Greetings from the NAME Foundation. In this issue, we highlight many of the events from the 2017 Annual Meeting of the National Association of Medical Examiners, which took place in Scottsdale, AZ. Please take time to read and enjoy some photographs from the meeting. If you were fortunate enough to attend, thanks for your participation. If you were not able to make it this year, perhaps you will be able to attend next year’s meeting in West Palm Beach, Florida. As always, past issues of this 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.

The 51st Annual Meeting of the National Association of Medical Examiners took place at the Double Tree Resort by Hilton Paradise Valley, in Scottsdale, AZ, from October 13 through 17, 2017. The theme for the meeting was “But it’s a dry heat! What’s hot in Forensic Pathology.” Although unable to attend because of a D-MORT deployment to Puerto Rico, the Program Chair, Kathy Pinneri, put together a tremendous educational program, with around 150 papers presented as oral/platform or poster presentations. Those of you who attended the meeting are undoubtedly in agreement that the educational program was a resounding success. In addition to an outstanding educational program, there were a variety of other activities, including numerous social gatherings, as well as old “regulars,” such as the Rigor Run/Walk, the Cadaver Open Golf Tournament, the Chiefs Breakfast, the International Relations Committee meeting, and the Femme Fatale Luncheon. Thanks to all who attended, and thanks to all who worked to make the meeting so enjoyable. As always, special thanks go to Dee McNally and Tara Snethen.
The 2017 NAME Annual Meeting was well-attended, with 544 registrants.

This year’s platform presentations benefited greatly from having dedicated time set aside for questions at the end of each session.

Two separate poster sessions allowed for more poster presentations this year.

NAME Annual Meeting attendees were able to discuss poster presentations with the authors over the lunch hours on Saturday and Monday.

There was actually a waiting list for exhibitors for this year’s meeting. Thanks to all of the exhibitors, and thanks to meeting attendees for visiting the exhibitor booths.

The exhibit hall had plenty of space, allowing attendees to spread-out and relax, which made it an ideal place to catch-up with friends and colleagues.

The always popular CRC Press booth in the exhibit hall.
The October meeting date made for some interesting exhibits.

Refreshments always go well in the exhibit hall. Here, meeting attendees enjoy a break and some good conversation.

Runners and walkers gather outside the entrance of the Doubletree for the Annual Rigor Run and Walk, which took place on Sunday morning.

NAME Foundation President Joe Prahlow, along with fellow runners Mike Bell and Lou Finelli, after successfully completing the Rigor Run.

Do you have an idea, question or concern?

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NAME Foundation Events at the 2017 Annual Meeting

As has been the case for several years, the NAME Foundation had a strong presence at the Annual Meeting. The silent auction had a large number of items and was a huge success. Amy Martin put-on her annual yoga session, and the 50/50 auction raised several hundred dollars. This year’s big Foundation fundraising event took place on Saturday evening. NAME Foundation Advocate Jan Garavaglia (Dr. G) introduced the featured speakers, forensic pathologists Drs. Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran and Christopher Rogers from the LA Office, and anesthesiologist Dr. Steven Shafer, who presented a very interesting, educational, and entertaining program highlighting the death of Michael Jackson. Thanks to all who attended, and thanks to all who supported all of the other NAME Foundation events.

President Brian Peterson with his wife, Jeanne.

The NAME Foundation fundraising event, held on Saturday evening, was well-attended.
Dr. Rogers followed Dr. Lakshmanan by providing us with details related to the autopsy, as well as some interesting information related to the trial.

NAME Foundation Advocate Jan Garavaglia (Dr G) introduced the speakers.

Dr. Shafer then presented an overview of the investigation from his perspective as a consulting anesthesiologist.

NAME Board of Directors Meeting

As is the usual practice at the Annual Meeting, the NAME Board of Directors met on Friday. Led by the Executive Committee, which had previously met on Thursday, the BOD met to discuss and vote on various important topics for the organization.

One highlight from this year’s BOD meeting included discussions related to various federal agencies’ cooperative involvement with NAME and the death investigation community, especially as related to the opioid epidemic. These efforts have

Although there were no Michael Jackson autopsy photos shared with the audience, the program was very entertaining.

Dr. Lakshmanan started the program by presenting the investigation prior to autopsy.
been spearheaded by current NAME leadership, including David Fowler, Brian Peterson, Kim Collins, and Mary Ann Sens, as well as our Director of Research and Development, Steve Clark.

Another highlight was a report from the Academic Forensic Pathology Journal. In December of this year, the AFP Journal will shift over to the Sage Publishers platform for medical publishing. Although AFPi will continue to be the Publisher of the Journal, Sage’s vast network of resources and expertise will be available and utilized by our Journal. There will be no change in the form or content of the Journal. Rather, the website will again change, and the Journal content will become available to a wide array of new interested parties, and over 3000 medical libraries. Evan Matshes, who provided this report to the BOD, says “We are very excited by the change, and look forward to the ongoing success of NAME’s official journal!” Thanks Evan, and Keith Pinckard, and others, for all of your hard work on the journal.

