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Welcome to the 4th and final 2015 issue of the NAME Foundation Newsletter. As in past issues, we hope that you find the information contained herein to be interesting and beneficial. In this issue, we focus on the recently-completed NAME Annual Meeting, which was held in Charlotte, NC this past October 1-6. If you attended the meeting, you know that it was a huge success. You also probably noticed that the NAME Foundation was a bit more visible than usual. This is a trend that we hope continues well into the future, as we garner more and more support. As always, please recall that past issues of the newsletter are available on the NAME Foundation webpage, which exists on the NAME website (www.thename.org). Thank you for your support, and please continue to support the NAME Foundation.

Foundation Receives \$10,000 Matching Grant for Hisako Noguchi Memorial Fund from the Fredric Rieders Family Foundation

As previously reported in a prior issue of this Newsletter, the NAME Foundation Hisako Noguchi Memorial Fund received an offer for a \$10,000 matching grant, with a deadline to reach the goal being the end of the NAME Annual Meeting in Charlotte. We are very pleased to announce that the goal was met. As such, the NAME Foundation received a check in the



amount of \$10,000 from the Fredric Rieders Family Foundation. A big THANK YOU is extended to the Fredric Rieders Family Foundation and all who donated to the Hisako Noguchi Memorial Fund in order to receive the matching funds.

Fredric Rieders Family Foundation Chairman Michael Fredric

Rieders and President Barry Logan present a matching fund check in the amount of \$10,000 to NAME Foundation Chair Joe Prahlow, Founding Director Tom Noguchi, and Advocate Jan Garavaglia at the NAME Annual Meeting in Charlotte, NC.

**2015 NAME
Annual Meeting
– Charlotte, NC
(October 1-6, 2015)**

By all counts, this year’s NAME Annual Meeting was a resounding success. Program Chair Jim Gill put together an outstanding program, and the presentations were well-done and well-received. Despite torrential rainfall in the region, there were a total of 422 attendees (not including exhibitors) at the meeting in Charlotte, NC. The rain only managed to disrupt a few official activities, namely the cancellation of the Cadaver Open golf outing...replaced by a bowling outing; and the rescheduling of the Rigor Run/Walk. The scientific program included 61 platform presentations and 50 poster presentations. The following paragraphs describe some of the highlights from the meeting.



**Donald Reay
Receives Milton
Helpern Laureate
Award**

Dr. Don Reay, longtime forensic pathologist/medical examiner from Seattle, WA, was honored as the recipient of NAME’s Milton Helpern Laureate Award. He and his wife of 53 years, Judy, were accompanied by 2 of their 4 children, as Don received the award and delivered his lecture. His talk was a “walk down memory lane,” and it provided many glimpses into the career of a man who positively affected the lives of many, many people, including numerous other forensic pathologists. The NAME Foundation offers its sincerest congratulations to Don (and Judy and



Don and Judy Reay

children/family) for all of his contributions to the world of forensic pathology and death investigation. He is truly deserving of this award, and the members of NAME are honored to count him as friend and colleague.

Don Reay received the distinguished Milton Helpern Laureate Award at the 2015 NAME Annual Meeting’s Luncheon.

**Best Paper
Awards**

The NAME Foundation sponsors the awards for the John Smialek Best Resident Papers (platform and poster presentations) and the Mary Fran Ernst Best Affiliate Paper, with each recipient receiving \$500. NAME itself sponsors the Best Student Paper awards (platform and poster), with each winner





Tom Noguchi, Marcus Nashelsky, Don Reay, and Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran.

receiving a forensic pathology textbook. Congratulations to all participants and winners. In order to be eligible for the best resident and student awards, participants must submit a completed paper prior to the meeting. Winners of the awards at this year's meeting were as follows:

- John Smialek Best Resident Platform – Kacy Krehbiel, MD for the presentation “Medical Therapy-Related Deaths and the Medical Examiner”
- John Smialek Best Resident Poster – Amber Wang, MD for the presentation “Odontoideum Mimicking Acute Odontoid Peg Fracture: Case Report and Review of the Literature”
- Mary Fran Ernst Best Affiliate Paper – Tom Hensley, F-ABMDI for the presentation “Rehydrating Mummified Hands for Fingerprint Identification: The Pima County Experience”
- Best Student Platform – Matthew Kucmanic for the presentation “Suicide in Jail: A 10-Year Retrospective Study”
- Best Student Poster – Samuel Prahlow for the presentation “Tandem Bullet Homicide”



Best Student Poster winner Samuel Prahlow discusses his poster with NAME member Michael Ward.

Rigor Run/Walk and Cadaver Open Disrupted by Rainfall

The annual Rigor Run/Walk was rescheduled because of the threat of rain. Despite the dark conditions, many enjoyed the streets of Charlotte as they participated in the 5k

event. The weather was a bit more unforgiving when it came to the golfers. The annual Cadaver Open had to be cancelled, but was replaced with a bowling tournament. The results of the first-ever Cadaver Open Bowling Tournament: Two-Game Series, Strike City, Charlotte, NC, October 4, 2015.

