



**Colorado Coroners Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Elevation Hotel and Spa ~ Crested Butte  
5:30 p.m., October 9, 2018**

**Call Meeting To Order: 5:33 p.m.**

President – Randy Gorton; Vice-President – Randy Keller; George Crocket, Secretary; Mike Graeff, Treasurer; Brian Cotter; Brenda Bock, Emma Hall, Rob Glassmire, Thomas Canfield, MD., Matt Reid, Sandy Graeff, jen vien, Steve Balcerovich, Kathy Oatis  
Absent: Michael Burson, MD (call-in)

**Legislative Report:**

Steve and Kathy provided an agenda  
Ballot Issues

The Coroners Association wanted Bill #223 (Autopsy Reports Regarding a Minor) re-introduced in 2019.

Good thing – murder in Frederick Colorado – autopsy records were sealed. No public interest. This will be a platform for moving the bill forward.

Randy Gorton has a letter from the Colorado Press Association Network (attached)  
They would like to make their point in why autopsy records should be public.  
The original vote was good. We may get that close again, we may not.

Bill 4 - Draft 9-12-18 Prevention of Opioid and Other Substance Use

Who can look at the program.

Opioid committee meeting in Denver again. They will get Dr. Burson the date, so he can attend. (12-10-18 10:00 a.m.)

Position of CCA that Interim Bill 4 be amended to allow coroners, coroner deputies and forensic pathologists access to the prescription drug program.

Bob Fowler is a pharmacist. Maybe a good idea to ask him to go to meeting.  
Dr. Burson, Emma Hall and Randy Gorton will also attend. Steve will try to get them on the agenda.

Comments or questions for the Board?

Steve and Kathy have requested a raise - \$200 per month each....  
Tabled until after the Treasurers report

**Secretary's Report:**

Minutes from June meeting were submitted  
Motion to approve minutes. Second. Accepted unanimously

**Treasurer's Report:**

Savings \$70,851.78  
Education \$31,149.54  
General Fund \$16,100.63  
Ike Miller \$8,089.99

**Total \$126, 191.94**

While we are not in the business to make money, we need to make some income to cover our output.

Motion to accept Treasurers report and in same motion we give Lobbyists their raise.  
Second. Motion accepted unanimously.

Mike will not be Treasurer as of January. What do we do to cover that.  
Mike will stay as Treasurer until December, Sandy want to take over after January and take it until June.

New Treasurer is Sandy (by anonymous vote)

Expense/Income discussion between Mike and Sandy and Emma on Marketing  
Sandy said they have contributed between \$500 and \$1000 in personal funds to store items/inventory each year

**New Coroner Institute:**

Takes place week of December 3. Still don't know the cost. Maximum will be \$3,500  
CCSTB having a meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>, they will determine cost then.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- Randy Gorton – Outreach in Eastern Colorado - **WITHDRAWN**  
This is about giving the members out East some training, not necessarily credit hours.  
This is focused on Deputies, not Coroners.
- CDPHE (Jeff Groff) Colorado Board of Health Rule will be going through another stakeholder meeting. Current changes are positive
- Set up an Ethics Committee web link for complaints and requirements to file them. (Dr. Burson)

- There has been talk of trying to pass legislation that CCSTB can audit CCA and Coroners regarding complaints  
Ethics Committee is Executive Board – Randy Gorton, Randy Keller, George Crocket, Mike Graeff – and Dr. Michael Burson  
We need to be proactive in approaching and addressing complaints.

Motion to move forward with developing a form for submission to the web. Second, motion accepted unanimously

- Costs of Conferences  
We need to cut back on our costs. We will look at many ways of doing so.

Provided Hotel Rooms

CCA will pay for Tuesday nights because Board is required to attend the meeting.

Mileage – Board should not be reimbursed for mileage to and from Conference and Training.

Motion for Board members to pay for their own rooms on Wednesday and Thursday nights, with no mileage reimbursement for Conferences and Training. Second. Motion accepted unanimously.

- June Conference Speakers (costs)  
Education Committee to discuss and report to Board
- Death Pronouncement (Who can pronounce)  
Discussion. Nothing definite.
- Darren Dake's offer – handout  
Table this until we find out if CCSTB will accept the credits. Education committee will research and report at Jan 2019 meeting **ONGOING**

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### **Certification:**

Jen Vien

### **2018 Stats**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 6 "Re-New"; 6 "New"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 6 "Re-New"; 7 "New"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 8 "Re-New"; 3 "New"
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1 "New"

We have 155 "known" active Certified Death Investigators

### **Coroner Assist Team**

Randy Gorton

## **Education**

Brenda Bock, Randy Keller, Matt Reid, jen vien

October 2018 – Crested Butte (October 10-12) – 79 people registered, including speakers, Board and Scholarship recipients

June 2019 DoubleTree Hotel in Colorado Springs (June 5-7)

October 2019 – Grand Junction (Oct 9-11)

Discuss 2020 locations - Sheraton Lakewood (**handout**), Pueblo Convention Center (**handout**) for June and Ridgeline Hotel in Estes Park (**handout**) for October

Jen will look at negotiating the prices for Sheraton and Estes Park. Will do a site visit to Estes Park and Pueblo Convention Center **ONGOING**

## **CCSTB**

October 18, 2018

2019 Dates are: January 24; April 25; July 25; October 24, 2019

New Coroner Training will be held at Adams County Coroners Office December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Thinking there will be 20 new coroners but need a count so they can determine the cost per coroner. The money is used to cover cost outlay. There is a \$25,000 budget.

Randy Keller and Randy Gorton will attend New Coroner Training in order to explain CCA's role

Randy Gorton and jen vien will keep Randy Keller informed of the "new" coroners that need the class.

## **Peer Review**

## **Marketing & Promotions**

Emma spoke about store and marketing ideas. Explained the marketing survey.

## **Public Relations**

## **Website**

Store on the website and a Facebook page??

Publish date – October 23 (**handout**)

Announce new site at October Training

- Email notifications
- What to do with current website – Re-direct???

**Scholarships**

George Crocket, Mike Burson, Matt Reid, Randy Keller, Rob Glassmire

- 3 Scholarships were awarded:
  - Mark Biggins, Huerfano County Deputy Coroner
  - Kim Weiers, Summit County Deputy Coroner
  - Brandon Bishop, Archuleta County Coroner

**Outside Committees**

George Crocket

**Next Board Meeting(s)**

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 11:30 a.m Boulder County Coroner's Office  
5610 Flatirons Parkway Boulder 80301 303.441.3535

Weds, April 24, 2019 11:30 a.m. –  
2741 E Las Vegas Colorado Springs 80906 719.390.2450

Tues, June 4, 2019 5:30 p.m. - DoubleTree by Hilton, Colorado Springs

Tues, October 8, 2019 5:30 p.m. DoubleTree by Hilton, Grand Junction

**Adjourn 8:37p.m.**