

American Academy of Forensic Sciences

Report to the Intersociety Pathology Council January 27, 2010

Recent Activities

New officers for the Pathology/Biology Section were elected at the annual meeting in February. They are President: Craig Mallak J.D., M.D, the Armed Forces Medical Examiner and Secretary: Kim Collins, M.D.

The National Academies of Science report was released this past year and there were several suggestions for improving forensic science, including forensic pathology. There are several organizations and committees, including a subcommittee of the White House addressing these concerns. In the years to come, the disciplines hope to standardize practices and increase funding. For forensic pathologists the report recommended abolishing coroner systems where they still exist and replace them with medical examiner systems. This will require a significant increase in the number of forensic pathologists being trained and will probably require a decade or longer to accomplish.

The 2010 meeting is being held in Seattle, February 22-27.

Future Meetings

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| February 21-26, 2011 | Chicago, IL |
| February 16-21, 2012 | Atlanta, GA |
| February 18-23, 2013 | Washington, DC |