Winning Team

Lane 2:
Don Burbrink,
John Fudenberg,
Robert Winter,
Shaun Martin
Score 994

Other Team Scores

Lane 3:
Dave Winston,
Chris Geffre,
John Younes,
Ruben Ortiz-Reyes
Score 931

Lane 1:



Best Resident Platform Presentation winner Kacy Krehbiel receives her award from NAME Scientific Presentations Awards Committee Chair Robert Stoppacher.



Best Resident Poster Presentation winner Amber Wang receives her award from NAME Scientific Presentations Awards Committee Chair Robert Stoppacher.

Randy Hanzlick,
Karen Gunson,
John Butts,
Wayne Daniels
Score 824

Lane 4:
Russ Uptegrove,
Kent Harshbarger,
Steve Cina,
Julie Cina
Score 731

Lane 5:
Nick Batalis,
Steve Cohle,
Mary Cohle,
Dele Adeagbo
Score 707

Most strikes by a person not playing on the winning team:
Wayne Daniels,
John Younes,
Dave Winston,
Chris Geffre

Travel Scholarships for Residents and Students

The NAME Foundation Research Committee, chaired by Dr. Joe Felo, has created a great opportunity for residents and

students who make presentations at the NAME Annual Meeting. Beginning with this year's meeting, so long as a resident or student fulfills the criteria established for being eligible for the Best Resident Paper or Best Student Paper awards, then he/she will receive a monetary scholarship award from the NAME Foundation to help offset the costs associated with attending the meeting. For this year's meeting, each eligible participant will be receiving \$250. Dr. Felo's committee and the Foundation hope to continue being able to support the future of forensic pathology and death investigation by offering this scholarship annually.

NAME Foundation Activities

The NAME Foundation was quite visible at this year's meeting, beginning with the Opening Banquet, where magician forensic pathologists Charlie Siebert and Reade Quinton wowed the audience with magic tricks and Jamie Downs, in full KISS regalia, posed for photos with fans, to the popular annual Silent Auction and 50/50 raffle in the Exhibit Hall, to daily morning Yoga classes led by Amy Martin, to presentation of Best Paper Awards by the NAME Foundation Advocate, Jan Garavaglia, at the Annual Luncheon/Award Ceremony. Between the magic acts, KISS impersonator, Yoga classes, Silent Auction, and 50/50 raffle, the NAME Foundation was able to raise more than \$4000 at this year's



Participants in the Cadaver Open Bowling Tournament



Forensic pathologist and magician Charlie Siebert entertaining guests at the opening banquet.



Forensic pathologist and magician Reade Quinton entertaining guests at the opening banquet.

meeting. Thanks to all who contributed!



Forensic pathologist and KISS impersonator Jamie Downs.

A Word from the 2015 NAME President

NAME and the NAME Foundation are deeply intertwined. Foundation by-laws state that NAME officers shall be ex-officio members of the Foundation Board of Trustees. The NAME Executive Director, Denise McNally, serves as the administrator of Foundation operations. The Foundation provides financial

support to enhance the educational mission of NAME. Most importantly, NAME and the NAME Foundation draw from the same well of membership expertise.

In 2016, David Fowler and I will continue as ex-officio Trustees. Gregory G Davis, as outgoing Chair of the NAME Board of Directors, will vacate a Foundation Trustee seat; incoming NAME Vice-President Stephen Cina will ably fill this ex-officio position.

NAME has watched the NAME Foundation, our sister organization, enjoy a recent renaissance. The membership and Board of Trustees rosters have markedly expanded and committees have been populated. Clear expectations and goals have been

set. There is a newly created newsletter with substantial content. Elected leaders and Founding Director Thomas Noguchi have provided steadfast direction for the Foundation.

As NAME leaders, we are honored to be a part of the expansion of the NAME Foundation. What is good for the Foundation is good for NAME. I speak for all NAME members in offering a sincere “thank you” to the Foundation for partnering on our educational objectives, for advocacy of research in death investigation and forensic pathology, and for activities to preserve and record our shared history.

Marcus Nashelsky,
NAME President
(2015)

Election of NAME Officers and Board of Directors Members

Congratulations to Dr. David Fowler (Baltimore), who was elected to serve as the NAME President for 2016, and to Dr. Steve Cina (Chicago), who

was elected to serve as the NAME Vice President. Scott Denton (Illinois) was elected to continue serving as Secretary/Treasurer. 2015 NAME President Marcus Nashelsky (Iowa) will serve as Chair of the Board next year, while current Chair of the Board Greg Davis (Alabama) will complete a lengthy and successful multi-year commitment to NAME as BOD member, Executive Committee member, VP, President, COTB, and all-around-nice-guy. Thanks for all you have done and continue to do for NAME, Greg! Newly-elected members of the NAME BOD include Sally Aiken and Louis Finelli. Chris Milroy, Brian Peterson, Lindsey Thomas, and Samantha Wetzler were elected to serve second terms. Chris Boden was elected to serve another term as an Affiliate representative to the BOD. BOD members Kim Collins, Jim Gill, and Brian Peterson were elected to serve alongside Drs. Fowler, Cina, Denton, and Nashelsky on the Executive Committee. Congratulations to all! A BOD who has completed his term on the Board is Keith



The 2015 NAME Officers, David Fowler (VP), Greg Davis (CotB), and Marcus Nashelsky (Pres).



