

IACME election results

Three incumbents were re-elected to the IACME Board of Directors on Friday evening, November 2 in conjunction with the IACME Fall Meeting and Education Expo. Elected were: Staci Olson, RN, MEI, Fort Dodge; Gregory Schmunk, MD, Des Moines and Thomas Summitt, D-ABMDI, Muscatine. All three will serve two-year terms ending in December of 2020.



John Kraemer (at right) at the Nov 2 IACME Banquet. He is pictured with Tom Summitt, D-ABMDI of Muscatine, banquet speaker Tiffany Brown and Rosalind Flores, both of Clark County Nevada Coroner's Office. John received the IACME Distinguished Service Award at the banquet.

Longtime staffer leaves IOSME

John Kraemer, PA, F-ABMDI, has accepted the position of Bureau Chief for the Iowa Fire Service Training Institute within the Department of Public Safety, Division of the State Fire Marshall. He served as Director of Forensic Operations at the Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner for 18 years. He also played a pivotal role in the IACME Fall Meeting each year and was a frequent speaker. At the Friday evening, November 2 IACME Fall Meeting Banquet, Dennis Klein, MD, Iowa Chief State Medical Examiner, presented John with the IACME Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his significant contributions to the IOSME, IACME and forensic medicine. John began his new position in mid-November.

New members introduced at Fall Meeting

IACME President Dr. Sheila Holcomb introduced the following new IACME members at the 2018 Fall Meeting: **Dr. Joshua Akers**, Assistant Polk County Medical Examiner; **Douglas Richardson** and **Cory Russo**, Polk County MEIs; **Dr. Ricard Blunk**, Scott County Deputy Medical Examiner; **Todd Henkle**, MEI of Benton County; **Dr. Kelly Kruse**, the new forensic pathologist at the Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner and newly-appointed to the IACME Board of Directors; **Tara Marks** and **James McDonald**, MEIs with the Johnson County Medical Examiner Department; Kimberly Drewry, Ankeny; **Spring McMinemee** and **Dustin James Miller**, new MEIs with Crawford County; **Dr. Cheryl Quinn**, Keokuk County Medical Examiner; **Nicholle Winter**, Calhoun County MEI.

Questions about ABMDI certification?

The American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI) has produced a brochure which explains requirements for achieving Board Certification in medicolegal death investigation. Among other criteria, the brochure covers criteria for registry certification, pre-examination requirements and examination information. For more information, email ABMDI Executive Director Bethany Fax at info@abmdi.us or call her at 410.807.3006.

EDRS help available at 2019 Fall Meeting

Staff from the Iowa Department of Public Health Bureau of Vital Statistics will be available at the 2019 IACME Fall Meeting on Friday, November 1 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. to assist anyone with questions about the Iowa Electronic Death Registration System. The 2019 IACME Fall Meeting will be Friday and Saturday, November 1-2 at the West Des Moines Marriott.

We welcome news of interest from county medical examiner offices. Please email your news items to Chris Sutton, IACME Executive Director, at iacmeservices@gmail.com.