

**WISCONSIN CORONERS AND MEDICAL EXAMINERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2012
SHERATON HOTEL, MADISON, WI (DANE COUNTY)**

APPROVED OCTOBER 15, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Al Klimek at 1527.

ATTENDANCE: An attendance sheet was passed. Those members attending: Corey Bereza (Brown), Rory Froessl (Kewaunee), Ron Cody (Brown), John Larson (Marathon), Michael Payne (Racine), Lee Smith (Dodge), Bob Posant (Washington), Joe Stommel (Dodge), Kay Wrege (Dodge), P.J. Schoebel (Dodge), Tracy Kujawa (Portage), Scott Rifleman (Portage), Dog Bartow (Grant), Joe Morovits (Crawford), C.P. Capoyianes (Fond du Lac), Dr. Mark Witteck (independent), Dave Dokkestol (Sawyer), Tim Candahl (LaCrosse), Barry Busby (Winnebago), Robert Kulhanek (Sheboygan), Fary Aschenbach (Sheboygan), William Smith (Green Lake), Darlene Strey (Green Lake), Shari Wahlers (Green Lake), Jennifer Keach (Rock), Dr. Doug Kelley (Fond du Lac), Jane Ramey (Jackson), Lani Corcker (Jackson), James Dalbesio III (Price), Richard Schleifer (Clark), Kathy Kohutko (Juneau), Jay Deppe (Jefferson), Kent Miller (Dane), Danielle Darr (Dane), Colleen Little (Dane), Kurt Karbusicky (Dane), Kris Haase (Green), David Plenge (Green), Jennifer Schroeter (Kenosha), Nichol Wayd (Waukesha), Nicole Bauer (Waukesha), Jeffrey Sholts (Dane), Thomas O'Conner (Fond du Lac), Larry Mathein (Oneida/Forest), Larry Shadick (Langlade), Julie Yonker (Oconto) Amy Lyn DeMeter (Door), Laurie Parisey (Oconto), Barry Irmien (Dane), John Steers (LaCrosse), Mary Ricci (Barron), Al Klimek (Brown), Jon Hagen (Outagamie).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING FROM OCTOBER 3, 2011. A motion and second were heard. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved, passed unanimously on voice vote of the membership.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Al Klimek. Al noted that he has served as President of the WCMEA for the past 2 years. He has had an opportunity to interact with several members to discuss potential solutions to problems as they arise. He has been involved with "Forward Focus" with the UW OPO to help overcome problems with potential organ donors. He noted that the WCMEA helped with legislative changes for "pre-notification" of potential donors. Al and Scott Rifleman also have met with legislators regarding the 979 bill. He also assisted with the electronic death certificate rollout. The membership thanked Al for his service.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: Angela Hinze. Angela told the membership of her efforts to provide pertinent, quality educational opportunities at the conferences.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: Curt Green (Manitowoc). Curt was not able to attend the conference. Al noted that Curt has worked hard to maintain the membership list,

coordinate renewals, etc. Curt did encounter some problems in this regard, and did work to rectify those problems. Currently, WCMEA has 242 paid members.

SECRETARY: Jon Hagen. Jon told the membership that he has been diligent to submit meeting minutes to BOD members promptly, to ensure accuracy. This way, members can review the minutes while the meeting is still “fresh” in their minds.

TREASURER: Robert Kulhanek. As per usual, Bob provided the membership with a detailed account summary. Our balance as of June 30, 2012 is \$87,601.48. A copy of his written report is attached to these minutes. He noted that the Association has lost money in the last year, primarily due to the “ABMDI issue” where the WCMEA did not secure ABMDI credits for two recent conferences; those ABMDI-certified members were awarded “free conferences” (up to two) if they attended conferences where credits were not awarded. This reimbursement included conference fees and hotel costs. Bob also noted that the recent conference in Sturgeon Bay was quite expensive for the WCMEA.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: None of the three trustees (Barry Irmen, Laurie Parisey or John Steers) had anything to report.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Paul Mattlin (Portage). Paul was not able to attend the meeting. It was noted that there was no new WCMEA merchandise ordered for this conference, as “old” merchandise was sold at reduced prices in an effort to reduce inventory. New merchandise will be ordered for upcoming conferences.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Mary Ricci. Mary did secure ABMDI credits for this conference.

