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Greetings from the NAME Foundation. In this first issue of 2018, we look forward to the NAME Annual Meeting in West Palm Beach, Florida, and announce the speaker for the annual Saturday Evening NAME Foundation Fundraising event. We also hear from NAME President Kim Collins. 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.

2018 NAME Interim Meeting Seattle, WA



2018 Interim Meeting site – Seattle. For those who were not able to attend, there was actually a day early in the week where the visibility was good. Later in the week, there was snow.

The NAME Interim Scientific Meeting took place in Seattle this past February, in conjunction with the AAFS Annual Meeting. The meeting, which took place in the Grand Hyatt Hotel, focused on Emerging Infectious Diseases and the Medical Examiner, and provided 3.5 AMA PRA Category I

CME credits, as well as 3.5 hours of SAMs.

In addition to the afternoon scientific session, Tuesday morning encompassed face-to-face meetings of the NAME Foundation Board of Trustees, as well as the NAME Board of Directors.



NAME's Interim Scientific Meeting focused on emerging infectious diseases.

2018 NAME Annual Meeting – West Palm Beach, FL

The 2018 Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place in West Palm Beach, Florida, from October 12-16, at the Hilton West Palm Beach. The abstract submission deadline has just passed (May 14), and many people, including Tara Snethan, Dee McNally, Program Committee Chair Sally Aiken and 2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair Barbara Sampson, are busily preparing for the Scientific Sessions and the remainder of the meeting. This year's theme is "Forensic Pathology in the Palm of Your Hand," and it promises to be another excellent meeting. As usual, several awards will be presented, including the Mary Fran Ernst Best Affiliate Paper/Poster Award, the John Pless Best Student Paper/Poster Awards, the John Smialek Best Resident Paper/Poster Awards, and the Susan P. Baker Public Health Impact Award.

NAME Foundation Events at the 2018 Annual Meeting

As has been the case for several years, the NAME Foundation plans to have a strong presence at the Annual Meeting. Favorites, such as the Silent Auction, the 50/50 raffle, and morning Yoga with

Amy Martin, will again occur in Florida. Anyone who would like to donate to the Silent Auction is encouraged to contact Dee McNally. This year's big Foundation fundraising event will take place on Saturday evening, October 13, 2018. NAME Foundation Advocate Jan Garavaglia (Dr. G) will be introducing our Keynote Speaker for the evening, our very own Dr. Chris Milroy, who will give a presentation entitled, "Murder, Mayhem and Mystery."

Do you have an idea, question or concern?

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Dr. Chris Milroy – “Murder, Mayhem and Mystery”

Chris is a board certified anatomic and forensic pathologist who was born in England, the second son of a Church of England Minister and a teacher. He grew up in Bristol and near the city of Sheffield and after High School went straight to medical school in 1978 at the University of Liverpool, graduating in 1983. After a year of internship and then a year of clinical pathology in Liverpool, he then trained in anatomical pathology in Bristol and at University College London, passing his Royal College of Pathologists exams in 1990. He did his Fellowship training in Forensic Pathology in 1990-1991 at the University of Sheffield. He worked in Sheffield as a staff pathologist from 1991 to 2008, becoming a Full Professor in 2000. In 2008 he moved to Ottawa Canada, where he is Director of Forensic Pathology and a Full Professor at the University of Ottawa. He has been the Chief Examiner in Forensic Pathology for both the Royal College of Pathologists and the Royal College of Physicians of Canada. He also has law degrees from the University of London. He has published over 100 articles and chapters and has lectured around the world. He has served on the Board of NAME and is serving as the Vice-Chair of NAME Foundation. He is currently the interim Editor of Academic Forensic Pathology, the Official journal of NAME. As well as his work in the UK and Canada, he has been consulted on cases around the world. Most importantly, he is married to

Jacqueline, a fellow Canadian Forensic Pathologist who together have two young sons, Aidan and Caleb. Chris also has two grown sons, James and Stephen who live in England.

As anyone who has had the pleasure of interacting with Chris already knows, he is a great story-teller and a very entertaining speaker. We look forward to a very educational and entertaining evening provided by Dr. Milroy. Please plan to join us on Saturday evening. As the event is a fundraiser, an entrance donation will be required. The event will be open to the public.

