

Wisconsin Coroner's and Medical Examiner's Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Fond du Lac, WI

Sunday, April 19, 2015, 1600

*****APPROVED JULY 10, 2015*****

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Barry Irmen at 1600. Those in attendance were: President Barry Irmen (Dane); 1st Vice-President Jen Schroeter (Kenosha); 2nd Vice-President Mary Ricci (Barron); Secretary Laurie Parisey (Oconto), Treasurer Rory Groessl (Kewaunee); 2 year Trustee John Larson (Marathon); Legislative Committee, Scott Rifleman (Portage); 2-Year Trustee Al Klimek (Brown, Door, Oconto); Sgt at Arms Amy DeMeter (Fond du Lac); Member at Large Joe Morovitz (Crawford); Joyce Kratz, ATSF; Thomas O'Connor, (Fond du Lac); Lobbyist Chris Lenzendorf.

Agenda was presented to all present by President Irmen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion (Joe/Al) was made to approve the Board of Director meeting minutes from the January 2015 meeting. This was passed unanimously on a voice vote.

PRESENTATION: Lobbyist Chris Lenzendorf updated the board regarding the now -2015 - Legislation 3.0 on the changes that were made to 979. The changes were made to accommodate the Counties Association and the Badger Sheriff's Association. Elected coroners will be provided funding for training but participation will be optional. Any deputies working under the elected official will still require the training. SIDS language has been repealed. The makeup of the board has changed. (Refer to handout from LW and preliminary draft on 979 (LRB-2085/P2).

Chris also provided a handout from Health Services Medical Assistance – Administration (LFB Paper #369) (refer to handout) which there is a Motion to move to provide that a funeral home, cemetery or crematory is not required to pay the following fees in cases where the funeral home, cemetery or crematory requests and receives reimbursement under the WI funeral and cemetery aids program (WFCAP). These fees would be: fees for services rendered by a coroner under 59.36, fees assessed for signing death certificate by coroner or medical examiner under 69.18, and any transportation fees assessed by the county. This would first apply to individuals who die on and after September 1, 2015. It would also prohibit a county from increasing any of the fees described for two years. This is something that many coroners/medical examiners are not aware of.

There was much discussion on both of these items presented. The board also needed to address how long we can work with Lenzendorf Winters and Associates. A motion was made (Scott/Al) to have them continue to work with us at a reduced rate until we meet again in July 2015. This was passed unanimously on a voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Barry Irmen reported he has been busy meeting with people, taking care of legislative issues. He also reports that several counties have new people.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: Jen Schroeter reported there were some last minute changes to the conference agenda. We are approved for 17.75 ABMDI credits. There are only 41 registrations due to some staffing problems, some going to other conferences and new people in offices. We have a huge vendor turn out, visitor packets, etc... We may have a better fall conference.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: Mary Ricci reported that the membership year is starting up. If anyone has old membership forms with Bob Kulhanek's name on to get a new form from Rory. She will be mailing out member certificates and get reimbursed. We have some new members; Richland and Green Lake. Barry states he needs updated emails. Tom offered to help with this.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Laurie Parisey: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barry is now a backup on the WCMEA bank accounts. Rory reported the balance on hand is \$55730.99 as of April 18, 2015. There are no CD's.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Amy DeMeter reported she has received some door prizes for this conference and will have raffle tickets.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE REPORT: Joe Morovitz. None

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Scott/Al/John. None.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT PJ Schoebel: Excused.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LEGISLATIVE: Scott reported in conjunction with Chris.

NEWSLETTER: Jen reports that she has been doing the newsletter on her own. Let her know if there are any changes in staff for the newsletter.

MERCHANDISE: Amy DeMeter: None.

NOMINATION: Barry Irmen. None.

A motion was made and seconded (Al/Amy) to accept all committee reports. This was passed unanimously on a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

2014 Fall Conference was discussed.

Membership discussion was held to find solutions on better communication to the membership. Email lists are very hard to keep up.

Lani Crocker scholarship reimbursement has been paid out.

The Doug Miller Conference will be coming up at the Wilderness in WI Dells. We need two volunteers. Al volunteered and he will try to find someone to also attend to help out.

NEW BUSINESS:

The April 2015 Conference that starts in the morning has 10 vendors coming. Everything should be set.

Barry shared updates from conversations with WHEPP and Public Health efforts.

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2016 Conference site selection needs to be set. Looking on a possible 5 year plan to save money. Jen will send out feelers to get information to the board. Will discuss further at next board meeting.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be July 10, 2015, in Wausau.

There being no further business, a motion (Barry/Amy) was made to adjourn the meeting at 1732 hours; passed unanimously on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary Laurie Parisey, ABMDI

Oconto County Chief Deputy Medical Examiner

Approved 07/10/2015