

2020 IACME Fall Meeting will be virtual

Following a lengthy discussion at a meeting June 18, the IACME Board of Directors voted to replace this year's in-person Fall Meeting and Education Expo with a virtual meeting. "This was a very difficult decision," says IACME President Kevin Locke, MD. "However, with the uncertainty caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the safety of our attendees must be a priority this year." Board members were particularly concerned that the November 6-7 Fall Meeting occurs at the start of a new flu season when there could be a resurgence of the pandemic. The Board also discussed the fact that many IACME members are in the age group at risk for severe cases of the virus. The dates of the meeting will stay the same, but there may be scheduling adjustments. Registration fees will be reduced. Possible topics for this year's Fall Meeting include radiation safety, in-custody deaths, explosions, traffic deaths and COVID death reporting. Watch your email for additional details as they become available.

IACME Elections

Two seats on the IACME Board of Directors are up for election this year. The seats are held by Thomas Summitt, D-ABMDI of the Muscatine County Medical Examiner's office and Staci Olson, MSN, RN of the Webster County Medical Examiner Office. Both incumbents are seeking new two-year terms on the Board. Anyone interested in running for one of these seats is asked to contact Chris Sutton, IACME Executive Director, at 515.212.9685 or iacmeservices@gmail.com. Because this year's Fall Meeting will be virtual, the election will be held via email.

New IACME Board Member appointed

The IACME Board of Directors has appointed Dr. Anthony Leo to fill a vacant board seat. Dr. Leo has a general surgery practice in Oelwein and has served as Fayette County Medical Examiner since 2010. He grew up in Iowa and is a graduate of the University of Iowa College of Medicine. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and is past president of the Iowa Chapter, American College of Surgeons. He is medical director for the Strawberry Point St. Croix Hospice and has served on the Fayette County Board of Health for over 20 years. "I am very pleased to be asked to serve on the IACME Board of Directors," says Dr. Leo.

Congratulations to our 100% counties

The following counties have 100 percent IACME membership: Benton, Cedar, Johnson, Muscatine, Polk, Pottawattamie, Scott, Webster and Woodbury. We congratulate these counties on their valuable support of IACME. If we missed any 100 percent counties, please contact Chris Sutton at 515.212.9685.

Well-known Iowa pathologist dies

Gene Herbek, MD, former Woodbury County Medical Examiner, died June 4 in Omaha after a brief illness. Dr. Herbek began his practice at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in the early 1980s and was Woodbury County ME in 1989 when United Flight 232 crashed in Sioux City, killing 112 of the 296 people on board. He served as president of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) from 2013-2015 and was CAP Pathologist of the Year in 2016. In an *Omaha World Herald* article honoring Dr. Herbek, his daughter Sara said, "Second only to family and friends, pathology was his life's passion."