



NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION of COUNTY CORONERS and MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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Dear NYSACCME Family and Friends:

As 2020 comes to a close, it's time to rejoin or become a new member of NYSACCME.

In order to do the best job you can possibly do, you **NEED** training, you **NEED** knowledge and you **NEED** continuing education...all of which NYSACCME offers two times a year. We need your continued support and assistance now, **MORE THAN EVER**. COVID19 has forced us to postpone both Educational Conferences this year and, has caused us to postpone the 2021 Coroner 101 Class as well as the Spring 2021 Educational Conference. As a member of NYSACCME, you lend credibility to your Office and to yourself both professionally and personally.

I would ask **YOUR** support not only in membership, but with participation in attending our educational conference coming up in the Fall of 2021. As we re-group for presenting the 101 Class possibly in the late Spring, know that your membership is key in providing necessary networking opportunities for **ALL** members as well as, (especially now,) providing financial support to keep NYSACCME operating at proficient level. As we move forward during this global pandemic, we will be exploring different ways to offer educational opportunities should the various color/threat zones remain in place. I would ask you to please consider being a presenter at a conference, either in person or perhaps virtually if we navigate to that mode. Better yet, consider hosting a conference! Helping to find companies that might want to grow their networking opportunities by sponsoring part of our conference expenses is **ALWAYS** a way to help, too! Recommit to furthering **YOUR** knowledge and remaining the best qualified and trained Coroner you can be. Resolve to afford yourself every opportunity to further your education in the area of Medicolegal Death Investigation and Forensic Science and take full advantage of a continued, first-time or renewed membership in NYSACCME.

As Counties cut back expenditures even more because of COVID19, remember, it is up to **YOU** to be informed, educated and to learn the most up-to-date information, tests, changes in protocols/laws and tools of the trade. The Families we serve deserve the best service we can provide! I urge you to participate in continuing the tradition of leadership, professionalism and high levels of training that NYSACCME members have been known for throughout the last several decades. The educational opportunities offered are invaluable and extremely affordable compared to other professional organizations. Thank you in advance for your commitment to excellence and for continuing to educate yourselves in the field of Medicolegal Death Investigation and Forensic Science!

This year has brought unprecedented times with the COVID-19 pandemic with precautions and mandated restrictions in place. We will continue to strive towards fulfilling mandatory Coroner 101 classes and educational conferences as soon as we are permitted to do so. Until then, I genuinely appreciate your patience and understanding and unwavering support of **YOUR** Association.

Please join/re-join NYSACCME today and with great conviction and pride, encourage your colleagues to do so as well.

Be safe - Stay well and I hope to see you soon,

Scott

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