

January Update (2018)
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BE SURE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ALL MEMBERS!

- **We wish everyone a peaceful and safe holiday season this year!**
- **Attention: 2017 Online Recertification.** There are still 10 certified members who have not responded to emails/phone calls concerning their Certification expiring at the end of 2017. Some of these 10 certified members may be on your Chapter Board which could jeopardize your status with POMC's Policies. Contact Sherry Nolan at snolan@pomc.org if you have any questions.
- The Big Turn-Off is going to be on January 10, 2018. We urge all Chapter Leaders to ask their members and any other citizen to turn off their TV's for three hours during the prime-time segment of programming, to protest TV violence. The average child, watching the average amount of television, will witness 200,000 acts of violence by age 18. The goal of the Big Turn-Off is to empower people to object to what they find offensive and send a message that promotes non-violent programming
- **The National Office has moved to a new location. Our address is 635 West 7th St., Suite 104, Cincinnati, OH 45203.**
- Save the Date: The 32nd Annual National POMC Conference will be held in Arlington, Virginia at the Double Tree 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 online registration form is on the website now.
- Effective Leadership Training will be held on July 29, 30, and 31, 2017 at the Double Tree by Hilton/Washington DC in Arlington, VA. The room rates are the same as the Conference at \$109.00. The cost of the ELT training is \$300.00 which includes 5 meals. To register see the attached flyer and it is also on the website www.pomc.org.
- The next Grief Retreat Weekend in Cincinnati is scheduled on May 4-6, 2018. There is only room for 10 people to register and attend. The cost is \$154.00 for the weekend which includes 6 meals. We also have scholarships available if you cannot afford the registration fee. To register see the website www.pomc.org.

- The policy for children not permitted to attend POMC support group meetings under 18 is attached.
- 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.
- Annual Reports will be going out by email and US Mail at the end of the year. Please open the emailed Annual Report immediately in case there is a problem we can send you a hard copy. A hard copy will be sent to those who have requested one. The following are things to remember when sending in your Report:
 1. National only needs 1 copy of the Annual Report.
 2. Relationship means 'living family member' on the Chapter Board not your loved one's name.
 3. Entire Board should be aware of the Annual Report deadline so the late fees aren't accumulated.
 4. Send in your complete year of bank statements.
 5. If you do not fill out online, please write legibly especially emails and addresses and make sure this is current information because it does get changed in the directory.

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.
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- 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.