NAME Foundation

The NAME Foundation continues to grow in its impact within the forensic pathology/death investigation community. As you probably already know, the Foundation exists to promote the profession by advocating for research, education, and history preservation. The Foundation has been especially active in recent years, through its sponsoring of the annual awards for best papers for affiliates, students, and residents. The Foundation has also provided thousands of dollars in travel stipends for students and residents to attend the NAME Annual Meetings. In addition, the Foundation has helped defray the travel costs associated with invited speakers to our Annual and Interim Meetings. For those of you who are already members of the Foundation, many thanks. To those of you who have not yet joined, please consider joining us.

To date, the Foundation currently has only a little over 100 members, representing around 10% of the total NAME membership. We encourage all NAME members (and Affiliates) to consider joining the Foundation. Annual membership donations for NAME members is only \$50. For Affiliates, the rate is only \$20. Non-NAME member individuals with an interest in the Foundation can also join for a \$50 annual donation.

Did you know that the NAME Foundation also offers membership to organizations? As such, corporations and educational institutions may join

to show their support for forensic pathology/death investigation research, education, and history preservation. If you know of any corporation or educational institute whose leaders may be interested in joining the Foundation, please pass our information along to them, and let the Foundation know of their interest. Corporate/Institution membership categories are available at the following annual donation levels: \$250, \$500, and \$1000.

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 (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



Kim Collins, M.D.
NAME President

Thus far, 2018 has been a terrific year for NAME. We had a productive interim meeting in conjunction with the AAFS in Seattle, Washington. The program topics surrounded emerging infections, new diagnostic methods in microbiology, and microbiology and the

autopsy. It was excellent, and now it is time to look forward! Members are already preparing for NAME '18 in West Palm Beach, Florida, October 12-16. The theme: "Forensic Pathology in the Palm of Your Hand". Abstracts for presentations and workshops continue to be submitted to the program committee and, as in previous years, we hope to have substantial national and international attendance. Speaking of international, NAME is expanding in several ways internationally. Our international corresponding membership category continues to grow. This category enables forensic pathologists and investigators who practice outside of the US to join and participate in NAME. Many of these individuals are unable to take advantage of the many opportunities NAME offers due to their location and funding. Therefore, this category offers an excellent opportunity for these new members and for NAME!

NAME's Inspection and Accreditation (I&A) Program led by Dr. Barbara Wolf also continues to expand internationally. The I&A committee is actively working with forensic pathology offices in several countries on several continents. NAME is creating two databases: one of all international forensic pathology organizations, and a second of all international forensic pathology training programs and institutions. NAME is also working with Washington and federal officials on the issue of international forensic pathology trainees, Visas, and funding. Currently, NAME has a database of Medical Examiner offices that welcome international trainees and visitors: 29 ME offices in the US and 1 in Singapore. NAME realizes the value of international collaboration in training, research, and education. We also have many NAME members who speak 38 languages other than English. This is very important for our international outreach, international visitors and trainees, attendees at the NAME meetings, and growing our I&A program.

Communication is key! This year, NAME has a new ad hoc committee on Social Media looking at ways to improve NAME's presence, outreach, member education, and public service. Social

media will truly prove to be an asset with recruitment of medical students and residents, introducing them to a career in forensic pathology. This also goes for the recruitment of forensic medicolegal investigators. It will prove valuable in the legislative arena as we will be better able to get our positions heard on many issues. Social media is a powerful communication tool and educational resource! We look forward to learning of the forms of social media NAME will utilizing!

So, as you can see, NAME is extremely busy on many fronts, staying current in Washington, recruitment into the workforce, I&A nationally and internationally, and education through annual and interim meetings and the NAME journal, Academic Forensic Pathology. It would take much more than a letter from the president to describe the many activities of NAME. I look forward to my next message to the NAME Foundation when I can highlight other areas of NAME and current activities and accomplishments!

Our members, liaisons, and committees continue to stay on top of important issues impacting forensic pathology and medicolegal death investigation. Opioid legislation is ongoing, and NAME is working closely with strategic organizations including the CFSO and CAP, and has a seat at several pathology.

Kim Collins, MD – NAME President

Future NAME Meeting Locations

2018 Annual - West Palm Beach, FL
October 12-16, 2018

2019 Interim - Baltimore, MD
February 19, 2019

2019 Annual - Kansas City, MO
October 18-22, 2019

2020 Interim - Anaheim, CA
February 18, 2020

2020 Annual - Denver, CO
October 9-13, 2020

2021 Interim - Houston, TX
February 16, 2021



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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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