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Welcome to the fourth and final issue of the inaugural first volume of the NAME Foundation Newsletter. Past issues are available on the NAME Foundation webpage, which exists on the NAME website (www.thename.org). In this issue, we highlight the very first NAME “Best Resident Paper” award recipient, Katherine Raven, who won the award back in 1997, prior to the NAME Foundation providing financial support for the winner. Elsewhere in the newsletter, we highlight the awardees from this year’s NAME Annual Meeting, which took place in Portland, OR this past September. The annual meeting of the NAME Foundation members took place in Portland. Several new Board members were elected, along with new officers. In addition, some exciting developments occurred, which are reported below. As always, thank you for supporting the NAME Foundation. It is only through the generous donations of members that we are able to provide financial support to award winners and continue our mission of advocating for research, education, and preservation of history within death investigation and forensic pathology. Please continue to support the NAME Foundation.

NAME History:

1997 Best Resident
Paper Awardee –
Katherine P. Raven



At NAME’s 1997
Annual Meeting, held
in Baltimore, Maryland,

Dr. Katherine Raven, who received her formal training at the King County Medical Examiner’s Office in Seattle, WA, received the inaugural NAME Best Paper Award for her presentation entitled, “Artifactual injuries associated with resuscitative intubation.” The paper was published in the NAME journal (Artifactual injuries of the larynx produced by resuscitative intubation. Raven KP. Reay DT. Harruff RC. American Journal of Forensic Medicine & Pathology. 20(1):31-6, 1999 Mar.)

Currently working as a forensic pathologist in Northern California, Dr. Raven recently served as the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Alaska, where the office participated in limited teaching activities for medical students and other allied healthcare students. While her current position has no formal teaching responsibilities, Katherine, like most forensic pathologists, maintains an active role in teaching those with whom she interacts on a daily basis, including coworkers, investigators,

police officers, attorneys, juries, and the general public. Dr. Raven credits her mentors, Drs. Reay and Harruff, with instilling in her invaluable information about pathology, testimony, and people.

Although Dr. Raven has not actively participated in forensic pathology research since her time in Seattle, she certainly recognizes the exciting world of forensic pathology and the wonderful opportunities that our profession provides for research and continuing education. As she recently commented, "I love that you have no idea what that day or case may bring you. There is always something different and something unexpected."

Like many within our profession, Dr. Raven believes that one of the major challenges facing forensic pathologists today is the relatively low compensation, especially in light of the enormous medical school debt that many students/residents face. In addition to addressing concerns about remuneration, Dr. Raven also believes that another area that the forensic pathology profession might consider addressing are various issues related to "experts for hire." Asked what

advice she might give to a student or resident considering FP as a career, Dr. Raven stated, "Medicine is so different today than when I was beginning, so that is a hard question. You have to love what you do and do what you love. Forensic pathology is an exciting field and I see it continuing to have a strong presence in medicine. However, it is also hard, frustrating, and under-appreciated. Would I do it again? You bet I would." Sage advice for anyone considering their options in medicine.

The NAME Foundation congratulates Dr. Katherine Raven for her service to the profession, to the broader field of medicine, to her community, and to the public. We are proud to count Dr. Raven as a trusted and admired colleague, and we look forward to remaining in-touch with her as she continues her career as a forensic pathologist.

NAME Annual Meeting Awards Announced

The award for the John Smialek Best Resident/Fellow Platform Presentation was given to Jon R. Gates, MD, for his presentation,

"Evaluating the Utility of Urine Dipsticks as a Postmortem Triage Modality." The award for the John Smialek Best Resident/Fellow Poster Presentation Award was given to Yekaterina Eichel, MD, for her poster entitled, "Acquired Angioedema: A Case of an Unexpected Death and Review of Literature." Both award recipients will receive \$500 from the NAME Foundation. Another award recipient, Caitlyn Waldrop, will receive a copy of "Forensic Pathology: Principles and Practice," from NAME, after being selected the winner of the Best Student Presentation. Congratulations to all of the award recipients, and thanks to all who submitted and presented papers at this year's meeting. A big "thank you" also goes-out to Dr. Robert Stoppacher and the rest of the "Scientific Presentation Awards" committee for all of their work in judging the competition.

