

December Update (2017)

TO: POMC State Coordinators, Chapter Leaders and Contact Persons

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BE SURE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ALL MEMBERS!

- **We wish everyone a peaceful and safe holiday season this year!**
- **The National Office has moved to a new location. Our address is 635 West 7th St., Suite 104, Cincinnati, OH 45203.**
- We are happy to announce that Carolee Brooks Hildenbrandt from the Queens Chapter was voted on to the National Board of Trustees for the year 2018. We welcome her to the National Board.
- Our first Grief Retreat Weekend was held here in Cincinnati November 10, 11 and 12, 2017. We had 8 attendees from all over the Midwest. They were from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota. We will be holding another one in the fall of 2018, so keep checking the website for more information on this. Some of the attendees wrote “The best weekend he has had since his loved one was murdered and it was nice being around people with similar losses.” Another attendee wrote “It was very helpful, informative, comforting and compassionate. It was very therapeutic to express my feelings with others who really understood.”
- POMC has been made aware of a scholarship fund for a survivor of a homicide that is getting ready to attend college. The scholarship is available through the California Homicide Investigation Association and the website to find out more information is www.chia187.com/CHIAScholarships.
- Save the Date: The 32nd Annual National POMC Conference will be held in Arlington, Virginia at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel/Washington DC on August 2-5, 2018. The room rates are \$109.00 and the closest airport to fly into is Reagan National Airport. They also have a free shuttle service to the hotel. The registration form will be on the POMC website soon.
- We are looking for someone who would be interested in hosting the Hospitality Room on Friday and Saturday morning of the Conference. If interested, contact Bev at bwarnock@pomc.org or 888-818-7662.
- Just a reminder that POMC Representative’s cannot support any political campaign at all. You may as an individual but do not put POMC’s name with that. It will jeopardize our 501© 3 status with the IRS. If you find someone that is, please let us know so that we can take care of it.

- Also, if you are no longer involved as a POMC Chapter you may not use the Chapter email. It is very confusing and should not be used if you are not involved with the Chapter.
- Katelyn Howes is working on a documentary for Paramount TV that explores grief following the loss of a family member to a violent crime. She's looking for stories that show the journey through tragedy that finds some kind of greater purpose or understanding. For her pilot presentation she is looking for people who lost their parent as a child or teen. Katelyn works with The Intellectual Property Corporation – an Emmy winning production company that produces Leah Remini: Scientology and the Aftermath. She has been a documentarian for many years. Her email address is kmh380@gmail.com.
- We have been contacted by Stephen Oxenham from the Investigation Discovery Channel and he is a television producer from London, England working on a new documentary series. He is making a series of one hour films and would like to interview families that are happy to share their stories with him and they can learn about the series of events that lead to the devastating crime. They may also speak to the law enforcement that worked on the case to help them understand what happened from their point of view – how they went on to piece what happened together in their attempt to bring justice to the perpetrators involved.
- Annual Reports will be going out by email and US Mail at the end of the year. If you do not receive it by January please contact us.
- It's getting to the end of the year and it's almost time for nominations and elections of Board of Directors and we know that some Chapters have problems with this so we are putting the guidelines in to keep your Chapter in compliance. These guidelines are from your Articles of Association so you can also refer to that. Feel free to call National with other questions.
 - **Qualifications for Voting Membership** of a Chapter shall consist of all persons who are survivors of a victim of murder or homicide who sign up to become Voting Members of the Chapter and attend at least one (1) Voting Member meeting per year.
 - **The Annual Voting Member Meeting** shall occur in January of each year at a date, time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. The written notice setting forth the date, time, and place of the meeting shall be personally delivered, mailed, or transmitted by Authorized Communications Equipment at least twenty (20) days before the date of each Annual Voting Member Meeting to each Voting Member at the Voting Member's address as it appears in the Voting Membership Book.
 - **Nominating Committee.** At the organization Voting Member meeting and at each Annual Voting Member Meeting thereafter (or special meeting called for that purpose), a Nominating committee shall be selected. The Nominating committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for election to the

Board of Directors at the following annual Voting Member Meeting, and shall present this slate to the Voting Membership at such Annual Voting Member Meeting. The term of office of each Nominating Committee shall expire upon its completion of this function.

- **Election.** The initial Directors shall consist of those persons who sign the original Articles of Association. Thereafter, at the first Annual Voting Member Meeting following the organizational Voting Member Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present the approved slate of nominees for the Board of Directors. Additional nominations may thereafter be made from the floor by any Voting Member present at the Annual Voting Member Meeting. Directors shall be elected by the affirmative vote of a majority of those Voting Members present in person or by proxy at the Annual Voting Member Meeting at which a quorum exists. Any Voting Member who is not physically present may attend the meeting and may vote by the use of Authorized Communications Equipment. No campaigning whatsoever for the election of Directors shall be permitted.
 - **Election of Officers.** The Officers of this Chapter shall be elected by the Board of Directors and shall be one (1) or more Chapter Leader(s), one (1) Secretary and one (1) Treasurer. Any other officers may be elected by the Board of Directors with the prior approval of the Corporation's Board of Trustees. All officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. The Chapter Leader(s) shall be a survivor(s) of a victim of murder or homicide. Any person may hold more than one (1) office, except that the same person may not hold the offices of Chapter Leader and Secretary. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the election of the Board of Directors.
- **Attention: 2017 Online Recertification.** The Online Recertification Process is still available. This will benefit any POMC Representative whose certification will be expiring in 2017. The "Recertification Application Form," along with instructions, is on the POMC website. You can download the form on your computer, type in the information and email the completed application to Sherry Nolan at snolan@pomc.org. If you do not have access to a computer, call Sherry at 888 818-7662 to have a form mailed to you. Once approved, this recertification will extend your certification for three more years. **If you attended the CP/CL meeting at the 2017 National Conference in Irvine, California and signed in, you should have received an updated certification letter. If you do not apply for online recertification, and did not attend the CP/CL meeting at the Conference in Irvine, your certification will expire at the end of the year. Then it will be necessary for you to retake the next scheduled Effective Leadership Training class to renew your certification. As a reminder, you should have received an email, letter in US mail or phone call in January, and most recently in November if your certification is expiring this year.** If you did not receive an email, letter or phone call or are uncertain about your expiration date, please feel free to call Sherry or email snolan@pomc.org to verify that information for you.

- Amazon supports POMC! Please visit the National website at www.pomc.org and look for the Amazon link. By accessing Amazon through the POMC website, POMC will receive a percentage of all purchases (4-13%, depending on the item). This does not increase the cost of your purchase. This is a great opportunity to purchase items and also contribute to POMC while doing so! Please share this wonderful opportunity with your Chapters, Families and Friends! We appreciate everything you do to support POMC! If you should have questions regarding the Amazon link, please don't hesitate to contact us.
- Please remember, if you have a car, RV or boat or any other kind of vehicle you do not need anymore, call Action Donation Services. They will pick the vehicle up and donate the money to POMC. We have received a check from their organization for the donation of an old car. If you are interested, please call 866-244-8464 for more details.
- There are directory changes this month. Please add these changes to your directory. If there are any changes in your contact information, please let us know.
- We have 1 petition this month. Please get signatures and send to the Parole Board to help these families.