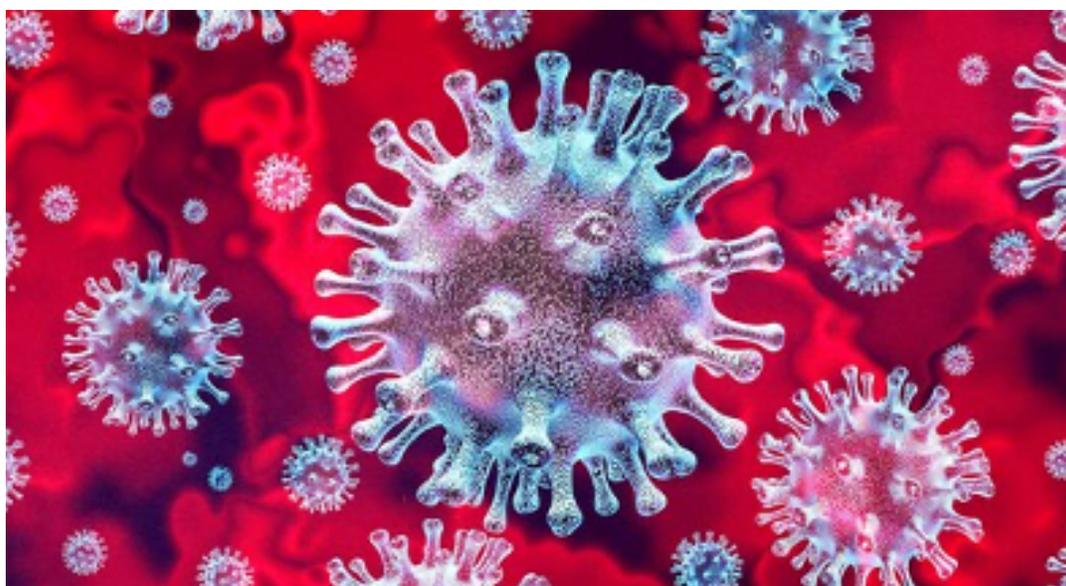
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Greetings from the NAME Foundation. For some reason, this year seems to have flown-by, but we can't quite figure-out why. It's not like there's been an international pandemic or something, as well as a continued opioid epidemic. We've been holding-off on releasing the Newsletter in order to provide up-to-date information about the upcoming NAME Annual Meeting. Here's the latest...



From WebMD

2020 NAME Scientific Program and Meeting to be Digital

As per Program Chair Laura Knight, we are pleased to announce that the 2020 NAME Annual Meeting will be a Digital Meeting, in order to safeguard our members/attendees in this time of uncertainty related to COVID-19. The meeting will take place over two days, 10/16-10/17, from 8AM to approximately 5PM central both days, and it will be held on a virtual platform. Speakers will be able to show their slides.

Participants will be able to submit questions via online chat, and there will be time for speakers to answer questions at the end of each themed session. It will be very much like our in person meetings, just without the in-person social aspect. Posters will be available for viewing in PDF format; we are still working on that interface. There will be a themed platform session on COVID-19. The following is a list of the themes:

Platform Sessions: Everything COVID-19, Pediatric Concepts, Toxicology (two parts), Trauma, Critical Issues, Medical Education and Administration, and Forensic Potpourri: Certification of Death and Unusual Causes of Death

As with our in-person meetings, there are candidate papers/posters for best student and resident presentations. Plans are being finalized regarding the platform that will be used for the meeting. Stay-tuned for more details.

Poster Topics:
Cardiovascular
Pathology,
Forensic Potpourri-
Miscellaneous,
Infectious Disease,
Neuropathology,
Pediatric Pathology,
Toxicology, Trauma,
Unusual Cause
of Death and
Unusual Suicides &
Mimickers



Kudos to the NAME Leadership during this very difficult time, as they have put in countless hours working to make it possible for us to have our annual meeting, despite the challenges of the pandemic.



The current NAME Executive Committee: EC member Joyce deJong, Executive VP Mary Ann Sens, Secretary/Treasurer Scott Denton, President Sally Aiken, Chair of the Board Jonathan Arden, EC member Kathy Pinneri, EC member Laura Knight (not pictured: VP Jim Gill...see next photo)



NAME VP Jim Gill.