The 2017 Executive Committee: Sally Aiken, Chris Milroy, Dave Fowler, Kim Collins, Brian Peterson, and Executive Vice President Mary Ann Sens (Not pictured: Kathy Pinneri).
NAME Annual Business Meeting

The NAME Annual Business Meeting took place (in record time) on Monday morning. The major event was the election of the Officers and BOD members, as listed below. Three members ended their terms on the BOD: Joe Felo, Mike Ward, and Chris Rogers. Thanks for all of your hard work! Following the election of the officers and BODs, the BOD met and elected 3 additional Executive Committee members (to join the officers): Chris Milroy, Sally Aiken, and Kathy Pinneri.

2018 Officers:

President: Kim Collins, M.D. - South Carolina  
Vice President: Jonathan Arden, M.D. - Virginia  
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(starting a 1st term in 2018):

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Maneesha Pandey, M.D. – Ohio

Board of Directors  
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Tracey Corey, M.D. - Kentucky  
Dianne Little, MBBS - Queensland, Australia  
Kathryn Pinneri, M.D. - Texas  
Michele Stauffenberg, M.D. - Georgia  
Suzanne Utley, M.D. – Florida

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Joseph Felo, D.O. – Ohio  
Christopher Rogers, M.D. – California  
Michael Ward, M.D. – South Carolina

Retiring BOD member Mike Ward.

Retiring BOD member Joe Felo.

Retiring BOD Chris Rogers.
NAME Executive Director Dee McNally, Secretary-Treasurer Scott Denton, and President Brian Peterson at the Monday morning Annual Business Meeting, perhaps the shortest and most efficient business meeting in NAME’s history!

2017 NAME President Brian Peterson presents the gavel to 2018 NAME President Kim Collins, at the NAME Annual Business Meeting.

NAME’s 2018 Vice President, Jonathan Arden.

NAME’s 2018 President, Kim Collins.
In Memoriam

One of the saddest parts of the meeting is when we recall the passing of our former colleagues and friends. Moments of silence were observed both at the BOD meeting and the Annual Business Meeting for the following colleagues who died over the past year. Our condolences to their families and friends.

Patrick C. Allen, M.D.
February 2, 1947 – October 16, 2016

Saleh A. Zaki, MD
October 25, 1935 – October 17, 2016

William Q. Sturner, M.D.
September 6, 1934 – December 9, 2016
Prior to the final afternoon scientific program sessions on Tuesday, meeting attendees gathered to enjoy lunch and attend the awards ceremony. The highlight of the festivities was the George E. Gantner Jr, M.D. Lecture, given by Ross E. Zumwalt, M.D. His lecture was entitled, “Forensic Pathology: Current Trends and Future Predictions.” Several other awards were presented (see list), including awards sponsored by the NAME Foundation. Winners of the John Smialek Best Resident Presentation Awards were Stacey Murthy (platform) – “Silicone Pulmonary Emboli Resulting from Illegal Buttock Injections: A Tale of Two Cities” and Ashley L. Lukefahr (poster) - “Death Following Bilateral Spontaneous Renal Artery Dissection Associated with Fibromuscular Dysplasia: Case Report and Review of the Literature.” Winners of the John Pless Best Student Presentation Awards were Rose Marie
Cronin (platform) - “Parachute Deaths in Southern Arizona” and Allan J. Medwick (poster) - “Death Related to Fistulas Involving the Gastrointestinal and Cardiovascular Systems.” Congratulations to all of the awardees.

2017 NAME Annual Meeting Award Recipients:
George E. Gantner Jr, M.D. Lecture
Ross E. Zumwalt, M.D.

Outstanding Service Awards
David R. Fowler, M.D.
Laura D. Knight, M.D.
Dianne Little, MBBS
Marcus B. Nashelsky, M.D.

STAR Award
J. Scott Denton, M.D.
Barbara C. Wolf, M.D.

Iceberg Award
Mary Ann Sens, M.D., Ph.D.

AOPO Professional Leadership Award
Karl Williams, M.D.

Susan P. Baker Public Health Impact Award
Rebecca M. Wilcoxon, M.D.

John Smialek Best Resident (Platform)
Stacey Murthy, M.D.

John Smialek Best Resident (Poster)
Ashley L. Lukefahr, M.D.

John Pless Best Student (Platform)
Rose Marie Cronin

John Pless Best Student (Poster)
Allan J. Medwick, EdD

Winners of the 2017 Cadaver Open:
- Dave Winston
- Don Habbe
- Mike Graham
- Karen Gunson

President Brian Peterson addressing the crowd at the Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony.

Attendees enjoyed a nice meal, some honors and awards, and fellowship.

