

Wisconsin Coroner's and Medical Examiner's Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Jefferson Street Inn, Wausau, WI

Friday, January 17, 2014 1700 hours

\*\*\*APPROVED APRIL 6, 2014\*\*\*

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Barry Irmen at 1700 hours. An attendance sheet was passed around. Those attending: President Barry Irmen (Dane), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Jen Schroeter (Kenosha), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Mary Ricci (Barron), Treasurer Bob Kulhanek (Sheboygan), Secretary Laurie Parisey (Oconto), Three year Trustee Al Klimek (Door), Two year Trustee John Larson (Marathon), 1 year Trustee Jay Deppe (Jefferson), Sergeant-at-Arm's Amy DeMeter (Door), Legislation Committee Scott Rifleman (Portage), Sherri Arlen (Marathon), Jessica Blahnik (Marathon), Joyce Kratz (ATSF), Lobbyist Chris Lenzendorf.

AGENDA: A motion (Laurie/Mary) was made to approve the agenda as presented. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion (Al/Amy) was made to approve the Board of Director meeting minutes from the October 13, 2013 meeting. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

PRESENTATION: Lobbyist Chris Lenzendorf updated the board on the status of the 979 Bill. There are three months left in this session. If we don't proceed now, it will be another six months to bring back. Referring to State affairs and its history, we need republicans on board. Kleefisch is our biggest supporter (see handout). Weininger is trying to get the Bill on the schedule and needs to go for hearing. There was some discussion that the estimated \$1.5 million expense will be more towards \$1.9 million. The Wisconsin Sheriff's Association is a supporter of the Bill. They have some concerns regarding training all constitutional officers. The Bill needs to move to a hearing to get into the Assembly and before it can move to the Senate. Barry wants some calls made. Scott and Al will speak during the hearing. Some counties are concerned about the cost to train people that have to leave work. Meet the day prior to the scheduled hearing date to have a plan ready. Amendments will be worked on down the road as needed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Barry Irmen report includes input regarding to working with Chris on the work they have been doing to get the Bill moving along. He spoke with the State Patrol. He is also working on WCMEA communication issues with emails still a little off. There are many members that do not have an email address (approximately 75-80% have email).

1<sup>st</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: Jen Schroeder reports that the conference locations and needs are being finalized. March 6 is the deadline for rooms held. Vendors have been sent the information for “save the date”. Everything is falling into place. Some discussion was held on the presenters and evening events.

2<sup>nd</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: Mary Ricci reports that she is busy looking at her new duties and responsibilities and will be learning the Quickbook program. ABMDI accreditation is being worked on. She will also be checking with the Wisconsin Nursing Association to see how nurses can use our accreditation to their benefit. Jen is still waiting for some CV's yet.

SECRETARY REPORT: Laurie Parisey has no new business to report. Al picked up some more records from Jon Hagen to give to the secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Kulhanek. We received a handout showing the financial status of WCMEA as follows: Balance on hand as of: 07/01/2013 \$67,078.08

12/31/2013 \$55,911.52

Bob reports the October 2013 conference room usage was as follows: 10/13 41, 10/14 51 and 10/15 43 for a total of 135 room nights. There was an approximate \$10,000 profit but is concerned about the expense being paid out to the Lobbyist firm.

A motion (Mary/Jay) was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Amy DeMeter is asking where we stand on the WCMEA merchandise. A motion (Al/John) was made to purchase \$1,000 for new merchandise for the upcoming conference. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Joe Morovitz excused.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: 3 year Trustee Al Klimek- none, 2 year Trustee John Larson - none, 1 year Trustee Jay Deppe - none.

PAST-PRESIDENT REPORT: PJ Schoebel (Dodge) not present.

LEGISLATIVE: Scott Rifleman reports he has nothing more to add to presentation information other than to go to Wisconsin Eye online to stay updated.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

INFORMATION/TECHNOLOGY: Barry Irmen reported under the President report.

NEWSLETTER: Jennifer Schroeder reports she has some information to start on the next newsletter.

MERCHANDISE COMMITTEE: Was reported under SAA.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Barry reports he will need to line up people to put on the committee in April.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Follow up on the October 2013 conference had good evaluations returned. Discussion held on having door prizes. A motion (Amy/Jay) was made to have the WCMEA spend \$300 for a Visa card to give away at the end of the conference. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Discussion held on membership (list passed around) and looking for ways to update the website. Barry is also looking for pictures.

Discussion was held regarding the Mass Fatality Preparedness Efforts D-FIRST program, our biggest concern is personnel that will respond and help to staff a MF event in another County. The issues of liability, Workman's Compensation, and pay are all issues that would be better addressed prior to an incident. We are working with WHEPP and WEM to examine the possibility of statute changes to cover these concerns (Nothing to do with 979). Barry would like to work with members to develop a resource list for personnel across the state. The Public Health mandate or deliverable is that each Counties Public Health Department has a requirement to initiate a conversation about mass fatality management. They are being asked to bring all the partners to the table and hopefully make sure that each County has a plan that is either newly developed or updated. There is money in the PH arena to help develop these plans.

The amendment change on the Bylaws that PJ wrote needs to get updated and get new ones ready to hand out to the membership. Last set out was dated 12/28/2013?

Discussed the efforts to move the board meetings to other areas in the State that didn't seem to work out. A motion (Bob/John) to hold the next board meeting in Stevens Point on July 11, 2014 at 1700 hours. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed the April 2014 Conference. The Fall (October 2014) is scheduled to be held in LaCrosse county has not been coming along very well. Very expensive and if we don't hear from them by the end of the month will need to move conference somewhere else for October.

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Mass Fatality Preparedness was discussed and Barry wants to get going on it. Al, Amy and Jessica will help Barry get it going. There is a Federal grant available to help.

A request was received for a donation to the Elkhorn Area Fire Department in memory of John Griebel. Barry will send out an "on line" vote as a motion to send them \$200.00.

The Forward Focus Team meets again March 26/27 in Stevens Point. Expenses are covered. If anyone is interested in being a representative, let Al know as he would like someone to take his place.

A motion (John/Amy) to adjourn the meeting at **1900** hours. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurie Parisey".

Secretary Laurie Parisey, ABMDI

Oconto County Chief Deputy Medical Examiner

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