



Colorado Coroners Association

Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 8, 2021 ~ 1:00 p.m.

Call Meeting To Order – Randy Keller

1:06 p.m.

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

Guests: Steve Balcerovich; Kathy Oatis; John Papen; Rick Fellabaum

Absent: Elizabeth Ortiz

Legislative Report – Steve Balcerovich, Kathy Oatis (Handout)

Today is last day of legislature – 700 bills have been worked on

A 200 page transportation bill was passed. There will now be Uber fees, Amazon fees, Grub Hub fees
Bill 988 for suicide prevention. Every state will have a 988 number for suicide counseling.

Health care reform still in the works.

Om the last month

Senate Bill 98 will allow prescription drug monitoring for investigations.

Bill 1276 was vetoed last year

Addressing search and rescue – added “At the direction of the Coroner”

Police reform – this bill was not accepted. Language has been updated, and will continue to work on

Medical Marijuana Research and Regulation Bill – “all” deceased individuals of a non natural death should have toxicology drawn. No reimbursement costs. After speaking with senators we were able to reach an agreement.

Page 14, section 4 of bill:

First – Mandate a tox test and monitor THC levels starting January of next year. Introduced for all who are 25 and under. Coroners would be responsible for costs. Reimbursement was not mentioned. Language is on page 14 and 15:

All costs will be reimbursed by Health Department

Health Department will provide Training and supply materials.

Suggested that Coroners bill the State for these charges.

If person dies in hospital, it is the hospital responsibility to administer and pay for tests.

Coroner Only Group – recommendations will be given to legislature. Health Department will be consistent with blood test levels.

Page 14 line 9:

copy from bill

Page 15:

Starting January 1st of 2022

Shall reimburse a coroner for the cost of doing screens

All costs- postage, labour, ALL costs

Randy Keller – Do all Coroners Officers need to charge the same amount? We need some type of a standardized system for charging uniformly

Rob Glassmire – Getting all 63 counties using the same fee structure would be difficult

Vonnie Valdez – Lets illiminate some of the costs and standardize the practice

How much does a tox screen cost – depends on test and how many panels that are being looked at.

This now includes alcohol, drugs and tox screen

Salary Increase for certain counties that work full-time and not part-time (Senator Hisey)

Mental Health Funding for Coroners – increase death certificate cost by \$1 to fund this idea (Representative Michaelson-Jenet)

What about a Coroner’s Day at the Capital?

Major Coroner Issues – Randy Keller (ongoing)

Only thing right now is Lake County. Shannon Kent has officially resigned. Jeff and Randy have been in touch with the Lake County Commissioner. Shannon’s last day is August 1. Jeff Graf and Randy Keller have been invited to assist with selection of new Coroner. CCA has been of assistance to the Commissioners, which resulted in Lake County paying their dues and becoming members again.

Secretary’s Report – Brian Cotter (Handout)

Review Minutes from April 15, 2021

Brian Cotter motions that the minutes from the meeting be accepted as presented. Second by Dr. Thomas Canfield, MD. Motion accepted unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report – Victor Yahn (Handout)

Education - \$104,418

Checking - \$ 52,295.09

Savings - \$76,724.49

Ike Miller - \$9,121.77

Lance Boren motion to approve treasurers report as presented. Jeff Graf second. Motion accepted unanimously.

Dues Update – jen vien

All Dues are paid except for Lake – who never pays, and Teller who decided not to pay

New Business –

Advertising in newsletter. Outside companies would like to advertise in our Newsletter.

Refer to Elizabeth Ortiz and the Marketing Committee.

Move forward with ideas

Certification –jen vien

Coroner Assist Team – Randy Keller

Education – Randy Keller and Matt Reid
Equipment Purchase and Streaming
Matt Reid gave an update on new merchandise
New merchandise and new logos

Randy introduced John Papen to the Board

Jen Vien
2021, 2022 Locations
Ideas for 2023

General Membership Meeting – Randy Keller
Tablet will be given away from CCA
Matt has new shirts for the Board
5:30 p.m. on Wednesday June 9
Voting will be in person only

We have 6 Board positions and 5 seats full
We will run 1 Board Member short

CCSTB – Randy Keller

Peer Review – Rob Glassmire
No update since last meeting

Marketing & Promotions – Matt Reid
Hoping to sell all new product and order some additional

Public Relations – Randy Keller

Website – jen vien

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
Randy has some names of attorneys. Any Board Member that needs an update, please contact Randy Keller directly.

Peer Review Session – Rob Glassmire

Next Board Meeting – Randy Keller
Tuesday, October 5, 2021 ~ 1:00 p.m. In person at the DoubleTree Hotel, Grand Junction

Adjourn – 2:32 p.m.