NAME Annual Business Meeting

The NAME Business Meeting will be held digitally on Monday, October 12, from 9-11 CST, although election of officers will be conducted via a separate email process. Please watch for forthcoming details. As indicated below, the NAME Foundation Annual Business Meeting will immediately follow the conclusion of the NAME Business Meeting.

NAME Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors meeting is open to all and will be held virtually on Thursday, October 8th, 9-12 CST.

Schedule of Events

Event	Date and Time
NAME Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting	TBD – Prior to October 8
NAME Board of Directors Meeting	Thursday, October 8th – 9 am-noon CST
NAME Business Meeting	Monday, October 12th - 9am – 11 am CST
NAME Foundation Business Meeting	Monday, October 12th – Following NAME BM
NAME Annual Scientific Meeting	Friday, October 16th – 8 am – 5 pm CST
NAME Annual Scientific Meeting	Saturday, October 17th – 8 am – 5 pm CST
NAME Foundation Special Event	Sunday, October 18th - TBD
NAME Foundation Silent Auction	Online Wednesday Oct 14 - Sunday Oct 18

NAME Foundation Events at the 2020 Annual Meeting

As with the regular NAME Meeting events, the NAME Foundation is attempting to adjust on the fly for this year's meeting. We are currently planning to hold the ever-popular silent auction virtually, and plans are in-progress for a "special event" as well, which is tentatively being scheduled for Sunday, October 18 (the day after the Annual Scientific program ends). The program will require a minimum donation, and current plans are to offer CME for the program. As always, thanks for your continued support of the NAME Foundation.

A message from Amy Martin, the NF Silent Auction Committee Chair:

"Although the NAME Meeting in Denver has been cancelled and replaced with a virtual meeting, the NAME Foundation recognizes the continuing need to support research and education in forensics, perhaps now more than ever as government budgets and resources are strained by ongoing efforts to deal with the Sars-Cov-2 pandemic. The popular NAME Foundation Silent Auction fundraiser will go on-line this year. As this is a new experience for us, we plan to scale down the number of items offered. The auction site will go live the Wednesday prior to the virtual meeting, and end that following Sunday. We are currently accepting auction items; contact Amy Martin at martiafp@gmail.com with questions or submissions.

Proceeds from the auction will help support NAME Foundation activities such as providing stipends to medical students and residents who present at the annual meetings. By encouraging academic participation, the Foundation hopes to encourage the next generation of practitioners into our field,"



Although the NF Silent Auction is always a big hit in-person at the Annual Meeting, this year's auction will take-place online.

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. Although travel is not a part of this year's meeting, the Foundation will continue to support research and education by funding the various "best paper/poster" awards.

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).

As was reported in the last newsletter, the NAME Foundation Board of Trustees (as well as the NAME Board of Directors) continue to investigate 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. Both organizations are working on this issue; however, as this topic is of great importance, and there is no need to rush to make a decision, President Aiken has determined that nothing should move forward regarding this issue until leadership from NAME and the NF can meet in-person. All NAME members and NAME Foundation members are invited to provide input to this ongoing discussion. Please direct any comments/questions to NF Chair Joe Prahlow at joseph.prahlow@med.wmich.edu Thank you.

NAME Foundation Board of Trustees

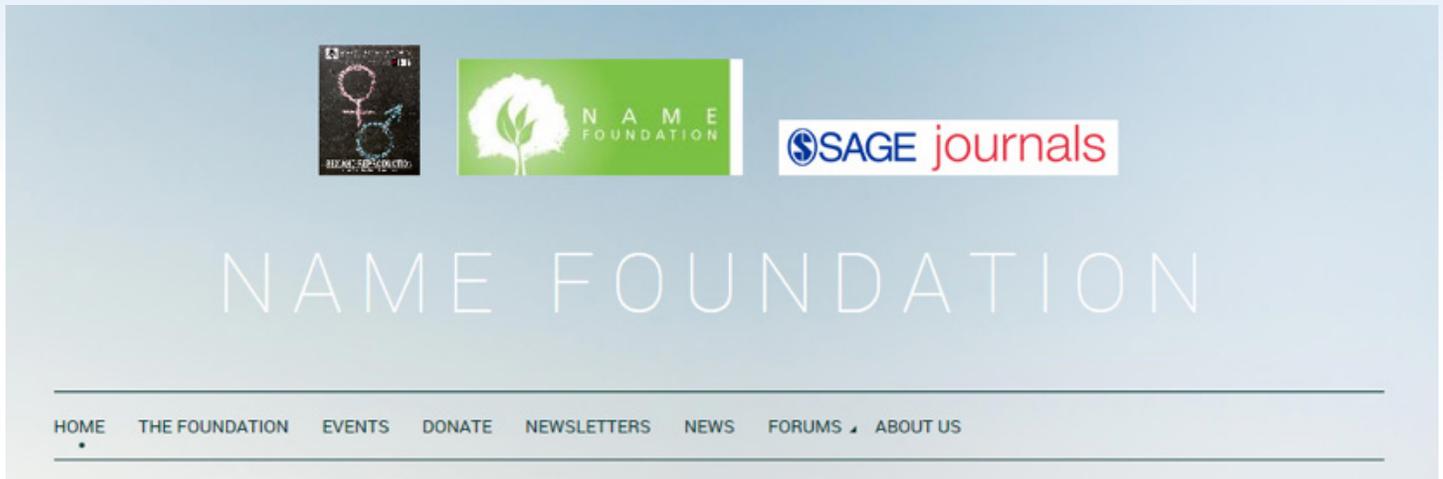
Plans are currently being made so that the BoT will meet digitally, sometime prior to the NAME BOD digital meeting.

