For those interested, the ABFE will allow applicants for membership to sit for the Member certification exam as well as the Forensic Entomology Technician exam at the 2020 AAFS meeting to be held in Anaheim, CA. If interested, please contact Dr. Sherah VanLaerhoven at vanlaerh@uwindsor.ca for more information or consult the website. Applications must be returned by December 15, 2019 to:

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Details of Application
1. Letter of application
2. CV
3. Transcripts
4. At least one peer reviewed publication
5. Three case reports
6. Fee –$100 US – should be made payable to ABFE and mailed to Val Cervenka

Those seeking Member status must have:
A. Earned a thesis-based Master's degree in Entomology, Biology, Zoology, or Ecology and have one additional year of experience in forensic entomology after completing an earned thesis-based Master's degree prior to submitting their application to the ABFE. Individuals that have earned a B.S. and are currently pursuing a Ph.D. in a previously listed discipline must have been active within their Ph.D. program for a minimum of three years. For these individuals, failure to complete a Ph.D. or earn a thesis–based Master's degree will have their membership within the ABFE nullified.
B. Possess at least three years of professional experience that involves the practice of medico-legal forensic entomology casework. This experience must be casework containing associated agency contact information, and signed by the applicant.
C. Possess a minimum of one peer reviewed publication on a subject germane to the field of forensic entomology (senior authorship is not required).
D. Provide at least three professional presentations to convey research or general education on the subject of forensic entomology at independently-hosted meetings, workshops, or symposia.
E. At the time of application, the applicant must submit copies of three case reports prepared by the applicant for review by the Executive Committee of the ABFE. The three medico-legal casework examples acceptable as submission for initial certification for Member status must consist of collected entomological evidence from criminal investigations associated with human or animal death, abuse or neglect. All submitted casework must come from the previous five-year period.