

WCMEA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

January 11, 2011

Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapids

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Attending: President Al Klimek (Brown/Door/Oconto), 1st Vice-President Angela Hinze (Columbia/Adams), Treasurer Bob Kulhanek (Sheboygan), Trustees Barry Irmen (Dane) and John Steers (LaCrosse). Scott Rifleman (Portage), Joe Morovits (Crawford)
Excused: Secretary Jon Hagen (Outagamie), Trustee Laurie Parisey (Oconto), Sergeant-at-Arms Richard Schieffler (Clark) and Past-President Jenifer Keach (Rock).
Absent: 2nd Vice-President P.J. Schoebl (Dodge).

The meeting was called to order at 1815 hours by President Al Klimek.

The minutes from the Board of Director's meeting from September 28, 2010 were distributed for review. A MOTION was made by Scott Rifleman/Joe Morovits to approve the minutes as written. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Al Klimek. The past quarter was very quiet, in part due to the conference being moved to April. There was little legislative activity due to the fall election.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Angela Hinze. Nothing to report.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: P.J. Schoebl. P.J. is absent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jon Hagen (excused). Jon had submitted the minutes from the last board meeting in September, which was distributed at the meeting. This meeting is being recorded and Jon will submit the minutes after listening to the meeting on CD.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Kulhanek (Sheboygan). Bob distributed a written report to those in attendance. As of 12/31/2010, the balance is \$88,905.89. We did receive payment for a past-due January 2010 conference registration, and a vendor paid a past-due bill for the June 2010 conference. Also, the two outstanding June conference registrations were paid. We still have \$796 in outstanding merchandise from the June conference; the bills for this have not yet go out. P.J. was to get the bills out, but apparently this was not done. Otherwise, we have collected everything that we are owed.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Laurie Parisey is excused. John Steers and Barry Irmen had nothing to report.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Richard Schleiffer is excused due to a recent death in his family.

PAST-PRESIDENT: Jenifer Keach is excused.

A MOTION (John Steers/Barry Irmen) to accept the officer's reports. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Angela Hinze. The conferences are now in a spring/fall format. The spring conference will be held at the Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids on April 3-6, 2011. Some of the conference will be "split" with some topics for newer investigators and some for those more experienced, and other speakers will present to the entire group. A presentation on the Jeffrey Dahmer case will be done. Liz Feagles will present, as well as the new pathologist from Dane County. Angela is looking for someone to talk about jurisdiction of a body, "Who's Body Is It?" Discussion was heard about death investigators not being notified promptly in certain circumstances. There will be a Board of Director's meeting on Sunday night, April 3. On Monday night, April 4, there will be hors d'ourves. On Tuesday night, April 5, there will tentatively be bar specials for drinks and a taco bar, or something similar. WCMEA will pay for the taco bar. Bob inquired about the cost of the conference, pointing out that the cost of the last conferences were the same, although no banquet was offered at the 2010 winter conference. Scholarships were discussed, and several members have inquired about them. Angela is open to suggestions for conference speakers for the October conference. The cost of the Spring 2011 conference will be \$225 per member, \$250 for non-members of the Association. Spring 2011 speakers will get transportation fees, their hotel room and if they require a speaker fee.

