

**American Academy of Forensic Science
Pathology/Biology Section**

**Report to the Intersociety Pathology Council
February 12, 2006**

Recent Activities

AAFS completed a membership survey in 2005. The survey was completed by 1,080 members or 20% of the Academy's membership. 93% of responders agreed that membership was worth the dues and 76% agreed that the Annual Meeting was worth the cost.

The *Journal of Forensic Sciences* has changed publishers. ASTM published the *Journal* for the last 35 years; it will be published by Blackwell Publishing Inc beginning January 2006.

AAFS, along with other forensic organizations, has been involved in educating legislators of the need for education and funding in the forensic sciences. As a result of these efforts, the government has allocated \$1,500,000 for the National Academy of Sciences to form a Forensic Science Committee. This committee is charged with evaluating the needs of the forensic community, identifying scientific advances that will assist law enforcement, recommend programs to increase the number of qualified forensic scientists, examine the role of the forensic community in homeland security, and disseminate best practices and guidelines for the evaluation of forensic evidence. The National Academy is to report to the Committee on Appropriations by June 1, 2006.

Future Meetings

February 20-25, 2006 Annual Meeting; Seattle, WA

February 19-24, 2007 Annual Meeting San Antonio, TX

February 18-23, 2008 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA

February 16-21, 2009 Annual Meeting, Denver, CO

February 22-27, 2010 Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA