

Wisconsin Coroner's and Medical Examiner's Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, WI

Sunday, October 25, 2015, 1600

APPROVED January 15, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Barry Irmen at 1603. Those in attendance were: President Barry Irmen (Dane); 1st Vice-President Jen Schroeter (Kenosha); 2nd Vice-President Mary Ricci (Barron); Secretary Laurie Parisey (Oconto); Member at Large Joe Morovitz (Crawford), Trustee Al Klimek, (Oconto), Chris Lenzendorf, Tom O'Connor (Fond du lac), Jessica Blahnik, (Marathon), Scott Rifleman, (Portage), Treasurer Rory Grossel (Kewaunee), David Leffin (Sheboygan), Joyce Kratz (ATSF) .

Agenda was presented to all present by President Irmen.

Lobbyist Chris Lenzendorf gave an update that they have been struggling to find an author. Republican Patrowski (Marathon) has been sitting on it. Amanda will call him and tell him we are desperate for an author. Chris will get her set up with a list of bullet points to use. Barry and Chris met with Wanggard in February to move it along but he did not want to bring in the 979 during budget time. He assured to bring it back in after but then he decided just recently to fry bigger fish. We need more support from within the WCMEA – see if Dr. Doug Kelly can ask Patrowski for support. There was a change in the Act 55 regarding indigents. They need to prepare for the possibility of a democrat winning the next governor election. Lenzendorf Winters and Associates will continue working for the WCMEA at no charge until finalized. A motion (Mary/Al) was made to continue working with them. This was passed unanimously on a voice vote.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Barry Irmen reported he has been talking to funeral directors. There have been some frustrations from some coroners regarding Act 55. The coroners have been voicing their opinions to funeral directors which is not associated with the WCMEA. Coroners have to wave fees but Medical Examiner offices do not. Barry has been fielding some of the questions coming in. Barry would like to see a media blitz and ask specific friends with Robin Vos to support our mission.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: Jen Schroeter reported that she has the contract signed for the April 24-27 2016 conference at the Chula Vista in the Dells. Regarding this conference (Oct 2015), we have 55 registered and 12 vendors lined up. There are sponsorships of \$3500.00 and RTI will host an event. The speaker lineup is great and the new presentation equipment set up should make it easy to use.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: Mary Ricci reported that we are receiving 17.5 ABMDI credits for this conference.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Laurie Parisey: The official election ballot was shared to insure accuracy. There were 4 ballots mailed in.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rory Groessl: A handout is provided to review the WCMEA account summary. It shows a beginning balance as of July 1, 2014 of \$52,371.61 and an ending balance of \$67,730.57. There are still some outstanding bills from the conference that also includes conference gifts and speaker expenses. A motion was made

(Al/Joe) to approve the treasurer's report. This was passed unanimously on a voice vote. Rory also states that there was \$1,112.00 credit from Best Buy and it is believed that a computer had been purchased and returned.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Amy DeMeter has resigned and the merchandise is now with Al Klimek for now.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE REPORT: Joe Morovitz. None.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Scott: None, Al: None, John: has resigned

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT PJ Schoebel: not in attendance

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LEGISLATIVE: Scott has nothing to add as most was discussed at the beginning of the meeting already.

NEWSLETTER: Jen reports that she has some articles and will add conference information to add. Al states he will also send some information for her to add in to the next issue.

MERCHANDISE: There was discussion regarding special prizes for members in attendance. Will be giving away gift cards and books.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

ACT 55 Legislation: No more discussion was held as it was discussed in other areas of meeting.

We are looking for ideas on speakers we can contact for future conferences. Dr. Rogalska has someone who would like to speak.

AIT – National Guard t. Huska

Membership email list is being kept updated but membership checks have been coming in with no information attached to know who the members are that the check is for. Time is needed to have to back track proper information. Many come in late. Right now there are 56 counties, 2 less counties and 7 less members. We are at 267 right now. 16 counties have not joined.

We have received 2 scholarship requests and will be asking attendees to still apply at this conference.

NEW BUSINESS:

The April 2016 was discussed.

Election process: Discussion was held regarding the election process and be prepared for the membership meeting. Barry has appointed Tom O'Connor to fill in as SAA for the purpose of counting the ballots.

There being no further business, a motion (Al/Rory) was made to adjourn the meeting at 1710 hours; passed unanimously on voice vote.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Friday, January 15, 2016, at the Chula Vista in the Dells.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Secretary Laurie Parisey, ABMDI

Oconto County Chief Deputy Medical Examiner

Approved