Tom Andrew. Newly retired, but still working.
Some attendees awaiting the food and entertainment.

Once the food arrived, there were a few more smiles.

Some more smiles whilst enjoying the food and company.

After the dessert arrived, the presentations began.

NAME President Brian Peterson introducing the 2017 George E. Gantner Jr, MD Lecturer, Ross Zumwalt.

Ross Zumwalt presented the 2017 George E. Gantner Jr, MD Lecture.

NAME Foundation Founding Director Tom Noguchi enjoying a conversation with Ross Zumwalt and Mary Gilliland.
Dr. Karl Williams of the Allegheny County Medical Examiners Office in Pittsburgh, PA, received the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations Professional Leadership Award, presented by Elling Eidbo of the AOPO.

NAME President Brian Peterson and Marcus Nashelsky, recipient of a NAME Outstanding Service Award.

NAME President Brian Peterson and David Fowler, NAME Chair of the Board, and recipient of a NAME Outstanding Service Award.

NAME President Brian Peterson and Dianne Little, recipient of a NAME Outstanding Service Award.
NAME President Brian Peterson and Laura Knight, recipient of a NAME Outstanding Service Award.

Rose Marie Cronin, recipient of the 2017 John Pless Best Student Platform presentation award.

NAME President Brian Peterson and Mary Ann Sens, NAME Executive Vice President, recipient of a Presidential Iceberg Award.

Allan Medwick, recipient of the John Pless Best Student Poster presentation award.
NAME Foundation

The NAME Foundation Board of Trustees met just prior to the NAME BOD, Friday morning, at the Annual Meeting. The face-to-face meeting was a success and focused on the Saturday evening fundraising event. Dr. Prahlow was elected to continue as Chair of the Foundation. Dr. Schmunk was elected to continue as Secretary. Dr. Graham was elected to continue as Treasurer. Dr. Chris Milroy was elected as Vice-Chair, replacing Dr. Peggy Greenwald, who is unable to continue serving in that role. Thanks to Peggy for her many years of excellent service to the Foundation.

We also reviewed the various projects funded by the Foundation, including:

- Twenty-three (23) travel stipends of $250 for each of the students and residents who successfully met the criteria for presenting at the meeting.
- Awards for the John Pless Best Student presentations (poster and platform), the John Smialek Best Resident presentations (poster and platform), and the Mary Fran Ernst Affiliate Award.
- Assistance with travel for guest participants in a workshop entitled “Suspicious Deaths in Water.”

The Annual Business Meeting of the NAME Foundation occurred later in the day on Friday. To date, the Foundation currently has only a little over 100 members, representing only around 10% of the NAME membership. We encourage all NAME members to consider joining the Foundation.

The standing committees (and Chair) of the NAME Foundation include the following: Membership/Nominations (John Butts), Bylaws/Policies (Greg Schmunk), Finance/Investment (Mike Graham), Fundraising (Peggy Greenwald… to be replaced by Chris Milroy), Advocacy (Michael Rieders), Newsletter (Joe Prahlow),
Silent Auction/Meeting (Amy Martin), Education (Mary Case), Research (Joe Felo), History (Greg Schmunk), and Long-Range Planning (Tom Noguchi).

Message from the NAME President

After months of anticipation and hard work, another annual meeting come and gone – did it really happen that fast? Fortunately, given the record autumn temperatures we experienced in Scottsdale, it really was a dry heat! Through the entire experience, the NAME Foundation managed to achieve its highest profile yet. Travel grants and student awards are always popular and important, especially to those receiving them. They are funded by, among other things, the 50:50 raffle and the silent auction, and I believe there were a record number of items offered at auction this year. A most excellent presentation regarding the Michael Jackson case was enjoyed by a large and enthusiastic audience who all likely learned more about the science of anesthesia than initially planned. All in all, popular events led to impressive participation and even more impressive fundraising; for the Foundation, this is an unqualified success.

Simultaneously, thanks to the hard work by Kathy Pinneri, Sally Aiken and her Program Committee, and to all who presented either from the podium or in the poster sessions, this was an excellent scientific meeting from many perspectives. For residents and fellows, what an opportunity to see the many open positions for forensic pathologists from coast to coast, with ever-increasing salaries and benefits – and what a shock to those of us who can remember just a handful of jobs being advertised in years past. For middle-career types, the scientific program was excellent and thought-provoking; the workshop on water-related death was particularly alarming with respect to just how thorough an investigation needs to be. And for us “seasoned” folks, the chance to see friends and renew acquaintances was as always a high point. Feeling buried in cases and overwhelmed? It is always good to converse with colleagues and discover that unsurprisingly, we are all in the same boat. With, perhaps, some help in sight from federal agencies such as the DOJ and CDC.

So, after all the planning, work, and expectations – a great time was had by all. Let’s plan to do this again in Palm Beach!
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