INFORMATION/TECHNOLOGY: Neither P.J. or Mark Playman are at the meeting. Al is unsure if our computer server has been switched over. Bob has not paid for any of these services. No one has had any recent contact with P.J. regarding this matter. Marc Playman is continuing to do website updates. Marc previously had asked WCMEA to pay him for these services and the Association declined his offer, but MTF is now compensating Marc for helping out our Association with computer services. After discussion, the Board decided to assign John Steers to take over the Information/Technology committee. He will contact Marc and explore where things are right now with the server, etc. Barry Irmen will also help with this.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Scott Rifleman. Scott has had contact with Amy Sue Vrunik and Christian Plata. Plata told Scott that the 979 draft has gone back to the writer's. The Wisconsin Hospital Association has not had their input yet as to what they want in 979. Scott believes the legislators are busy with other items they deem more important. Scott said there is a republican legislator from Wausau who is a physician; she is the chairperson of the health committee. Scott did tell Plata this, and he is concerned as he does not want the 979 bill "hijacked." Scott told him this is a non-partisan bill. There also was discussion about not having a training portion to the 979 bill. John Stanley had worked for 10 years on this bill and was not successful in seeing it through to fruition. Al said that Dave Hansen, a democratic senator from Green Bay, may be willing to help, as is a republican, Carl Van Roy, a representative, is also willing to help. Scott would like to get the WHA's statement, then have WCMEA members contact their legislators about the 979 draft. Hopefully, this will generate support to get the bill passed, and then we can focus on the training issue. The bill is "not anyone's

priority” so that is why there is no urgency on the legislator’s part to see this through. Ideally, we would get the draft back with WHA approval, then Representative Vrunik needs to submit it as a bill, and we will then work to get it passed.

NEWSLETTER: Neither Jennifer or Patricia, the editors of The Examiner, were in attendance. An issue recently came out and is again impressive. Al brought up the fact that the editors are always looking for submissions for the newsletters.

MEMBERSHIP: Angela would like to get someone else involved in membership, as Amanda is no longer doing it. The membership runs for the fiscal year, July 1 to June 30. The 2nd Vice-President previously was responsible for membership. Angela will take care of this for the current year. Al will contact P.J. to see what his status is. Laurie Parisey may be interested in helping with membership.

MERCHANDISE: No report, as Richard is excused. We still have quite a bit of merchandise to sell at the upcoming conference.

A MOTION (Joe Morovits/Angela Hinze) to accept the Committee Reports. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: Insurance update. Bob got two estimates, and is working on a third estimate. Bob did ask the insurance companies as to what they would recommend for the WCMEA. Both suggested one million dollars for the directors/officers, which is outside of the cost of litigation. One company quoted \$550 per year, the other quoted \$609. They also suggested general liability insurance; one quote was \$300 per year, the other was \$337. The third company has been difficult to work with, not getting back to Bob with information, etc. A MOTION was made (Scott Rifleman/ Joe Morovits) to purchase liability and directors/officers insurance from West Bend Mutual for approximately \$850 annually. Passed unanimously on voice vote. One of the insurance companies did express surprise that we have not had to show proof of insurance to our conference hosting hotels as of yet.

MERCHANDISE SALES: Bob has made it a point to keep track of merchandise sales. After four conferences, we are \$2555 in the red for merchandise sales. We do make a little money on January sales, as we do not purchase any new items for that conference. We do lose money at the June conferences on merchandise sales. Bob asked if it is wise to continue to spend money on merchandise, or to discontinue this practice? Discussion was heard concerning the matter, including being able to take credit card purchases, cash only (no credit).

LATE PAYMENTS: Bob just recently received payment for a January 2010 conference registration. Bob found out that the county did cut the coroner a check in shortly after the conference and gave it to the coroner; the coroner never mailed in the check and that check was then cancelled by the county. Bob also asked if counties should be able to pay after the conference, or if payment is required with the registration. Discussion was

heard. We will continue to bill counties for their attendance, but non-members will be required to pay with registration.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion on the awarding of a John Stanley award was tabled.

Discussion was heard about having the WCMEA Constitution bound or just available electronically. 100 bound copies would cost approximately \$425, according to research done by Jenifer Keach. Discussion was heard. No action was taken.

Discussion was heard about having one central location for WCMEA documents, past notes, financial statements, etc.

John Steers passed out MDI Log, web-based storage systems that he is impressed with. The company has been invited to the October conference by John to show their wares. The program was developed by Dr. Steven Case.

A MOTION was made (Scott Rifleman/Bob Kulhanek) to adjourn. The time was not recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon K. Hagen
Secretary