

Wisconsin Coroner's and Medical Examiner's Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Holiday Inn, Manitowoc, WI

Sunday, October 13, 2013 1600 hours

APPROVED JANUARY 17, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President P.J. Schoebel at 1603 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), Three year Trustee John Larson (Marathon), 1 year Trustee Amy DeMeter (Door), Member-at-Large Mary Ricci (Barron), Sergeant-at-Arm's Richard Schliefer (Clark), Legislation Committee Scott Rifleman (Portage), 2 year Trustee Jay Deppe (Jefferson), Past President Al Klimek (Brown/Door/Oconto), Lee Smith (Dodge), Curt Green Conference Host (Manitowoc), Tom O'Connor (Fond du lac), Joe Morovits (Crawford), Paul Maitlin (Portage), Lobbyist Chris Lenzendorf.

AGENDA: A motion (Barry/Mary) was made to vary the agenda. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion (John/Al) was made to approve the Board of Director meeting minutes from the July 12, 2013 meeting. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

PRESENTATION: Lobbyist Chris Lenzendorf updated the board on the status of the 979 Bill which will be co-sponsored and should be out next week. They reviewed standard procedures and are getting funding to support the new bill. They gave it a face and called it the "Crime" Bill and the need for proper training so a press release can be done to give attention to those who are supporting the bill. An unfunded bill does not cover the required training so they were looking to other places for funding through insurance companies, cremation permits, procurement agencies, licenses, etc... Due to others looking at it as a taxing fee on death or a conflict of interest, it is nearly impossible to find a legitimate way to raise funding to support the bill. Amy Sue Uruwink, the author of the bill has continued to be part of the process and has been very supportive and very helpful. They received great assembly support. Speaker Scott Suder who is in charge of the hearing schedule was putting the bill off and not putting anything forward that had her name on it. Now Bill Kramer is in charge which gives the bill a chance to be circulated for co-sponsorship – the more the better. Chris explained the process and progress on working on bipartisan author (republican) for a bill with the Assembly first and then onto the Senate and getting the momentum going. Rock County had some issues going on and may need to involve them for support of this much needed bill. Scenarios were being asked as to what other States do. Chris found there was not much information if any available so he did a study to find out. **(see handout)** It was very

surprising to find that only the States of Texas and Wisconsin were the only two that did not require any training. The power of death certificates – allocations is based on how they are signed out as and are looked at as trend setters (i.e. SIDS, etc...) to have training for knowing how and why.

Hold off on contacting your local officials. They will let us know when we can get involved in helping out at the proper time. They are working on the facts for now. Sheila Harsdorf is a hard one to deal with.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: PJ Schoebel reports he spoke with John Fudenberg regarding the WCMEA joining their organization (IAC&ME). They would offer PJ the first year free. PJ would give the newly elected President the membership. Future dues would be paid out of the WCMEA. PJ has been busy with many different issues/phone calls regarding legislation. We will be discussing a resolution to amend the constitution. A member of the WCMEA could not get on google groups for the past two years so he didn't get information regarding the conferences. A new list is being worked on to make sure all members are included in group news.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: Barry reports we have 14 vendors and 50 attending this conference. Some are not here for the entire conference. RTI is sponsoring Monday night and we have very good support from Archangels, AIT and ATSF.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: Jennifer Schroeter reports we have a new company account set up on the QuickBooks program. There was a problem with old balances and bringing it forward so they had to give some refunds. We are at 81% State participation with 282 members (up 40%). **(see handout)**. An Excel spreadsheet is available and she will send an updated list to the Board of Directors.

SECRETARY REPORT: Laurie Parisey reports that she received 4 absentee ballots for the general election and the old records are now in her possession.

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

09/30/2013 \$68,539.45

Bob reports that this is the end of the ABMDI refund from April 2012. There was only one on hold. A motion (Laurie/John) was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Richard Schliefer reports that he ordered some vests, hoodies and regular sweatshirts for this conference. He spent approximately \$900.00 of the approved \$1,000. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Mary Ricci reports the ABMDI credit total is not back yet for the October 2013 conference. There was a problem getting the speaker information needed to send in for approval. We are looking at approximately 18.5 credits to be approved. She also reported on her first 40 hour Death Investigator course at the college and received another one in February 2014. Cost was \$129/course

and \$100/text book. She would like an endorsement from the WCMEA for the next session. (St. Croix County and Rusk County already county employees). Looking at Ashland, Bayfield, Sawyer and Brunette Counties.

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

PAST-PRESIDENT REPORT: Al Klimek reports he worked on legislative issues.

LEGISLATIVE: Scott Rifleman reports he has nothing more to add to presentation information but did reflect back that we have been working on the 979 Bill since 1999.

Some discussion was held on a legislative issue going on regarding when to pay coroner/medical examiner – monthly/biweekly? Also discussed intoxicated co-sleeping = reckless homicide. Dr. Peterson is against the language. The Children's Health Alliance is pushing to prevent co-sleeping so problems do not occur.

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.

NEWSLETTER: Jennifer. None.

MERCHANDISE COMMITTEE: Was reported under SAA.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Doug Kelly, Amy DeMeter and Lee Smith. Discussion below.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on conference locations for April 2014 – potentially Wausau and October 2014 is scheduled for LaCrosse County.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on an amendment change (**see handout**) and vote on it at the general membership meeting.

We will still take nominations from the floor on Monday. If there are changes we will have to update the ballot for the Tuesday election. The nomination committee had asked if the nominations could be

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moved up so everyone had a chance to vote. In case of a run off, the winner must have a majority of no less than 51% of votes casted.

Discussion was held on the absentee ballots. There were 4 that were mailed with one of them belonging to Scott Rifleman who is here for the conference and is requesting to destroy the absentee ballot and re vote at the general membership meeting. A motion was made (Barry/Richard) to return ballot to Scott and enter the other 3 ballots as official ballots. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

A request was made by Tom to acknowledge Darlene Strey for 28 years of service (Green Lake County) and her birthday on October 14.

The next WCMEA Board of Directors meeting will be set at a later date and location. Meeting minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next Board of Directors meeting.

A motion (Tom/Al) to adjourn the meeting at **1813** hours. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary Laurie Parisey, ABMDI

Oconto County Chief Deputy Medical Examiner