

# **Colorado Coroners Association**

Board Meeting Agenda January 19, 2023 ~ 1:00 p.m. ZOOM Platform

# Call Meeting To Order 1:11 p.m.

Randy Keller – Fremont; Tawnya Bailey – Grand; Matt Reid - El Paso; Stephen Hunzeker – Rio Grande; Vonnie Valdez – Huerfano; Brian Cotter – Pueblo; Elizabeth Ortiz – Arapahoe;

Absent - Emily Russell, MD - El Paso; Jeff Graf - Chaffee

Guests: Lori Lawrence – Hinsdale; Stephen Hanks – Larimer; Rob Glassmire – Garfield; Annette Cannon – Jefferson;

# Lobbyist Report/Update - Randy Keller

Lobbyists were let go as of Jan 16. Randy has received phone call about people being upset that we let them go. Meeting to interview lobbyists on Wednesday January 25. Mark Waller (lobbyist) has asked to be interviewed. CDPHE room reserved from 8am-5pm. Once the interviews are completed, we need to decide who our new representation will be. Who is planning on attending on Wednesday. Randy Keller, Brian Cotter, Matt Reid, Emily Russell. There will be a set of questions to ask all of the candidates. We will start at 8a.m., interviews begin at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Matt is asking for additional questions, so we can get to 20. Please submit them no later than Noon Friday January 20. We have damage control going on, but everything will work out in the end.

# **Secretary's Report** – Brian Cotter (Handout)

Review Minutes from October 4, 2022

Motion to accept Minutes as submitted by Vonnie Valdez; Second by Matt Reid. Motion carried unanimously

### Treasurer's Report - ????? (Handout)

Checking - \$16,915.78 Ike Miller - \$6,531.77

Savings - \$116,749.44 Education - \$58,003.10

Victor Yahn is no longer on the Board. We need a Coroner to be the Treasurer. Not much work involved in being Treasurer anymore. Motion to approve the Treasurers report as presented – Vonnie Valdez; second by Stephen Hunzeker. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Major Coroner Issues - Randy Keller (ongoing)

Salary Schedule - Keller (Handout)

### **New Coroner Training Update** – Keller

17 Newly elected Coroners

16 in attendance (2 new were excused from training)

1 Newly appointed Coroner (Hinsdale)

Lake County?

CDPHE collected \$56,000

We are billing CDPHE \$11,096.53 (Handout)

We had a great group of people. One situation of concern – Lake County Coroner did not attend enough to get credit. CCSTB is taking action to withhold his pay until he becomes compliant. He will need to come forward with a way to remedy the situation and get CCSTBoard approval.

# New Business - Randy Keller

Tawnya Bailey - Legislature is considering running a new bill to change where Counties are in the Statewide Salary Matrix – Summit, Delta, Gunnison, Chaffee and Saguache.

# **Certification** – jen vien

# Coroner Assist Team - Randy Keller

Randy and jen gave a CCA and Coroner Assist Team to the New Coroners

### Education - Randy Keller and Matt Reid

October Conference Update – Randy Keller, Matt Reid Went very well

2023 location selections – jen

• IUNE

Marriott - \$189/night ++

**OCTOBER** 

DoubleTree Greeley - \$139/night ++

2024 location selections – jen

• JUNE

**Sheraton** - \$159/night++

OCTOBER

Chamonix Casino Hotel Cripple Creek - \$86/night++

Rob Glassmire – one of their vehicles was stolen from the Sheraton location, later found at a parking garage. Manager of parking garage called police. Rob feels the Sheraton did not help nearly enough with the situation. No camera footage at the hotel.

# Speakers - jen

Please start working on speakers for the June event. Call or email jen with name(s) and contact information. Goal is for agenda to be completed by April 1, 2023

A meeting will be held soon to decide on speakers. Randy Keller – contact Coroner in Texas School Shooting and Texas Church Shooting. Elizabeth Ortiz – investigator from Boulder is asking to give a photography presentation.

# **Scholarships** – Stephen Hunzeker

Revamp application for 2023 – this needs to be completed by March 1, in order to be sent out in time for June 2023 Conference. Reworking so answers are more specific.

### **Sponsorships –** Dr. Russell; Matt Reid

Revamp sponsorships for 2023 – this needs to be completed by March 15, in order to be sent out to Vendors in time for June 2023 Conference. Will discus at Education Committee meeting. (Suggested at April 14, 2022 Education Committee meeting)

#### DUES

Adams, Denver, Jeffco, Pueblo, Fremont, Chaffee, Grand, Rio Blanco, Custer, Elbert, Kit Carson, Prowers, Dolores, Mineral, Pitkin, San Juan, Baca, Hinsdale, Costilla, Archuleta, Clear Creek, San Miguel, Tom Griffin

# **CCSTB** – Randy Keller

New Coroner Training update

#### **Peer Review** – Brian Cotter

Nothing new to report.

Legislative – Timely Death Certificates will affect Coroners in that funeral homes will be scrambling to get certified death certificates within 48 hours.

Weapons Issue – Met with DA and Police Chief. Weapons are not collected by Pueblo County Coroner Office. Bill needs to be written more clearly. We need to watch this Bill closely. Larimer County goal is to keep firearms from going back out into society – return to the family or destroy them.

### Marketing & Promotions - Matt Reid

Trying to order stuff no. If you want anything specific, please let him know. We need more plus sizes. New shirts for female Board members – Matt will look into.

#### **Public Relations** – Randy Keller

Randy gave an interview to Colorado Public Radio. The article was written very nicely.

#### **Website** – jen vien

CCA website moving along CCSTB site up and running

# Next Board Meeting - Randy Keller

Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. This will be a ZOOM meeting

Adjourn: 211 p.m.