

Wisconsin Coroner's and Medical Examiner's Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Kenosha, WI

Sunday, April 7, 2013 1600 hours

APPROVED JULY 12, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President P.J. Schoebel at 1605 hours. An attendance sheet was passed around. Those attending: President P.J. Schoebel (Dodge), 1st Vice-President Barry Irmen (Dane), 2nd Vice-President/Newsletter Jen Schroeter (Kenosha), Treasurer Bob Kulhanek (Sheboygan), Secretary Laurie Parisey (Oconto), 2 year Trustee Jay Deppe (Jefferson), Member-at-Large Mary Ricci (Barron), Past President Al Klimek (Brown/Door/Oconto), Sergeant-at-Arm's Richard Schliefer (Clark), Legislation Committee Scott Rifleman (Portage), Newsletter Committee Patrice Hall (Kenosha), Lobbyist Chris Lenzendorf, Heather Schultz, (Portage), Michael Ruef, (Dane), RTIDS Laurie Ripp, Thomas O'Connor, (Fond du Lac).

Pizza was served to all attending.

Excused: Three year Trustee John Larson (Marathon), 1 year Trustee Amy DeMeter (Door). A motion (Barry/Laurie) to excuse absence of trustees. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion (Al Klimek/Barry Irman) was made to approve the Board of Director meeting minutes from the January 15, 2013 meeting. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Introduction of lobbyist Chris Lenzendorf who gave the group an update on progress of our 979 bill "referred to as best practice" in which they are working on. Proper verbiage will be used to promote the bill as a "Crime" bill. Interpretation of the bill also needs to be considered. They have been keeping board members updated through emails. A hand out was given out charting the State of WI Dep. Reg. Licensing Board. Progress is still being made. Discussion was held on training sites. Assembly Leader may be our stopper and amendments may hold it up in June/July session. Chris and Frank will be presenting to the Tuesday attendees. Chris will continue to give updates through emails.

Kenosha CME Patrice Hall brought up the subject of DA's holding bodies. Discussion was held on how the law reads regarding DA's. It was also discussed that families and media may need to get involved.

Jenifer Kesch was Skyped in to the meeting to discuss the ICAMEA. www.coronersillinois.org She reports that they would like the WCMEA to join their association. They offer membership at \$250/annual fee with first year free. They also offer a free membership for one. There are 22 States that

have their own association. Around 7-8 years ago, there were 40 members. To date, they are now at approximately 600. They offer accreditation and Rock County is associated with them. She did a comparison with NAME name@thename.org (side note: Webmaster is: gschmunk@thename.org). Jen found that they charge \$2,500 for membership and that in her opinion, the ICAMEA is better. An annual conference is held in Las Vegas the end of June. A motion (Jen/Jay) was made and seconded to join the ICAMEA. Passed unanimously on a voice vote. They also offered our President a paid trip to the Vegas conference if we joined. The ABMDI exam is given at this conference every year. Barry will look into what is required to have testing done at our conference. It is believed a person from the ABMDI must be present. Last test that was done was 5 years ago (2009).

1st VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: Barry reports we have 60 signed up to attend this conference and 13 vendors. He states that we will need better attendance in order to make a decent profit. The hot breakfast expense was discussed. Some of the speakers are pricey. Another concern is the length of time we will need to pay a lobbyist. There have been some complaints on the distance of conferences and the expense. Manitowoc Holiday Inn is set for October 14, 15, and 16 with the Board of Director meeting the night of the 13th. 25% of the registrations for this conference were done online. Barry was commended on the good job recruiting vendors and their sponsorships. Discussion was done on the capability to record the conference training and sell at a lessor expense to those that can't come. Al asked if all 72 counties received the conference information via mailings. Barry stated it was not mailed this time and it was suggested we do a mailing for the next conference. Discussion was held regarding some are just not following the Google groups or the website. Regarding expenses, Bob brought up the possibility of suspending scholarships if needed. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: Jennifer Schroeter reports she did take the training for QuickBooks and not all her answers were found. The original set up was done incorrectly and it is now impossible to make some of the changes without deleting groups of members. It was suggested that we just start a new book and enter members singly. The decision will be up to Jennifer for now. Barry questioned the reasoning for the membership time being July 1-June 30 vs. January 1-December 31. Discussion was held and it goes back to members not having the monies in the budget when the invoices went out at the end of the year.

SECRETARY REPORT: Laurie Parisey. Asking what the status is on scanning in old records she received in October 2012 and gave to PJ in January. PJ stated he found more old records in his office. Also, looking for answers on how to best save the BOD Google group emails where voting is being done. It was decided that the person starting the email thread can send a cleaned up version to the group and it will be saved in the records. ABMDI records need to be saved for 7 years.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Kulhanek. We received 1 handout showing the financial status of WCMEA as follows: Balance on hand as of:

07/01/2012 \$87,601.48

03/31/2013 \$80,872.98

Bob reports he finally received a response from a person that had an outstanding invoice for. He has not seen the money for it yet. Discussion was held regarding how to best handle future charges.

Bob had a question regarding how to pay bills coming from board members (i.e. mileage, etc...). For members, President approval and vendors need board approval.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: 1 year Trustee Amy DeMeter absent, 2 year Trustee Jay Deppe– none, 3 year Trustee John Larson absent.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Richard Schliefer. Richard has purchased merchandise that is geared for summer. He has also made a sign with the prices on.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Mary Ricci. ABMDI credits have been approved for the April 2013 conference for a total of 17.5. Good job Mary!

PAST-PRESIDENT REPORT: Al Klimek. Al reports he is still forwarding calls and email communications to P.J. He is also busy talking with Scott and Barry with legislation.

APPROVAL OF OFFICER REPORTS: A motion was made to approve the officer reports. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

INFORMATION/TECHNOLOGY: Barry Irmen. None.

LEGISLATIVE: Scott Rifleman reports that 979 is moving along as Chris reported.

NEWSLETTER: Jennifer/Patrice. Jennifer states that the newsletter is going well. There has been better input coming.

MERCHANDISE COMMITTEE: Was reported under SAA.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: None.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS: A motion was made to approve the committee reports. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held regarding State Districting. It was found that years ago this was in place but fell apart due to inactivity. PJ spoke with people and they were all for it so there would be a voice from the WCMEA but the majority were lukewarm to the idea stating what good would that do? What for? And some just said it is BS.

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Al suggested that the board should move the meetings around to those areas where there is very little exposure to the WCMEA. Someone would still need to check out the hotel and it's amenities for upcoming conference. Mary will search out a spot in Rice Lake for the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mass Fatality/WHEPP – Barry Irman. Dane County received a grant of \$160,000 for Mass fatalities. They have response trailers and portable morgue to be available as a State wide resource.

WHEPP also has funding available and can assist with a Mass Fatality plan to those that need it. They are asking for the WCMEA to share membership information to see who has a plan or needs help by sending out a survey to counties.

A question came up regarding workman's comp if you were called to assist. Discussion was held.

Barry asked for an extension of a scholarship that was given and is not used yet. A motion (Schliefer/Ricci) was made and seconded to extend the particular scholarship for 1 more year. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The next WCMEA Board of Directors meeting will be at _____ hours on _____ night, July ____, 2013 at the _____ Hotel in _____.

A motion (Klimek, Irman) to adjourn the meeting at **1845** hours. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary Laurie Parisey, ABMDI

Oconto County Chief Deputy Medical Examiner