

Wisconsin Coroners and Medical Examiners Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, October 2, 2011
Stone Harbor Resort, Sturgeon Bay

===**APPROVED**===

The meeting was called to order by President Al Klimek at 1840 hours. Minutes have been taken by Richard Schleifer, as Secretary Jon Hagen is excused.

An attendance sheet was passed: Board members present include: Al Klimek (Brown, Door, Oconto), Angela Hinze (Adams, Columbia), John Steers (LaCrosse), Barry Irmen (Dane), Joe Morovits (Crawford), Robert Kulhanek (Sheboygan), Jenifer Keach (Rock), Scott Rifleman (Portage) and Richard Schleifer (Clark). Board members excused: Jon Hagen, Laurie Parisey. Others in attendance: Laurie Ripp, RTI Donor Services; Patrice Hall, Kenosha; Curt Green, Manitowoc; Dr. Mark Witeck.

A MOTION (Morovits/Irmen) was made to accept the Board of Directors meeting minutes held on April 3, 2011 at the Mead Hotel in Wisconsin Rapids. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Al Klimek. Discussion of past year and some of effects perhaps from changing the dates of the conferences (now a spring and fall format). Nothing much changed as far as communication; some members still complain about not receiving information. Other members are pleased and feel we are making headway with Legislature. Al did send out a membership spread sheet via email last week that shows those that are in good standing.

1st VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Angela Hinze. The spring 2012 Conference will be held at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. The conference starts on the first Monday in April, which is April 2. Angela is trying to make better contact with everyone via email but there is still room for improvement. She has notified the Police Chief's Association and the Sheriff's Association, hoping to boost conference attendance. The April 2012 is geared toward trauma. She also noted that she has spent a considerable amount of time trying to get ABMDI credits for our conferences.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jon Hagen was excused. He had emailed both the meeting minutes for the Board of Director's meeting and the 2010 Annual Meeting for the Board to review.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robert Kulhanek. Bob provided a written report to those attending. The June 30, 2011 statement is down about \$4000 from the beginning of the year, due mainly to printing costs and costs associated with the Board of Director's meetings and activities. The balance as of June 30, 2011 is \$98,288.35.

Bob also reported that room usage for the April 2011 conference was as follows: Sunday 59 rooms; Monday 64 rooms; Tuesday 56 rooms for a total of 179 rooms. Bob feels we

should under commit when booking rooms, as at times we have to pay for rooms that go unused.

He reported that the WCMEA is recognized as a “not for profit” status and we need to file a tax return to be federally tax-exempt. Bob did file taxes by June 30.

Bob also mentioned that he received a letter from Forrestville.com, inquiring if WCMEA sold merchandise, etc.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Neither John Steers or Barry Irmen had anything to report.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Richard Schleifer. All merchandise from past conferences has been paid.

A MOTION (Hinze/Steers) was made and seconded to accept the officer’s reports. The motion passed.

WEBSITE: Barry Irmen. Barry reported that the website is undergoing a format change and is being updated; this will make it easier for members to navigate. There will be both a “public side” and a “secure side” and he hopes this will be ready yet in October.

NEW MERCHANDISE: Conference attendees will each be given a WCMEA computer-style bag. Some presentations have been placed on jump drives, which also will be given to conference attendees. Jackets, vests and duffle bags are new items that have been purchased for this conference. There still is some merchandise left over from previous conferences.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Scott Rifleman. Scott reported that it continues to be somewhat frustrating in his dealings with the Wisconsin Hospital Association. He continues to work with them and is optimistic that we will get a draft, which we will then review and try to get a bill passed in the next legislative session. The history behind this is the Hospital Association had some concerns regarding some of the language inserted into the revision of 979. We had met with them approx. 2 years ago and agreed that the language could be modified to eliminate their concerns and still meet our intent of the language change. We have not heard from them in the two years since that meeting and are becoming frustrated with the delay. Rifleman has recently become aggressive in addressing this delay and this has resulted in “increased dialog”.

NEWSLETTER: Patty Hall. Patty said that she and Jennifer Schroeter hope to have the next issue completed next week.

OLD BUSINESS: The following item was discussed: Attendance of “students” at conferences. The “present guideline” indicates that “students” not affiliated with the WCMEA but are 18 years of age or older can request to attend a conference if they apply in writing at least 45 days before the conference and this request is approved. A recent situation did arise where a student applied to attend but did not do so 45 days in advance

because she did not know about the conference that far out. This could have resulted in a denial to attend based on current language. Robert Kulhanek proposed a change that removes the 45 days' notice in lieu of language that allows the President and one board member to review the application and grant permission for the student to attend with no time limit in place. A MOTION (Rifleman/Morovits) was made, passed.

NEW BUSINESS: President Klimek feels we are not reaching all counties equally. He brought up the idea of dividing the state into districts to better reach people. Delegates responsible for each district would serve on the Board of Directors, which would be restructured. He brought this up for consideration; he feels that the delegate would be a good contact person for members in each district. This will be discussed at the Annual Meeting and move forward based upon the actions taken at that meeting.

A MOTION (Keach/Hinze) to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon K. Hagen, RN, BSN, D-ABMDI
Secretary