Marcus Nashelsky presents a NAME Outstanding Service Award to Giancarlo Di Vella. Greg G. Davis (Alabama) also received this award.

Pinckard. Thanks for your service to NAME!

2015 NAME Luncheon

One of the highlights of the Annual Meeting is the Luncheon. In addition to the festivities related to Dr. Reay's award and the presentation of the Best Presentation awards, the NAME President presents various other awards. At the meeting in Charlotte, Dr. Nashelsky presented Outstanding Service Awards, as selected by the NAME Awards Committee, to Giancarlo Di Vella and Greg G. Davis (Alabama). President Nashelsky also announced recipients of a new award, the Compass Award, to Kurt Nolte and Vince DiMaio. The

award is presented in recognition of steadfast and enduring counsel to NAME. Mary Gilliland was presented with an award from the AOPO for her lifetime commitment to tissue and organ procurement endeavors. Also recognized at the luncheon was outgoing BOD member Keith Pinckard.



Keith Pinckard completed his term on the NAME BOD and receives congratulations and thanks from President Nashelsky.



Marcus Nashelsky presents a Compass Award to outgoing NAME Executive VP Kurt Nolte, who is stepping-down from his NAME responsibilities to serve as the Chief at New Mexico's Office of the Medical Investigator. Dr. Vince DiMaio also received a Compass Award.

NAME Selects Next Executive Vice President – Mary Ann Sens

Congratulations to Dr. Mary Ann Sens (North Dakota), who was recently announced as the next NAME EVP. Mary Ann has an impressive array of

abilities, talents, and experience and will no-doubt serve admirably in her new position. Congratulations and thanks are also extended to Dr. Kurt Nolte (New Mexico) for his many years of excellent service as NAME EVP.

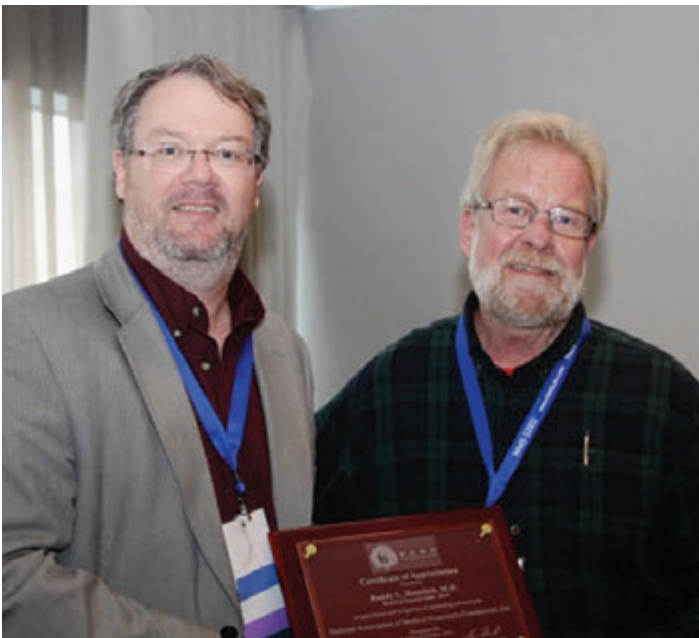


Mary Ann Sens, NAME's new Executive Vice President.

NAME Foundation Elections

The NAME Foundation held its annual membership business meeting at the NAME Annual Meeting. Jim Luke was elected to once again serve on the Board of Trustees. Ex-Officio members will

include NAME's VP, Pres, and COTB, Steve Cina, David Fowler, and Marcus Nashelsky. Only one member was term-limited from the BoT: Randy Hanzlick. Thanks to Randy for all his efforts and support, and we look forward to his continued involvement with the NAME Foundation. The BoT is responsible for selecting the officers of the NAME Foundation. Officers for the NAME Foundation continue unchanged from this past year: Joe Prahlow, Chair; Peggy Greenwald, Vice-Chair; Greg Schmunk, Secretary; Mike Graham, Treasurer; and Tom Noguchi, Founding Director.



Randy Hanzlick receives thanks and recognition from NAME Foundation Chair Joe Prahlow for Randy's service as a NAME Foundation Board of Trustee member.

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Ex-Officio: Marcus B. Nashelsky, MD, David R. Fowler, MD, Gregory G. Davis, MD

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



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