



**Colorado Coroners Association
General Membership Meeting
June 7, 2023 Minutes**

Call Meeting To Order

537 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Randy Keller, President; Jeff Graf, Vice President; Brian Cotter, Secretary; Raeann Brown, Treasurer; Emily Russell-Kinsey, MD; Lance Boren; Elizabeth Ortiz; Matt Reid; Vonnie Valdez; Tawnya Bailey; Amber Flenniken; Steven Tomsky; Harriet Hamilton; Rick Fellabaum;

Absent – Stephen Hunzeker

Secretary's Report:

Brian Cotter – (handout)

Legislative Update:

Hall and Evans, LLC – Randy Keller

Randy Keller offered time for questions

Treasurer's Report:

Raeann Brown – Raeann will email the Treasurer's report to anyone who asks for it.

Education

Checking

Savings

Ike Miller

Speeches, Voting and Election of Board Members

Randy Keller explained the voting process and how it will work.

Robert Fowler – Please keep in mind when this Board was established, we had large county and rural/small county participation. As the metro area has changed and grown, the rural areas are not well represented but have the same responsibilities. It is extremely important to have Board members from rural areas.

Chris Hegmann withdrew from the election

Glassmire asked about the By Laws stating a Board Certified Forensic Pathologist is required for the Board.

Randy Gorton states that it was in past years an option.

New Board Members:

Brian Cotter

Amber Flenniken

Raeann Brown

Rick Fellabaum

Emma Hall

Public Comment

Bob Fowler had comments and concerns about the legislation regarding death certificates
Rob Glassmire – Minor autopsy bill – lacked discussion among members. Wants minor autopsy reports to be sealed, and does not want CCA involved. CCA can and should support the Bill, but should not be using CCA Lobbyists to promote it. It could backfire and expose Coroners to bad light.

Randy Keller explained that a survey went out to membership asking about the issue, and that it was supported by the membership, not the legislative committee. (65-70%)

Randy Gorton – When the Bill ran, we had legislators coming to CCA wondering why we were limiting minor autopsy reports and not ALL reports. There was a good deal of discussion when it was brought up in the past. We have a good number of people who are not in favour of the Bill. We have 18 new Coroners that need/should be able to comment and discuss.

The email from Channel 9 News regarding “Excited Delirium” was read out loud to the membership, since not all Coroners received it. Kiowa Coroner Jimmy Brown feels this is a step to move Colorado to a Medical Examiner system. He would like to ask the membership if and how we should respond to the letter.

President Keller agrees that a group response is appropriate.

Coroner Steven Tomskey suggested that Dr. Russell-Kinsley should

Motion as to whether or not the CCA should answer the news outle. If yes, then lets do it with consultation from our Board Certified Pathologist. – George Deavers. Second by Coroner Jimmy

Brown. All in favour – 30 Not in favour – 6 Motion carries. We will have further discussions with Dr. Russell and create a letter.

Jefferson County Coroner Annette Cannon feels it should be a legal response.

Education

Randy Keller and Matt Reid

Upcoming locations reviewed

New ideas coming

Certification

Jen Vien – 180 Certified Investigators

Newsletter

Elizabeth Ortiz

Old Business

New Business

COMMENTS -

Next Meeting - Wednesday, June 5, 2024 - 5:30 p.m. Sheraton Denver West Hotel, Lakewood, CO

Adjourn – 705pm