



Colorado Coroners Association

Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 15, 2021 ~ 1:00 p.m.

ZOOM Platform

Call Meeting To Order – Randy Keller

Randy Keller, President; Rob Glassmire, Vice President; Brian Cotter, Secretary; Victor Yahn, Treasurer; Elizabeth Ortiz, Jeff Graf, Stephen Hunzeker, Matt Reid, Vonnie Valdez, Dr. Thomas Canfield, Lance Boren, Dr. Emily Russell, jen vien

Guests: Steve Balcerovich and Kathy Oatis, Jeff Sparhawk

Jeff Sparhawk – search and rescue overview

Brief introduction and SB21-245. This bill needs some re-wording. We may try and schedule them for our October Training. We will stay in touch and get back to him.

Legislation needs to be addressed ASAP. Randy Keller will send out to the Board and get input on re-wording.

Legislative Report – Steve Balcerovich, Kathy Oatis (Handout)

SB21-06 Natural Organic Reduction. Has passed Senate and is in House appropriation

SB21-176 Allow to expand grievances to contractors

HB21-1025 Waiting on Governor's signature

HB21-1100 Electronic filing of all documents. Will be amended into a study.

HB21-1110 Making website ADA compliant. Must be up to date by July 2024

Still waiting on a bill from a group called Blue Rising. Coroners would be required to do a toxicology on all homicide, suicide, and accidental deaths. Lobbyists will oppose the Bill if it is mandated for all.

Coming up – a mental health bill for Coroners. Levy a fee on DC's that would support mental health services for Coroners and their staff. We will take a look at it.

Senator Hizey would like to initiate a pay increase bill for certain County Classes – Numbers of hours being put in and pay are not equal. Working full time, getting paid for part-time. Category 2 and category 3 counties need pay increases. We will continue to look at and pursue. Next year is the year to do it. This year was strained due to COVID. Board will be updated as meetings progress.

Major Coroner Issues – Randy Keller (ongoing)

Randy heard recently about Shannon Kent in Lake County. Shannon has been ordered by courts that he can investigate a scene, but he is not allowed to touch, transport or store decedents. Chaffee County is taking care of all coroner related deaths in Lake County.

Secretary's Report – Brian Cotter (Handout)

Review Minutes from January 21, 2021

Brian Cotter motions to approve minutes from January meeting as presented. Second by Stephen Hunzeker. Motion accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Victor Yahn (Handout)

Please consider that our current accountants suggests that we have an outside company oversee our accounts, taxes and reports. Some of our taxes were overpaid, and we will be getting a refund. Having the outside company oversee our accounts makes sense.

Vonnie Valdez motion to approve Treasurer's report as presented. Second by Matt Reid. Motion accepted unanimously.

Dues Update – Reviewed the Dues spreadsheet. 3 Counties haven't paid yet, one has a check in the mail. Randy spoke to Clear Creek and we should be receiving their check soon. Randy spoke to Dr. Morrow in Baca County. His exact words are "It is sitting on my desk, I am slow." Teller and Park Counties will not be joining CCA.

Suggestion was made to ask Shannon Kent to resign, and to list the Commissioners of Lake County as CCA members and NOT Shannon Kent. Randy Keller does not want CCA to get involved in the Lake County fight. It will take care of itself.

New Business – Randy Keller
Coroner Pay Update

Certification –160 known active Certified Death Investigators.

Coroner Assist Team – Randy Keller

Education – Randy Keller and Matt Reid
Equipment Purchase and Streaming
Matt – has clothing order basics. Board shirts need to be ordered – each Board Member gets 3 shirts.
Marketing is in good shape.

Currently have 76 people registered to attend in person, and 6 people registered to attend virtually

Jen Vien
2021, 2022 Locations
Ideas for 2023

Liz suggested the Monarch Hotel in Blackhawk, Colorado

General Membership Meeting – Randy Keller
June 9, 2021 5:30 p.m. in person at the Hotel Elegante'
Virtual Voting like last year for our virtual attendance members
Voting could take place during the meeting
In person attendees will be able to vote online. Virtual members can attend General Meeting.

CCSTB – Randy Keller
Randy Keller was reappointed to another 3-year term to the Board. Kevin Grantham, Fremont County Commissioner and Glenn Trainor, Chief of Police for Winter Park were appointed.

Peer Review – Rob Glassmire
Some outstanding complaints and issues that were addressed. Many of the complaints are not something CCA can address.

Marketing & Promotions – Matt Reid

Covered earlier

Public Relations – Randy Keller

Nothing

Website – jen vien

Trying to keep it up to date. It will be ADA compliant by 2024

Matt Reid motion to hire someone to assist Jen with website. Second by Lance Boren.

Motion approved unanimously.

Scholarships – Rob Glassmire

Ike Miller Scholarship due to be awarded this year, for \$2,500

4 Regular Scholarships to be awarded this year (2 carrying over from 2020)

Update on previous Executive Session – Randy Keller

Peer Review Session – Rob Glassmire

Next Board Meeting – Randy Keller

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 ~ 1:00 p.m. In person at the Hotel Elegante'

Adjourn 2:25 p.m.