



Colorado Coroners Association

Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 5, 2021 ~ 1:00 p.m.

ACCEPTED

Call Meeting To Order – 1:02 p.m.

Randy Keller, President; Victor Yahn, Treasurer; Matt Reid; Lance Boren; Vonnie Valdez; Thomas Canfield, MD; Elizabeth Ortiz; Emily Russell, MD; Steve Balcerovich; Kathy Oatis; jen vien
Video: Jeff Graf, Vice President; Stephen Hunzeker;
Guest: John Papen, IT Administrator; Robert Glassmire; Rick Fellabaum
Excused absence: Brian Cotter, Secretary

Legislative Report – Steve Balcerovich, Kathy Oatis (Handout)

Starting January 12, 2022. It will be an election year. There will be extreme partisanship. It could get nasty and tempers flare.

Reapportionate is still going on for legislative seats. Boundaries are still up in the air.

General Issues:

1. Overview of 2021 Interim and 2022 Colorado General Assembly.
 - Much of the interest has been on the ongoing Reappointment process. Final maps due October 11.
 - Interim committees have been meeting since August. Major issues include spending Federal stimulus dollars, behavioral health, taxation, and wildfire management.
 - 2022 General Assembly convenes on Wednesday, January 12, 2022.
 - Election year; expect extreme partisanship.
2. Major Issues of 2022 Legislature.
 - Stimulus recovery legislation
 - State Budget and taxation; one billion dollars over TABOR cap
 - Behavioral Health

CCA Issues of Interest:

1. Implementation of HB21-1317 (Concerning the Regulation of Marijuana).
 - **Suggest only 1 elected official on the committee**
 - January 1, 2022 coroner requirements
 - CCA working group (recommendations due 7/1/22)
 - Randy Keller, Emily Russell, MD, Andrea Tulley Toxicology should be submitted on everyone 25 years of age and under. CDPHE is to pay for toxicology testing. These will be labeled as “non-natural deaths”**

2. Salary Compensation Legislation.

-Upcoming zoom call with Senator Hisey to discuss

Randy Keller will discuss with Senator Hisey. They will look at category II offices and up Half time pay does not always work. Category II counties should be full time Coroner positions. Randy Keller, Jeff Graf and Rob Glassmire will look into.

-Need to secure a Democrat co-prime

3. Coroner Mental Health Legislation.

-Representative Michaelson-Jenet has agreed to be bill sponsor

Senator Michaelson-Jenet sponsors this Bill. She is trying to secure funding for Coroner mental health. Green light to go ahead with Bill. Senator Michaels has agreed to be the Bill sponsor. Nevada does this at a county level, but that is not recommended. If \$5 was appropriated from each death certificate, that would equal close to \$200(k) per year.

Will each county get the appropriate amount of money if the program is based at the State level? An addition can be made by each coroners office that their employees get a chance to contract with a mental health provider.

Having the State collect the money and then we work on the details as to how to spend those funds is going to be the easiest way to allocate the funds.

Need to consider cost per death certificate or for the first copy. Huge difference in cost to family. Bill needs a title.

4. Board Comments.

None

Major Coroner Issues – Randy Keller (ongoing)

New Lake County Coroner Alexander Krieg appointed after Shannon Kent was removed.

Secretary's Report – Brian Cotter (Handout)

Review Minutes from June 8, 2021

Motion to approve minutes as presented – Victor Yahn. Second by Lance Boren. Minutes accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Victor Yahn

Victor is working with a CPA group to organize our paperwork. They just started about 2 weeks ago. There wasn't a printout ready yet for today.

Ike Miller: \$9,121.77

General: \$30,689.84

Education: \$91,138.23

Savings: \$76,728.43

Total: \$207,678.27

Today President Keller went to Best Buy and purchased a new computer, a 42" television monitor and several miscellaneous items that are always needed at Conference. Approximately \$2,000

Dues Update – jen vien

All counties – except for Lake and Teller – paid their dues in full.

New Business –

EDR Concerns – Brian Cotter – **will postpone to next meeting**

Hotel Rooms for Board Members – Randy Keller

It was decided by vote of the Board that the CCA will go back to paying for all Boare Member rooms during Conferences and Trainings. With the influx of Deputy Coroners on our Board, along with Dr. Russell, it was decided that all Board members will have their hotel stay paid for.

Certification –jen vien

164 Active Certified Investigators

Coroner Assist Team – Randy Keller

Letter from Steve Ainsworth (**Handout**) – Randy Keller

Education – Randy Keller and Matt Reid

Equipment Purchase and Streaming

2022 location selections - jen

- June 8, 9, 10 – Sheraton Denver West
- October 5, 6, 7 – DoubleTree Grand Junction
- **2023 – JUNE**

DoubleTree CoSpgs – Do not have rooms available

Marriott - \$189/night ++

Pueblo – F&B Only - \$25,869.11

Ridgeline Hotel in Estes Park - \$159/night ++

This property has great meeting space but sleeping rooms are not great.

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Ridgeline Hotel in Estes Park - \$139/night ++

DoubleTree Greeley - \$139/night ++

River Run – Granby – This is a camping/tent/yurt property. Made several calls to them, tried contacts a Sheriff's office – never got a response.

Jen to shop more hotels -

****Please help us tear down and pack on Friday after the Conference is over.**

General Membership Meeting – Randy Keller

Update on Board results

Chris Hegmann would like to run for open Board seat (**Handout**)

A few people came forward expressing a desire to run for a Board seat.

It is best for the Board to wait until election time, so there are no questions as to who and why was chosen.

Let these people run during next election.

CCSTB – Randy Keller

Peer Review –

Marketing & Promotions – Matt Reid

Public Relations – Randy Keller

Website – jen vien

CCA website moving along

CCSTB will have it's own website by the end of October. It will be completely separate form CCA

Scholarships –

Levi Hill – Montezuma County

Britt Brown – Summit County

Annette Cannon – Jefferson County

Update on previous Executive Session – Randy Keller

Check with Randy Keller if you need to know what is happening.

Peer Review Session –

Next Board Meeting – Randy Keller

Thursday, January 20, 2022 ~ 1:00 p.m. ZOOM meeting?

Adjourn: 2:51 p.m.