



Colorado Coroners Association

Board Meeting Minutes October 4, 2022 ~ 1:00 p.m.

Call Meeting To Order 1:06 p.m.

Randy Keller, Victor Yahn, Matt Reid, Tawyna Bailey, Vonnie Valdez, Elizabeth Ortiz, Emily Russell, MD, Brian Cotter

Guest – Rob Glassmire, John Papen, Steve Balcerovich, Kathy Oatis, Rick Fellabaum

Online – Lance Boren

Absent: Matt Canaga, Steven Hunzeker, Jeff Graf

Legislative Report – Steve Balcerovich, Kathy Oatis (Handout)

November 8 General Election

New Coroners, Senate, Attorney General

State House,

CCA 2023 Issues of Interest

HB22-1221 Concerning Coroners Mental Health

Passed but was vetoed by Governor. Governor does not feel Coroners should be singled out.

If CCA Board wants to revisit, our Lobbyists are ready to go. Kathy will visit again on Monday, October 10.

Elizabeth Ortiz – NIJ is recognizing Coroner stress.

Potential 2023 Minor Autopsy Report Legislation

Mother of deceased minor wants to know if the bill that was vetoed will be brought forth again.

Matt Gray who was our Bill Sponsor is no longer active.

Senator Finburg is a strong supporter of the Bill and is willing to help.

Motion to conduct a survey with our membership to seal autopsy reports for minors – Victor Yahn

Second by Elizabeth Ortiz. Motion carries unanimously.

Boulder County Coroner's Office issue concerning PERA

Boulder County Coroner's Office believes that since they are exposed to toxic chemicals, along with Sheriff, PD and EMS, they should be covered by PERA along with the previously mentioned offices.

So far, Boulder County is the only office they are working on this for.

Will use language – Any county covered by PERA.....

If this issue becomes a drain, Steve and Kathy will drop it.

Steve and Kathy work very hard and do a lot for this organization, making \$1,200 per month each. They would like a raise of \$300 per month. This will be discussed at length in the Executive session

Secretary's Report – Brian Cotter (Handout)

Review Minutes from June 7, 2022

Motion to accept the minutes as presented – Matt Reid

Second by Victor Yahn. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Victor Yahn (Handout)

Education - \$131,028.94

General - \$13,669.86

Savings \$ \$76,744.78

Ike Miller - \$6,576.77

Victor would like to transfer \$50,000 from Education into Savings.

Motion to accept Treasurers report as presented by Vonnie Valdez.

Second by Elizabeth Ortiz. Motion accepted unanimously.

Major Coroner Issues – Randy Keller (ongoing)

Emil Sante – San Miguel – County Attorney is wanting to fight the Coroner Salary Bill

Is there any way we can support Emil after the Conference is over.

Randy Keller will gather some additional information prior to the third week of October.

Dues Update – jen vien

New Business – (Handouts)

Kaleb Yoder – Lake County

Nick Hodgdon - Vendor

Randy Keller described the situations. Asked the Board for their ideas.

The Board would like these types of issues brought before them much sooner – right after the issue happens.

A letter will be sent to Alexander Krieg.

A letter will be sent to Nick Hodgdon.

John Papen – is due a raise from \$2,000 to \$3,000

Motion to pay John Papen \$3,000 per event effective immediately by Victor Yahn

Second by Matt Reid. Motion accepted unanimously.

Randy Keller asked the Board if the CCA equipment can be used at the CCSTB New Coroner Training.

CCSTB should be billed for bulbs and batteries.

Randy would like to move the October Training dates to one week later.

Leave it where it is for now.

Certification –jen vien

Nothing new

Coroner Assist Team – Randy Keller

Nothing to report

Tanya Bailey wanted more information on the Coroner Assist Team and how to contact them.

Education – Randy Keller and Matt Reid

October Conference Update – Randy Keller, Matt Reid

2023 location selections – jen

- **JUNE**
Marriott - \$189/night ++
- **OCTOBER**
DoubleTree Greeley - \$139/night ++
- Hotels are starting to charge for vendor table set-up (\$20++ per table) as well as \$20++ for electricity. Do we need to build these costs into our registration fee? Early bird registration is \$400, standard is \$450 and late is \$650. (++) is 24% svc charge and tax)

Motion to increase Vendor registration fee by \$50 Matt Reid. Second by Victor Yahn. Motion accepted unanimously.

Speakers – jen

Everyone wants more case presentations, but no one is willing to give one

Can we consider giving a \$100 discount to Members who give a case presentation – 30 mins? 60 mins??.

Suggestion to give presenters a \$100 gift card to our store. \$50 instead
Push a little more before we give gift cards.

Scholarships – Stephen Hunzeker

Scholarship recipients

Megan Southern – Douglas

Louis Greek – Clear Creek

Norma Mower – Huerfano

Revamp application next year

CCSTB – Randy Keller

Dates are December 12-16, 2022

Held at Colorado State Vital Records Office

Peer Review – Brian Cotter

No action needed

Marketing & Promotions – Matt Reid

Public Relations – Randy Keller

Website – jen vien

CCA website moving along

CCSTB site up and running

Jen Announcement – jen vien

Donor Alliance

Next Board Meeting – Randy Keller

Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. This will be a ZOOM meeting

Adjourn: 340p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Lobbyist Raise