

# **National Association of Medical Examiners**

## **Report to the Intersociety Pathology Council**

**February 12, 2006**

### **Recent Activities**

At the 2005 annual meeting, Forensic Autopsy Performance Standards were adopted by NAME. These standards address the essential elements of a forensic autopsy including the availability of certain equipment that is considered necessary to conduct a forensic autopsy. The development and adoption of these standards was not without controversy. NAME believes that adopting these standards promotes professionalism in the field of medical legal death investigation and forensic pathology. It is likely these standards will undergo continued evaluation and modification.

### **Future Activities/Issues**

President John Hunsaker's identified areas of focus for 2006 include evaluation of NAME's membership, specifically considering widening full membership; fostering professionalism; promotion of NAME nationally and internationally and finding ways to encourage entry into the field of forensic pathology.

### **Future Meetings**

February 21, 2006 NAME Interim Meeting, Seattle, WA

October 14-18, 2006 NAME Annual Meeting, San Antonio