



Colorado Coroners Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 ~ 1:00 p.m.

Call meeting to order 1:15 p.m.

Present: Randy Keller, President; Jeff Graf, Vice President; Brian Cotter, Secretary; Victor Yahn, Treasurer; Matt Reid; Stephen Hunzeker,; Lance Boren; Elizabeth Ortiz; Vonnie Valdez, jen vien;
Guests: Steve Balcerovich; Kathy Oatis; Rick Fellabaum; Krystal Gray; Rob Glassmire

Absent: Emily Russell, MD; Thomas Canfield, MD

Legislative Report

Steve and Kathy – Legislature ended on May 12. Follow their outline
717 Bills introduced this year. No covid recess.

SB065 Concerning Employment Status of Class 2, 3 and 4 County Coroners. Signed on March 24

Randy Keller – some category 5 and 6 counties were not happy about not being included in the Bill. Counties 5 and 6 cannot claim full time status in the jobs. That needs to be discussed with those county commissioners.

HB1221 Concerning Coroner and Mortuary Mental Health Program. Vetoed on May 27.
Perhaps the CCSTBoard should see if they can get this Bill to move again. Should they continue to pursue it. Elizabeth Ortiz would like to see it active again. Rob Glassmire would like to see it supported, especially with CCSTB, and leave the funeral homes/funeral directors out of it. Randy Keller thinks the veto may be a good thing, so we can get it re-written better so it works for coroners. Private business should not be included in the Bill.

HB1251 Concerning the creation of the office of cardiac management. This Bill was signed on May 31.

HB1326 Concerning Fentanyl Use Reduction – This was signed on May 25. Overdose detection mapping program was amended to be voluntary.

HB211317 – Marijuana working group deadlines will be met.

Minor autopsy reports – Should we run it again or just let it go? Brian Cotter and Randy Keller would like to see it run again. The only group that was against is was the media. This Bill would seal autopsy reports on individuals under the age of 18. Steve Balcerovich – this is a hard Bill.

Secretary's Report – Brian Cotter motion to approve minutes from the March meeting as presented. Second by Victor Yahn. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Victor Yahn. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by Elizabeth Ortiz. Motion accepted unanimously.

No major Coroner issues

Dues update – jen vien

Waiting on Summit Dues– they will bring to conference
Baca County Dues – have had no response
Park County Dues – Does not pay

New Business

None

Certification

A list will go out at the General Membership Meeting and Coroners will be asked to verify the information.

Coroner Assist Team

December 31 Marshall fire in Boulder County.
A lot of counties jumped in and stepped up offering support and assistance.

Education – Randy Keller

We have been through some issues. Joe Kenda had to cancel.
Matt contacted John Gaziano. He has been confirmed.

Hotel presentations by Jen
Get pricing from the Cripple Creek Hotel.

Elections: Randy Keller, Matt Reid, Elizabeth Ortiz, Vonnie Valdez, Lance Boren

One additional vacancy from last year.
Victor Yahn will stay on through the end of 2022
Dr. Canfield will not be running again.

Floor nominations may need to be considered.

CCSTB – This is an election year. CCSTB will be presenting the New Coroner Institute
Rob Glassmire and his SUIDI group will be presenting at the NCI.

Peer Review – Rob Glassmire

We have been receiving a lot of complaints that are “nit-picky” towards Coroners and not really anything of substance.

Put a disclaimer on our website – We don’t accept complaints and we don’t govern the Coroners. Rob Glassmire will be finished with the Peer Review Committee once the new Board is elected.

Marketing and promotions

Knives, lanyards, flash drives, pens

Website – up and running

Adjourn: 2:28 p.m.

Board Meeting Director Election Discussion:

At this time the Colorado Coroner’s Association has (6) two-year Director positions available for election and (1) one-year Director position left vacant from the 2021 Board election. With the Letters of Intent sent to the CCA Board there are seven candidates with seven Board positions available. The current CCA by-laws allow for 25% of the Board to be three Deputy Coroners, one Board Certified Forensic Pathologist, and eight Elected Coroners.

The decision of the CCA Board is a provisional amendment to the by-laws of the Colorado Coroner’s Association that will cease on January 31, 2023. This amendment will provide the CCA Board to have four Deputy Coroners on the Board through the end of January 2023. This decision will be self-correcting by Chief Deputy Tawnya Bailey being elected in November of 2022 as Grand County Coroner being unopposed. Larimer Chief Deputy Coroner Matt Canaga is also pursuing Election of Larimer County Coroner, but his campaign is opposed at this time.

The election amendment decision of the Board will be discussed with membership during the Membership Meeting on 06/08/2022 at 1730. Membership will approve or disapprove the provisional amendment in the form of a motion during the meeting. It will be suggested that there is a vote by acclamation for all candidates, with paper ballots not used.

Following election of Directors, if all seven candidates are elected to the Board, the one-year position will be filled by Mr. Matt Canaga.

With this provisional amendment to the by-laws, it will allow membership to fill all Board positions

Adjourn – 2:45 p.m.