NAME Foundation Annual Business Meeting

The NF Business Meeting will take-place digitally, at the conclusion of the NAME Annual Business Meeting, which is scheduled from 9-11am CST on October 12. NF members will be asked to stay online following the conclusion of the NAME business meeting, to attend to NF business. We look forward to your participation.

The NAME Foundation and Academic Forensic Pathology Journal

As most of you already know, if you are currently a NAME Foundation member, you have free access to AFP. Moving forward beyond 2020, 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. After a relatively rough “first year,” AFPj appears to be getting back on-track in 2020. Check-out the NAME Foundation website (see below) for details regarding how to access the AFPj online. Thank you for your patience. See below for details about how to sign-up for electronic access to the journal via the NAME Foundation website.



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 go 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.

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



President Letter, NAME Foundation
July 21, 2020

Dear NAME Members:

While the Coronavirus has altered many aspects of our personal lives, our work in death investigation continues at an accelerated pace. We have shifted more fully into our public health role, still managing the opioid epidemic but now with increased responsibilities from the pandemic. In the background those homicides, motor vehicle accidents, and suicides haven't abated, at least in my own practice.

In addition to the pandemic, like many organizations, our NAME community is reflecting on issues of diversity and inclusivity, and seeking a better path forward.

The real theme for NAME in 2020 is adaptation, and the annual meeting will be reflective of that adaptation. By necessity, our meeting planning is in uncharted waters of virtual. NAME is hopeful that our experiment in virtual is successful, as we may need to repeat it depending on the length of the pandemic. If nothing else, it will give us opportunities for more virtual education in NAME's future.

The NAME annual meeting theme, "Bringing Forensic Pathology to New Heights", chosen for Denver, is still appropriate to our organization in 2020. Thank you to meeting chair, Dr. Laura Knight, who has been a model of adjusting to these times. Under her direction, many elements of the NAME meeting will be familiar to us, including poster presentations, and best paper awards. Tara Snethen and Dee McNally have likely worked just as hard, if not harder, in preparing for the 2020 annual meeting, sorting out the many details for this virtual format.

Meeting Registration for the virtual annual meeting, October 16-17, is available on the NAME website.

Finally, a brief summary of NAME projects in 2020:

1. Made meeting registration free to students/residents/fellows
2. Formed 2 position paper committees (Pathologists' Assistants, and Second Autopsies)
3. Formed 5 new committees
 - a. Workplace Stress and Wellness
 - b. Improving Opioid Data and Addressing ME Public Health Funding
 - c. Visa Applicant Advisory
 - d. NAME-L Educational Activities
 - e. Diversity

4. Streamlined committee sign-up process, coming this fall
5. Added resources to NAME website, including COVID-19 resources
6. NAME-L rule update (for better or worse); Policy and Procedure Manual update
7. New position statement on Mass fatality decedent identification, in process
8. All member survey regarding NAME-L, coming in September

Sally S. Aiken, MD
NAME 2020 President

Future NAME Meeting Locations

2020 Annual Virtual Meeting
October 16,17, 2020

2021 Interim - Houston, TX
February 16, 2021



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Ex-Officio (non-voting): Jonathan Arden, Sally Aiken, Jim Luke.

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