



Colorado Coroners Association

Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 6, 2020 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

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Call Meeting To Order – Randy Keller, President; Rob Glassmire, Vice-President; Brian Cotter, Secretary; Victor Yahn, Treasurer; Brenda Bock; Randy Gorton; Jeff Graf; Kathy Oatis; Steve Balcerovich; Emily Russel, MD; Matt Reid; Michael Burson, MD; Stephen Hunzeker; jen vien;
Absent/Excused: Thomas Canfield, MD

Legislative Report – Steve Balcerovich, Kathy Oatis (Handout)

1. Overview of November 2020 Election:
 - Projected composition of State Senate and State House as well as likely legislative leadership positions
 - Overview of major ballot issues
2. 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.
3. 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

4. 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

5. 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

6. Other CCA priorities:
No one has heard of any issues

7. Board Comments:
No one presented any comments

Major Coroner Issues – Randy Keller (ongoing)

RK was asked to give Shannon Kent a call regarding dues. There was a conversation and Shannon was not pleased with “How CCA did nothing to support him with his issues throughout the County.” RK had offered assistance thru mediation prior to the situation. Shannon is not going to pay 2020 Dues or 2021 at this time.

Secretary’s Report – Brian Cotter (Handout)

Review Minutes from July 8, 2020

Brian Cotter - motion to approve as presented. Second. Accepted unanimously

Treasurer’s Report – Victor Yahn (Handout)

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.

Randy Gorton - motion to approve as presented. Second. Accepted unanimously.

Dues Update – jen vien

Lake and Park are the only 2 Counties which haven’t paid

New Business – Randy Keller

Nothing

By-Laws and Policy Update – Randy Keller (Ongoing)

Need to review

General Membership Meeting and Election of Board Members – Rob Glassmire

Up for Election: Randy Keller; Thomas Canfield, MD; Jill Romann; Joey Weiner; Lance Boren; Chris Hegmann; Matt Reid; Elizabeth Ortiz; Vonnie Valdez

Rob – Zoom Meeting scheduled. Currently, we have 35 registered, 30 are coroners. In terms of election, we are set and up and running. We have 52% participation for voting. The number of votes each candidate receives will not be revealed. Brenda suggests we announce the new Board Members at the end of the meeting, so current Board can work through meeting.

Randy Keller – when will Executive Board be decided. We will have all Board Members remain on the call and will discuss via Zoom.

We need to review Bylaws regarding how often the Executive Board will change. Two years is what has been discussed in several meetings. Having a 2-year term will allow for better carry-through. One year does not seem efficient. No definitive decision was made when the subject has been brought up. General Membership meeting participants should be able to be allowed in decision of Executive Board, but not have a vote or a say-so.

Randy Gorton – problem is you have elections, and every year you have a chance of losing an Executive Board Member. Should be renewed every year.

Rob Glassmire – current Bylaws call for 2 years. Unless we have a resignation, the executive officers are to fulfil a 2-year term.

Allowing Non-Coroners to be on the Board. Need to review Bylaws – it was never voted on officially.

Certification – Brenda Bock; jen vien

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: 4 “Re-New”

We have 167 “known” active Certified Death Investigators

POST items counting towards CCA Certification – Several applications were POST education, and not so much regarding Death Investigation. We need a clause that says if the CE does not pertain to death investigation, it will not count.

Randy Keller suggests jen vien make necessary changes to the CDI application. All CE’s must apply or pertain to death investigation. Jen and Brenda will decide on the wording for the application.

Coroner Assist Team – Randy Keller

Education – jen vien (Meeting venues)

2021 Locations:

- June 9, 10, 11 – Hotel Elegante’, Colorado Springs
- October 6, 7, 8 – DoubleTree Grand Junction

2022 Locations

- June 8, 9, 10 – Sheraton Lakewood
- October 5, 6, 7 – DoubleTree Grand Junction

CCSTB – Randy Keller

Everything moving forward with jen being the Admins Assistant for the CCSTBoard. However, a contract has not been formalized yet. Monica Broncucia-Jordan has concerns about CCA taking over CCST. However, the AG’s Office has approved it and it is not in violation of Statutes

Peer Review – Randy Keller

Nothing at this time. A few cases that need to be discussed later

Marketing & Promotions – Matt Reid

Nothing at this time. Thank you to Matt for all his efforts towards Marketing and towards Education and speakers.

Public Relations – Randy Keller

Website – jen vien

New platform launches October 7. Please take a look and offer comments, suggestions, concerns.

Scholarships – jen vien

Scholarship applications for Oct 2020 which will carry forward to 2021

Annette Cannon – Jeffco (new dates)

Michael Barnes – Gunnison (old dates)

Ike Miller to be awarded in 2021

Update on previous Executive Session – Randy Keller

Peer Review Session – Randy Keller

Next Board Meeting – Randy Keller

To be determined. May be able to meet in person then. Let the new Board Members have some input on the date and location and whether to meet in person or online.

Adjourn

12:00 Noon