

National Association of Medical Examiners

Report to the Intersociety Pathology Council March 25, 2007

Recent Activities

The National Association of Medical Examiners is evaluating its membership and has proposed a new membership structure that will be voted on at the next annual meeting. Full voting privileges and the majority of the Board of Directors (24 of 27) would be given to forensic pathologists that are certified by the American Board of Pathology and will named as Fellows. Other physicians would be designated members, and there would be affiliate members for investigators, administrators and others who work with medical examiners.

NAME is working to educate state legislators regarding the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA). This proposed legislation is being submitted to state legislatures with language that suggests it is supported/endorsed by NAME. This is not true and the language of the UAGA currently is of concern to medical examiners. In its current state, there is no/little differentiation between organ and tissue donation. There is no consideration for the preservation of forensic evidence. NAME has tried to work with the drafting committee, but has been unsuccessful in changing the language.

Future Meetings

October 12-17, 2007 Annual Meeting, Savannah, Georgia

February 19, 2008 Interim Meeting, Washington, DC