PAST PRESIDENT: Dr. Doug Kelley. Nothing to report.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the officer’s reports. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

INFORMATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT: Barry Irmen. Barry has worked hard on improving the website. He is hoping to be able to offer on-line registration for future conferences. If anyone has suggestions or ideas, Barry encouraged members to contact him.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Scott Rifleman. Scott told the membership that “979” did not make it through the last legislative session. He will tweak some of the verbage and hopefully we will find some support in the next legislative session. Scott feels the WCMEA does need a lobbyist and will discuss this with the soon-to-be elected new Board of Directors. He feels this is a bi-partisan bill. He also stressed that individual WCMEA members need to contact their local legislators to support this bill. Scott also noted that he is a member-at-large for the Wisconsin Lions Eye Bank Board of Directors.

NEWSLETTER: Jennifer Schroeter. Jennifer and Patrice Hall (Kenosha) continue to produce The Examiner, the Association's newsletter. As always, they seek input from the membership for articles, photos, etc.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS COMMITTEE: John Larson, John Steers and Mary Ricci. Please read on for the individual nominations for their suggestions.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously by the membership to accept the committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Robert Kulhanek noted that for the WCMEA insurance, there is a dissolution clause in case the WCMEA could cease to exist. The following was read aloud to the membership: "In the event of the organization being dissolved, the amount that remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to any organization with similar purposes which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members."

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously by the membership to approve the dissolution clause as read.

John Larson asked about the possibility of the WCMEA to purchase a mass-fatality response trailer. Barry Irmen said that Dane County currently has four trailers that would be available on a state-wide basis if needed. He also mentioned that Dane County is attempting to obtain two cold-storage trailers for body storage in the event of a mass casualty incident. ASPER money may also be available.

The spring 2013 conference will be held in Kenosha County. The fall 2013 conference will be held in Manitowoc County. NAME is being held in Milwaukee next fall, so the WCMEA may need to be somewhat flexible when scheduling the dates of the fall conference. The spring 2014 conference location has not been determined. LaCrosse County volunteered to host the fall 2014 conference.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: The nominating committee suggested P.J. Schoebel (Dodge County). There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to name P. J. SCHOEBEL as President. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: The nomination committee offered the names of Jennifer Schroeter and Barry Irmen. Candidates were offered the opportunity to address the membership. Nominations from the floor were for Rory Groessl and Ron Cody. Paper ballots were distributed. The membership elected BARRY IRMEN.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: The nomination committee offered the names of Curt Green and Bob Posant. There was a floor nomination for Jennifer Schroeter. Candidates were offered the opportunity to address the membership. Paper ballots were distributed. The membership elected JENNIFER SCHROETER.

SECRETARY: The nomination committee offered the name of Laurie Parisey. There was a nomination from the floor for Bob Posant. Candidates were offered the opportunity to address the membership. Paper ballots were distributed. The membership elected LAURIE PARISEY.

TREASURER: The nomination committee offered the name of Robert Kulhanek. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to name ROBERT KULHANEK as treasurer. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: The nomination committee offered the name of Paul Mattlin. There was a nomination from the floor for Richard Schleifer. The candidate was offered the opportunity to address the membership. Paper ballots were distributed. The membership elected RICHARD SCHLEIFER.

3-YEAR TRUSTEE: The nominating committee offered the names of Jay Deppe, Amy DeMeter, Joe Morovits and Jennifer Keach. There were nominations from the floor for John Larson, Paul Mattlin and Bob Posant. Candidates were offered the opportunity to address the membership. Paper ballots were distributed. The membership elected JOHN LARSON.

2-YEAR TRUSTEE: Nominations from the floor for Jay Deppe, Amy DeMeter, Joe Morovits, Jennifer Keach, Paul Mattlin and Bob Posant. Candidates were offered the opportunity to address the membership. Paper ballots were distributed. The membership elected JAY DEPPE.

1-YEAR TRUSTEE: Nominations from the floor for Amy DeMeter, Joe Morovits, Jennifer Keach, Paul Mattlin, Jane Ramey and Bob Posant. Candidates were offered the opportunity to address the membership. Paper ballots were distributed. The membership elected AMY DeMETER.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: This position will be appointed by the President.

A motion was made and seconded to destroy the paper ballots, passed unanimously on a voice vote.

A motion was made and seconded to close the Annual Meeting. Passed unanimously on a voice vote at 1706 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon K. Hagen, Secretary