

November Update (2017)
TO: POMC State Coordinators, Chapter Leaders and Contact Persons
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BE SURE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ALL MEMBERS!

- **The National Office has moved to a new location. Our address is 635 West 7th St., Suite 104, Cincinnati, OH 45203.**
- Our first Grief Retreat Weekend will be held here in Cincinnati November 10, 11 and 12, 2017. If you have an interest in attending please call the National Office for more information at 888 818-7662. Beckie Miller has been hosting grief retreats in Phoenix for many years and it is now expanding. I have had interest from survivors in Michigan, Chicago, Canada and Indiana, and if it is difficult financially to attend, we do have some financial help available.
- Ratna Pati is working on Chapter updates on the POMC website. Please check your Chapter listing and let Ratna know of any updates that need to be made. She says there are several. Send information to rpati@pomc.org
- Art Jette has developed a chapter brochure for the Maine Chapter of POMC. He is offering to share it with other Chapters for their use and is also willing to volunteer his services to help other Chapters develop their own brochure if they need help. You can contact him at mainepomc@gmail.com.
- 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.
- The POMC National Board of Trustees is currently accepting nominees for potential Trustees to fill Board vacancies. If you are a survivor of a homicide victim or a professional working with homicide survivors in the victim service field, you or recommended nominees are encouraged to submit a letter of interest with the intent of serving on the National Board of Trustee's. Please provide a current resume/bio and a letter(s) of recommendation. In consideration of serving on the Board, keep in mind the following: Why you want to serve? What skills and/or resources would you bring to enhance the Board functioning? The Board meets face-to-face at least three (3) times a year; twice in Cincinnati and once during the Annual POMC National Conference which is held during the summer in different locations throughout the United States. Also, as a Board member, you are financially responsible for all your travel expenses to and from meetings (e.g., air fare, hotel accommodations, and meals). Please submit requested information by October 27, 2017. This date will give the nominating committee time to review before our scheduled Board of Trustees meeting

On November 4, 2017. Send to POMC National Board of Trustees, Attn: Nominating Committee, 635 West 7th Street, Suite 104, Cincinnati, OH 45203, or NatlPOMC@pomc.org.

- **Attention: 2016 Online Recertification (33 still need 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 September 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 3 petitions this month. Please get signatures and send to the Parole Board to help these families.