Annual Membership Meeting of the NAME Foundation

The NAME Foundation Annual Membership Meeting took place

during the NAME Annual Meeting in Portland. A major part of the meeting involved the election of Board of Trustee members as well as the Officers. The following individuals were elected to their first 4-year terms, to officially begin on January 1, 2015:

- John Butts (NC)
- Mary Case (MO)
- Joe Felo (OH)
- Marcella Fierro (VA)
- Jan Garavaglia (FL)
- Mary Goolsby (OK)
- Amy Martin (CO)
- Yvonne Milewski (NY)
- Christopher Milroy (Canada)
- Joel Sexton (SC)

In addition, Michael Rieders (PA) was elected to begin his 2nd 4-year term on the BoT. Also, the NAME President, Vice-President, and Chair of the Board of Directors are ex officio members of the NAME Foundation BoT. As such, Marcus Nashelsky (NAME President), Dave Fowler (NAME Vice President), and Greg Davis (AL) (Chair of the Board) will serve on the Foundation Board. The Officers of the

NAME Foundation consist of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, who are elected on an annual basis, as well as our Founding Director, Tom Noguchi. The Officers for 2015 are as follows:

- Joseph Prahlow – Chair
- Margaret Greenwald – Vice-Chair
- Greg Schmunk – Secretary
- Mike Graham – Treasurer
- Tom Noguchi – Founding Director

The following is a synopsis of the other major activities that occurred at the membership meeting:

- Revision of the Bylaws to allow for corporate and non-NAME individual Foundation membership.
- Revision of the Bylaws to align more appropriately with regard to how membership meetings take place.
- Revision of the Bylaws to include the NAME Chair of the Board as an ex officio member of the Foundation BoT.
- Revision of the

Bylaws to formally establish the position of Founding Director for Tom Noguchi.

- A report of the activities of the NAME Foundation over the past year (see BoT report below).

Board of Trustees Report

The NAME Foundation BoT continues to have face-to-face meetings in conjunction with the NAME Annual and Interim meetings. In addition, during a majority of the intervening months, the BoT attempts to meet by conference call. Below is a listing of various topics that have been addressed during these meetings.

- Strategies for increasing NAME Foundation membership
- Strategies for fundraising for the NAME Foundation
- Expansion of NAME Foundation membership to corporations as well as non-NAME individuals.
- Designation of Dr. Tom Noguchi as “Founding Director” of the NAME

Foundation

- Bylaws revisions
- Silent auction (at NAME Annual Meeting)
- 50/50 raffle (at NAME Annual Meeting)
- Research support
- Student reception/support at NAME Annual Meeting
- Museum exhibits
- Library
- Newsletter
- Webpage on NAME website

With the expansion of the number of members of the BoT at the last annual membership meeting, and in light of the bylaws changes that have expanded our potential membership, we on the BoT look forward to an exciting and productive year for the NAME Foundation. Below is a listing of current and planned committees within the NAME Foundation. During the next several months, the plan is to establish (or reconfirm) committee chairs, members, and responsibilities/goals for the coming year.

- Executive Committee (Officers)
- Membership Committee

- Nominating Committee
- Investment/Finance Committee
- Bylaws and Policies Committee
- Resource Development/Fundraising Committee
- Silent Auction/Raffle Committee
- Newsletter Committee
- Special Projects Committee

Special Thanks

Nearly everyone within the National Association of Medical Examiners knows that the organization relies tremendously on the assistance of its Executive Director, Denise McNally. The NAME Foundation would like to express its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Dee for also filling a similar role of service to the NAME Foundation. Thanks Dee, for all that you do to promote research, education, and preservation of history through your assistance with the Foundation. Thanks also to the NAME organization for donating part of Dee’s time to assist in these endeavors.

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Gregory A. Schmunk, 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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