

Rules for the Mary Fran Ernst Best Affiliate Platform/Poster Competition

1. The award is based on the quality of the manuscript and the content and style of the platform presentation **or** poster display; the work should be scientific, innovative, informative, and practical. The topic of the research must be related to forensic medicine/pathology or medicolegal death investigation.
2. Case reports with review of the literature will be considered if exceptional and of superior quality. The work should be applicable to the practice of forensic medicine/pathology medicolegal death investigation, and/or have an impact on public health, community awareness, prevention of disease or increasing awareness of a new disease phenomenon. Retrospective analysis reports are useful if they identify a new trend in a disease process or are correlated with forensic practice and/or medicolegal death investigation. Statistical analyses alone may be discounted in originality and/or practicality depending on outlined applications in the paper.
3. Affiliate members must indicate on the abstract submission site their preference for a platform presentation or a poster display. The Program Chairman of the NAME annual meeting, in consultation with the chair of the Scientific Presentation Award Subcommittee, will make the final decision on format. The submitting affiliate member may be asked to change the format from platform to poster presentation or from poster to platform presentation. The Program Chairman will decide the time allotment for each abstract. *Submission of an abstract does NOT guarantee acceptance.*
4. Research must have been performed while employed in the capacity that constitutes eligibility for affiliate membership in NAME. *The abstract should be submitted for presentation only by affiliate members of NAME.*
5. The affiliate member presenting the platform or poster must be the first author on the abstract and on the manuscript.
6. The affiliate member must be physically present to give the oral presentation or represent the poster presentation during the NAME annual meeting.
7. The abstract submission deadline date is established by the Program Chair.
8. To qualify for the competition, a complete manuscript **MUST** also be submitted. The manuscript should be written in accordance with the guidelines set forth for submission to *Academic Forensic Pathology (AFP)*. The complete manuscript must be submitted to Denise McNally via email at: name@thename.org no later than one week prior to the opening date of the annual meeting. **Any manuscripts received after this deadline will result in ineligibility for the award**; however, the presentation will be allowed to be given.

9. All presenting authors must pay the meeting general registration fee. NAME will not be responsible for the cost of transportation to or accommodations at the meeting.
10. A minimum panel of three judges (ad-hoc committee members who are not co-authors on any of the submitted abstracts) will be present at the meeting to judge the presentations. At least five committee members will review the written papers and submit a score to the attending judges. The award recipient will be determined by the committee during the meeting. The President of NAME will be informed of the results and an appropriate award ceremony will be organized in conjunction with the ad hoc committee chairman or his/her appointed designee.
11. The award (1) shall be five-hundred (\$500) dollars for the best platform **or** poster presentation.
12. All presenters are encouraged to submit their manuscript for publication. *Academic Forensic Pathology (aFP)* has the first right of publication of all manuscripts associated with the Best Affiliate Paper Competition; however, submission of a manuscript does not guarantee publication in aFP.
13. Scoring Rubric:

<u>TITLE of PLATFORM</u> <u>Author</u>	<u>TITLE OF POSTER</u> <u>Author</u>
Article:	Article:
Abstract (5)	Abstract (5)
Content & Format (5)	Content & Format (5)
Clarity & Results (5)	Clarity & Results (5)
Originality (5)	Originality (5)
Practicality (5)	Practicality (5)
TOTAL (article)	TOTAL (article)
Platform:	Poster:
Content (10)	Content & Knowledge (10)
Clarity & Organization (5)	Clarity & Organization (5)
Professionalism (5)	Professionalism (5)
Quality of Visual Aids (5)	Quality of Visual Aids (5)
TOTAL (platform)	TOTAL (poster)
TOTAL (overall)	TOTAL (overall)