

N.A.M.E. Foundation *NEWSLETTER*

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Welcome!

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the NAME Foundation Newsletter. In this forum, members of the NAME Foundation will be kept apprised of the activity of the NAME Foundation. Our hope is that the Newsletter will be published 4 times a year. It will be sent electronically to all active/current members of the NAME Foundation. Past issues will be available on the NAME Foundation webpage, which exists on the NAME website (www.thename.org). If you are receiving this newsletter, that means that you are currently considered an active member of the NAME Foundation and have made an annual financial contribution as specified below. Thank you for your support, and please continue to support the NAME Foundation.

NAME Foundation Board of Trustees

The NAME Foundation is comprised of all of its members, as described below. The leadership of the NAME Foundation consists of a Board of Trustees (BoT), which includes a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and Board of Trustees. The current BoT is listed below, in the inset. Recently, the BoT has made a concerted effort become more organized, more focused, and more active in building the financial standing of the Foundation, in developing tangible goals for the Foundation, and in publicizing the Foundation. Currently, besides maintaining a webpage and producing a quarterly newsletter, the NAME Foundation BoT is actively engaged in developing a strategic plan toward implementing the overall goals of the Foundation, which involve the preserving and sharing the history of forensic pathology, and the advancement of forensic pathology research and education. We on the BoT welcome ideas and input from all NAME Foundation members.

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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 minimum annual contribution qualifies membership in the NAME Foundation:

NAME Members:	\$50.00
NAME Affiliates:	\$20.00

History of the NAME Foundation

The NAME Foundation was conceived of and created by Tom Noguchi, MD, retired Chief of the Los Angeles Coroner's Office and former President of the National Association of Medical Examiners. The NAME Foundation is a nonprofit charitable corporation established in 1996 under applicable provisions of the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. It is organized and operated exclusively for public charitable, educational, and scientific uses and purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, in such ways as the Board of Trustees of the corporation shall determine at its discretion. Over the years, the Foundation has largely remained "behind the scenes," visible only to NAME members, typically at the Annual and Interim NAME meetings, and occasionally via postal or electronic communications. The overall goals of the Foundation are to advocate for the profession of Forensic Pathology, particularly via maintaining its history and promoting education and research. Over the years, the Foundation has, through the generous donation of its members, built a fund of approximately \$250,000. As we move forward, the NAME Foundation hopes to substantially build its financial resources and commit to more actively promoting forensic pathology.

Awards for Paper Presentations

One of the more "visible" functions of the NAME Foundation is its annual sponsorship of awards presented for "Best Papers" at the NAME Annual Scientific Meeting, including Best Resident (Platform and Poster) and Best Affiliate Paper. Winners of the awards are provided with a financial award which, in recent years, has been provided by the NAME Foundation. A list of award winners since the NAME Foundation began providing the funding of the award is provided in the inset below. In future issues of this newsletter, the NAME Foundation plans to highlight past award-winners.

2008	Clarissa S. Krinsky, MD (<i>Best Resident platform</i>)	"A Toxicology Review of Fentanyl-Related Deaths in New Mexico"
	Erin Brooks, M.D. (<i>Best Resident poster</i>)	"Are Partial Motorcycle Helmet Laws Better than None at All? A Retrospective Analysis of Motorcycle Fatalities in Non-Helmet Law vs Partial Helmet Law States"
2009	Hadas Gips, MD (<i>Best Resident platform</i>)	"Atlas Occipitalization in a Supersonic Fighter Pilot Involved in Midair Collision: A Case Report"
	Erin Brooks, M.D. (<i>Best Resident poster</i>)	"First Trimester Maternal Mortality: Utility of Post-Mortem Beta hCG Assays"
	Dawn Zulauf, R.N. (<i>Mary Fran Ernst Best Affiliate Paper</i>)	"EMS Transport of Homicide Victims: A Decrease in Death Scene Investigations"
2010	Ralph Newton Sams, M.D. (<i>Best Resident platform</i>)	"Suicide with Hydrogen Sulfide"
	Allison Edgecombe, MD, MSc (<i>Best Resident poster</i>)	"Sudden Death from Superior Mesenteric Artery Thrombosis in a Cocaine User"
2011	Erin Boeding, MD (<i>Best Resident Poster</i>)	"Sudden Death Due to Ruptured Three-Vessel Giant Coronary Artery Aneurysm in a 28-Year-Old Woman with Trisomy 21"
2012	Eric Barker, M.D. (<i>Best Resident Poster</i>)	"Results of the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) Clinical Pathology Survey"
	Julia Shields, M.D. (<i>Best Resident Platform</i>)	"DNA Analysis of Spermatozoa Recovered From the Gastric Contents of a Homicide Victim Identifies Assailant"
2013	Brian P. Ehret, F-ABMDI (<i>Mary Fran Ernst Best Affiliate Paper</i>)	"Utilizing the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) "Death Investigation: A Guide for the Scene Investigator" and Database Technology to Improve Medicolegal Death Investigation Reports"
	Matthew Cain, M.D. (<i>Best Resident Platform</i>)	"Creation of a Queriable Toxicology Database Available to Forensic Pathologists"
	Lindsey Haldiman, D.O. (<i>Best Resident Poster</i>)	"Heat-Related Deaths and Illnesses in Four Metropolitan Counties in Missouri, 2004-2011"
	Gene Hernandez, B.S. (<i>Mary Fran Ernst Best Affiliate Paper</i>)	"Rehydrating Mummified Hands for Fingerprint Identification: The Pima County Experience"