



Colorado Coroners Association

General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

Web Conferencing Link: **ZOOM**

Call Meeting To Order: 2:05 p.m.

Randy Keller, President; Rob Glassmire, Vice-President; Brian Cotter, Secretary; Victor Yahn, Treasurer; Matt Reid; Sue Kern; George Deavers; Jill Romann; Emil Sante; Emily Russell, MD; Steve Ayers; Elizabeth Ortiz; Dave Tennant; George Crocket; Stephen Hunzeker; Thomas Canfield, MD; Michael Burson, MD; Vonnie Valdez; Jennifer Vien; Don Heer; Michael Barnes; Regan Wood; Kelly Lear, MD; Jolene Weiner; Lance Boren; Brenda Bock; Randy Gorton; Annette Cannon; Sandy Graeff; Tawnya Bailey; James Caruso, MD; Rob Ryg; Chris Hegmann; Jeff Graf

Secretary's Report:

Brian Cotter, Secretary

Review minutes from June 5, 2019 General Meeting in Colorado Springs ([attachment](#))

Motion to approve Minutes; Second; Motion accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Victor Yahn

Checking Account: \$ 30,462.36

Savings Account: \$ 76,714.56

Education Account: \$57,918.00

Ike Miller Account: \$ 9,121.77

Review Treasurer's report.

Motion to approve as presented. Second. Accepted unanimously.

Public Comment:

None

Standing Committee Yearly Reports:

Education – Jen Vien, Brenda Bock

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 Lakewood

October 5, 6, 7 - DoubleTree Grand Junction

Legislative – Randy Keller

Atmosphere of 2021 Legislation:

- Required social distancing
- More in office and off site meetings
- “More playing defense than offense”

What this means is more Zoom type meetings and less in-person meetings.

Anticipated Major Legislation of 2021:

- Budget issues

Budgets are not as bad as they once were, but they may be decreased due to COVID

- Pandemic response and recovery programs

Programs that cost money will likely die

Review of bills of CCA interest that failed in 2020, but are likely to return in 2021:

- HB 1060, Natural organic reduction of human remains (postponed indefinitely,

5/27)

This passed the House, and will come back in some form

- HB 1085, Substance orders abuse (vetoed by Governor)

The amendment for Coroners and Medical Investigators to access records will come back

Legislation that was discussed, but not introduced in 2020:

- Minor autopsy reports (Representative Gray and Senator Fields)

There were 38 sponsors to this Bill. However, it is recommended that we continue to work on and re-address in 2022 in order to give us time for strategic planning

- Class 1 training legislation (Senator Winter)

Have not heard anything more on this issue

- Cultural sensitivity legislation (Representative Herod)

Advised CCA leave this one alone for now, but be ready to act if/when it comes up again

- Coroner ethics reform (Representative Soper)

Rep. Soper not interested this year

Certification - Current list ([attachment](#))

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

2020 Stats

1st Quarter: 3 New; 8 Re-new

2nd Quarter: 6 New; 3 "Re-New"

3rd Quarter: 3 New; 4 Re-new

4th Quarter: 6 "Re-New"

We have 167 "known" active Certified Death Investigators

Scholarships – We will award the Ike Miller Scholarship in 2021

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

CCSTB - Randy Keller

Board will meet on Thursday, October 15 to discuss options for Coroner CEU's. In the meantime, there are online courses offered through UND and Death Investigation Academy (Darren Dake).

CCSTB Administrative Duties are being assumed by CCA - jen vien. Please submit your CCSTB questions and correspondence through ccstboard@gmail.com.

Marketing – Matt Reid

We are investigating online products and purchasing. New clothing items and supplies are being investigated as well.

Website – Jen Vien

Website is migrating to a new platform that should be more user friendly. Please take a look at it and share your comments or concerns

Newsletter

Please send any articles or items of interest to Jen Vien

Election of Board Members

Rob Glassmire, Vice President

Announce Board Member election results:

Randy Keller; Matt Reid; Thomas Canfield, MD; Elizabeth Ortiz; Lance Boren; Vonnie Valdez

Old Business:

New Business:

Adjourn: 3:45 p.m.