

## GUIDELINES FOR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

FACTORS:

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**RESPONSIBILITY:**

**FORENSIC DEATH INVESTIGATOR:**

An individual who investigates the circumstances of violent, suspicious and sudden deaths for a medicolegal jurisdiction or military jurisdiction, who has the delegated authority to determine the depth of the investigation necessary as directed by established guidelines so that a thorough and timely scientific death investigation can be accomplished.

**FORENSIC ADMINISTRATOR:**

A person who, under the direction of a physician/medical examiner, has the delegated authority in a medicolegal jurisdiction to administer the non-medical affairs of the office; who is responsible for developing departmental: fiscal requirements, personnel policies, facilities management in order that a timely and thorough investigation of death can be accomplished.

**SPONSORSHIP:**

**DEATH INVESTIGATORS & ADMINISTRATORS:**

Sponsorship shall be required from a physician member who shall be a member of NAME. The sponsor must, in writing, attest to the candidate's application statements, endorse the capability and character of the applicant and support the membership as an Affiliate Member of the National Association of Medical Examiners. This membership is renewable yearly at the discretion of the sponsor.

**EMPLOYMENT:**

Candidate must be employed in either a Medical Examiner/Coroner system or on active duty in one of the branches of the military with a duty assignment to one of the military investigative divisions specifically investigating death in that setting. Further, candidate for membership must submit a table of organization detailing investigative and administrative structure of the jurisdiction. If the Medical Examiner or Coroner office does not have its own investigative branch; candidate must be employed by the law enforcement agency responsible for the death investigation of that Medical Examiner/Coroner office.

**PERCENT OF TIME SPENT INVESTIGATING DEATHS:**

The individual must work closely with the Sponsoring member in medicolegal investigation of deaths of a Medical Examiner/Coroner system.

**PERCENT OF TIME SPENT IN ADMINISTRATION:**

The individual must work closely with the sponsoring member in administering the affairs of a Medical Examiner/Coroner system.

**PROFESSIONAL/EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND FOR INVESTIGATORS:**

Candidate must have formal training in either Death Investigation, a related medical field or an investigative agency.

**PROFESSIONAL/EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND FOR ADMINISTRATORS:**

Candidate shall have a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration or related studies.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR DEATH INVESTIGATORS:**

Affiliate must show currency in the field of death investigation by attendance of at least one forensic-related conference/course or meeting at the local, regional or national level every two (2) years as sponsored or approved by the NAME Membership Committee.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ADMINISTRATORS:**

Affiliate must show currency in the field of Forensic Administration by attending at least one eight (8) credit hour administrative course or meeting at a local, regional or national level every two (2) years as sponsored or approved by the NAME Membership Committee.

**REMOVAL PROCEDURE:** Same as for NAME member.