



# NORDIC

Association of Fire Investigators

## Board report 2020

The board of NAFI since annual meeting 2019:

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The last year has been a very different year. We entered 2020 with very big ambitions to hold courses and together with the members participate in the professional meetings and seminars that were planned. Unfortunately, it was all canceled and we were all more or less isolated in our daily work and social sphere.

But it has not been exclusively bad. The whole community has gone over to holding meetings online and it has opened up a whole new world of opportunities for all of us. We have learned to use the opportunities of online meetings and to appreciate the efficiency it can have. It is not the same as meeting in real life, where it is easiest to network, but it is a good supplement.

In October, the board sent out a survey to the members about which platform would be preferable for member information and as a professional forum. This was based on the fact that our website nafi.info does not have the number of visitors it deserves. The survey got only 10-15 replies. Not a big number as we are more than 200 members. The result was that the board decided to set up a closed Facebook group where only the association's members have access and must be approved by an administrator. The background is that if NAFI is present on a platform where the members already are present, greater involvement is expected from the members.

Using a platform like Facebook naturally means that case-related postings must be de-identified/anonymized so that the case cannot be identified. However, this should not be a problem, as we all probably are used to working with cases that are subject to professional secrecy.

At the same time, the board succeeded in setting up an online payment system, which will make it easier to pay membership fees - especially for those members who lives outside Sweden. The system is called Payson and works really well. Payment can be made by credit card, and the payer will be shown to the receiver (the cashier) by an email address. So be sure to use the email adress under which you are registered in NAFI's member register, so the cashier can identify you. If you are in doubt, you can see on the website under the member list the email address NAFI have registered to you.

We are currently +200 members. New members are added and others leave. Work is constantly working to update the membership list. We are deleting members who are no longer active, retired or for some other reason do not want to be a member anymore. This work will continue, so that the membership register is always correctly displayed.

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