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Welcome to the first 2016 issue of the NAME Foundation Newsletter. The newsletter exists to keep NAME members informed of what is happening within the Foundation, as well as NAME. In this issue, we highlight the NAME Interim Meeting, which was held this past February in Las Vegas, Nevada, as well as provide a preview of the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the National Association of Medical Examiners. Remember that past issues of the NAME Foundation Newsletter are available on the NAME Foundation webpage, which exists on the NAME website (www.thename.org). For those of you who are members of the NAME Foundation, thank you for your support. For those who have not yet joined, please consider joining the NAME Foundation. Details regarding how to join are at the end of this newsletter.

The NAME Interim Meeting occurred on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, in conjunction with the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV, at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino. The scientific program was entitled "UUUgh! The Unexpected, Unexplained, and Often Undetermined," and it included presentations from multiple experts, many from within non-pathology disciplines, such as cardiology and neurology. The meeting was well-attended and well-received. The NAME Foundation was instrumental in providing funding



so that Dr. Michael Ackerman could attend and present at the meeting.

Other Events in Las Vegas

As most readers already know, there is much overlap between the membership of NAME and the Pathology/Biology Section of the AAFS. As such,

it is worth noting the following newsworthy events that occurred at the Academy Meeting.

- Victor Weedn performed admirably as the President of the Academy, overseeing a very successful meeting. Highlights included a zip-line ride with Tom Noguchi and

hosting a hugely-popular President's Reception.

■ In addition to riding the zip-line with Victor, Tom Noguchi was a recipient of the Pathology/Biology Section's Milton Helpern Award. Congratulations Tom!

■ Greg Davis (Alabama) was also awarded the P/B Section's Milton-Helpern Award. Congratulations Greg!



AAFS President & NAME Member
Victor Weedn



AAFS P/B Milton Helpern Award Recipient
Tom Noguchi



AAFS P/B Milton Helpern Award Recipient
Greg Davis



Victor Weedn and **Tom Noguchi** enjoying the "Voodoo Zipline" high above the Rio Casino, with the Las Vegas "strip" in the background.



NAME Foundation Founding Director **Tom Noguchi** and AAFS President and NAME member **Victor Weedn**



Tom Noguchi is presented the AAFS Pathology/Biology Section's Milton Helpern Award by NAME Foundation Chair Joseph Prahlow.



NAME Foundation Advocate
Jan Garavaglia

NAME Foundation Board of Trustees

The NAME Foundation met just prior to the NAME Board of Directors Meeting in Las Vegas, on Tuesday, April 23. Committees

reported progress on various activities, with special emphasis on planning for the special event with Advocate Jan Garavaglia scheduled to coincide with the NAME Annual Meeting in Minneapolis.



NAME's 50th Anniversary Celebration



2016 represents the 50th anniversary of our parent organization, the National Association of Medical Examiners. During the past 50 years, there has been much change and progress within the world of forensic pathology and death investigation. The NAME Annual Meeting, to be held in Minneapolis, MN, promises to be an exciting and educational experience. In anticipation of the celebration, the NAME

Foundation has created a coin that commemorates the occasion (see images). For a donation of the \$20, you can get your own commemorative coin. Early-bird sales occurred during the Interim Meeting in Vegas, and the coin turned out to be quite popular. Other exciting Foundation-sponsored events that you can look forward to at the Annual Meeting include the Silent Auction, the 50/50 Raffle, and the annual Best

Paper Award presentations. A new event will feature the NAME Foundation Advocate, Jan Garavaglia. Look for further details in upcoming Newsletters. Finally, the Foundation looks forward to celebrating not only NAME's 50 years, but Founding Director Tom Noguchi's 90th birthday. We look forward to seeing many of you in Minneapolis this coming fall.

News from the NAME President



NAME President **David Fowler**

The Foundation continues to grow in strength and carry the educational and research burdens of the NAME community. That frees up the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of NAME to focus on the other issues. Truly a great partnership.

The year has started out with a busy first few months. The OSACs met in Leesburg Virginia and many of our members were there representing our profession on multiple committees. This gives NAME a great footprint in the development of practice standards in multiple disciplines. Of course NAME has already developed, through a long and arduous process, autopsy practice standards. These are a product that is constantly evolving through all of your efforts. The suggestions you make come before us at the annual meeting for discussion and approval by the membership, after being

mentored through an approval process under the guidance of the standards committee chaired by Dr. Andy Baker. The stellar work they perform keeps our standards relevant and fresh.

These standards, we have labored long and hard to develop, however do not meet ANSI standards. In order for this to happen they must go through an additional process by a standards development organization (SDO). It is anticipated that our standards will start to move through this final process. The good news is that the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, where many of us also have membership, has become an approved SDO. The SDO uses a committee called a consensus body to review proposed standards. These consensus bodies are variable in size and the AAFS SDO consensus bodies appear to be targeting about 25 members in each.

We had a very successful interim meeting in Las Vegas chaired by Laura Crandall. The program was great, and the attendance excellent. So thanks to Laura for putting this program together.

Our accreditation program is moving from strength to strength, and there are now almost 130 million people living in jurisdictions covered by a NAME accredited office, with new offices applying at an ever increasing rate. NAME is continuing the project to move the management over to

a management company as the program has become too large to manage out of the NAME office. The control of the checklist items and materials will remain with the accreditation committee and the NAME Board. With this transition there will also be the opportunity for offices to get ISO accreditation in addition to the NAME accreditation. ISO accreditation has been offered to crime laboratories for some time and many have achieved this level of accreditation. We intend to have training in the ISO process for our inspectors at the NAME meeting in the fall. Name is also looking into getting MOC/CME credit for our inspector training and potentially the inspections as well.

So I wish you all the best for the rest of the year, and will keep you all updated as issues arise.

Sincerely

David Fowler
NAME President 2016.

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