



Colorado Coroners Association

General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 9, 2021 5:30 p.m.

Call Meeting To Order 540 p.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Bob Morrow, Robert Fowler, Gary Gibson, Brenda Bock, Dan Baucke, Randy Gorton, Emil Sante, Ronald Cooper, Jann Smith, Cathy Seibel, Rob Ryg, Carter Smith, George Crocket, Jackqulyn Brooks, Tom Perrin, Michael Barnes, Emma Hall, Rick Fellabaum, Jim Caruso, Kirk Underwood, Ashton Soltvedt, Jesse Arthurs, Regan Wood, Chris Hegmann, Colleen Hollenbeck, George Deavers, Andy Lorensen,

Secretary's Report:

Brian Cotter, Secretary
Review minutes from October 7, 2020 General Meeting in Colorado Springs([attachment](#))
Brian Cotter motion to approve Minutes be approved as distributed.
Second by Thomas Canfield, MD. Motion accepted unanimously.

Speeches, Voting and Election of Board Members

Announce New Board Members
Brian Cotter
Stephen Hunzeker
Victor Yahn
Emily Russell, MD
Jeff Graf

Rob Glassmire motion to elect Board Members by acclamation. Motioned second by Lance Boren. Motion accepted unanimously.

The Executive Board consists of:

President - Randy Keller; Vice-President - Jeff Graf; Secretary - Brian Cotter; Treasurer - Victor Yahn

Treasurer's Report:

Victor Yahn

Education - \$104,418

Checking - \$ 52,295.09

Savings - \$76,724.49

Ike Miller - \$9,121.77

Brian Cotter motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by Thomas Canfield, MD. Motion accepted unanimously.

Public Comment:

Standing Committee Yearly Reports

Education – Jen Vien

2021 Locations will be:

June 9, 10, 11 at the Hotel Elegante' in Colorado Springs

October 6, 7, 8 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Grand Junction

2022 Locations will be:

June 8, 9, 10 - Sheraton Denver West

October 5, 6, 7 - DoubleTree Hotel in Grand Junction

Education - Virtual Attendance Update

Randy Keller, Matt Reid, Jen Vien

Legislative

Marijuana Bill review.

The Bill will pass, due to party support.

What is main concern with this Bill: young people and development of the brain. Brain not fully formed until 25 years of age. CCA suggested that Bill should read everyone under the age of 18 gets tested. The suggestion was countered with "everyone under the age of 25".

Reimbursement - since we are required to test, CDPHE is going to have to reimburse counties for their expense. Labor, postage, testing and training needs to be billed to CDPHE. This Bill goes into effect January 1, 2022. This Bill was written and passed VERY quickly - within 2-3 weeks.

Concern was raised about consistent pricing. There is a long way to go.

CCA is supposed to arrange a working group of Coroners to oversee the process and how it is working for at least 18 months. CCA shall build the group and include a Toxicologist. The working group will be established in the next few weeks. However - regardless of what the group comes up with, drawing tox on everyone 25 and under when manner of death is anything but natural will be required.

Randy Keller briefly reviewed the SAR Bill—wording is such that delivery "Will be at the direction of the Coroner"

Certification - Current list (attachment)

Please look over the list and let Jen Vien know of any changes/corrections

2021 Stats

1st Quarter: 3 "New"; 6 "Re-new"

2nd Quarter: 3 "New"; 4 "Re-new"

We have 161 "known" active Certified Death Investigators

Scholarships –

Scholarship awarded to:

Michael Barnes – Gunnison

Tyler Matterano – Las Animas

Ashton Soltvedt – Delta

Kelly Robertson - Archuleta

Ike Miller awarded to:

Alexis Prall – Mesa

(Ike Miller Scholarship is awarded every three years, for a maximum of \$2,500, with any remaining balance the responsibility of the recipient or their office.)

CCSTB - 2020 had a lot of people in a pinch, but the majority of Coroners were able to find educational opportunities or write and ask for extension. Only 4 late letters were sent, but those were rectified fairly quickly.

Update on Shannon Kent - Official resignation is August 1, 2021

Marketing - Matt Reid

Changed the logo a year ago, and ordered new product with the new logo. We are still trying to get rid of the stuff that we have had "forever". New jackets were ordered, but due to COVID, all jackets were on back-order. If you need something and we are out of it, please let him know and he will order it specifically for you.

We are investigating online ordering.

Website – Jen Vien

Website is an ongoing project. Please look it over and give your suggestions

Newsletter - We are investigating looking into charging for advertising.
Liz would like some stories and photos.

Old Business

Nothing

New Business

Covered throughout meeting

COMMENTS - Bob Fowler - EDR - does not like that DC's "fall off" the system within 30 days.
Wants that to change to 6 months to 1 year.

Adjourn: 6:36 p.m.