



Wisconsin Coroner and
Medical Examiner's Association
WCMEA



Board of Directors Meeting
The Meade Hotel Wisconsin Rapids
April 3, 2011

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Call to Order

Approve Minutes from the January 11, 2011 BOD meeting at Meade Hotel, WI Rapids

The meeting was called to order by President Klimek at 1720 hours. Everyone introduced themselves to the group. An attendance sheet was passed.

Those attending: President Al Klimek (Brown/Oconto/Door), 1st Vice-President Angela Hinze (Columbia/Adams), 2nd Vice-President Scott Rifleman (Portage), Secretary Jon Hagen (Outagamie), Treasurer Bob Kulhanek (Sheboygan), Sergeant-at-Arms Richard Schleifer (Clark), 3-year Trustee Laurie Parisey (Oconto), 2-Year Trustee John Steers (LaCrosse), 1-Year Trustee Barry Irmen (Dane), Past-President Jenifer Keach (Rock). Others in attendance included Garry Kronstadt (Wood), Member-at-Large Joe Morovits (Crawford), Laurie Ripp (RTI Donor Services), Dr. Vincent Tranchida (Dane), Colleen Little (Dane), Katie Sopha (Columbia).

After discussion, a MOTION (Morovits/Schleifer) to accept the meeting minutes as written. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

Presidents Report: Al Klimek – P.J. Schoebel resigned as 2nd Vice-President. After consideration, Al appointed Scott Rifleman to fill the position. Otherwise it has been a quiet period as far as Association activity.

Officers Report:

1st VP: Angela Hinze – WCMEA sympathy card to Dr. Don Simley, whose father passed away recently. Angela noted that currently 14 counties do not belong to WCMEA. Of the 72 counties, 29 now have a “medical examiner” system with the remaining 43 “coroner systems.”

2nd VP: Scott Rifleman – Nothing to report.

Secretary: Jon Hagen – Nothing new to report.

Treasurer: Robert Kulhanek – Distributed the financial report. We did go ahead and pay the webmaster so we didn't lose the website. We also have purchased insurance. The balance as of today is \$98,032.60. No bills have been paid for the current conference.

Trustees: Parisey, Steers, Irmen – Nothing to report.

Member-At-Large: Joe Morovits – Nothing to report.

Sergeant at Arms: Richard Schleifer – Nothing to report.

Past President: Jenny Keach - (Quicken Program). Bob currently is not able to access the program. Amanda Achterberg (Columbia) did use it, but is no longer a member of WCMEA. Al has appointed Laurie Parisey to be the chairperson for the Membership Committee. Currently, Bob gets the checks for membership, and passes the other information on to the chairperson of the Membership Committee. Al would like to see the WCMEA use the program to see if it is worth the \$215.56 annually.

A MOTION (Rifleman/Parisey) to accept the Officer's Reports as stated. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Education: Angela Hinze provided a brief update on April conference and ideas for the October conference: As of tonight, 67 people have registered for the conference. There will be two sections for part of the conference, with training geared to both newer investigators and those with more experience. There are several vendors, and they are sponsoring breaks, etc. Archangels and Wisconsin Tissue are sponsoring evening events. Garry Kronstedt (Wood) has gotten some prizes donated; these will be distributed at lunch on Monday.

Info and Technology: Marc Playman (web site) – Marc absent. Website is running. Discussion about concerns with Marc's involvement status.

Legislative: Scott Rifleman – Scott reports there has been some movement with the 979 legislation; he did pass out some information which is attached to these notes. Scott continues to work with Amy Sue Vrunik. The bill is now being looked at in three different areas; language, establishing a board of medicolegal death investigators and establishing minimum training standards. Also, we are looking at mirroring the Minnesota statutes for our needs.

News Letter: **From the Newsletter Committee:** Many thanks to those who have contributed to past issues either by submissions or referrals. Ideas and submitted cases/articles are always appreciated; however, we would like to remind everyone that we would also love to highlight you or your co-workers . . . weddings, new babies, retirements, new hires, etc. . . . you get the idea. Also, if there are updates from the BOD or committees that you would like the membership to be aware of please let us know! Thanks so much for the positive feedback and all of the support-

Membership: Laurie Parisey (Oconto) has been named chairperson of the Membership Committee. She is eager to serve the Association.

Merchandise: Richard Schleifer (Clark): No new merchandise was ordered for this conference. Barry Irmen did make contact with P.J. Schoebel and right after this meeting is going to get the merchandise from P.J. He also will get documentation of some unpaid merchandise from the last conference. Bob and Richard will contact those people who have unpaid bills.

Old Business:

- a. Consideration for WEMSA administration of WCMEA (Rifleman) – Aiding us in administration work. Also have a lobbying group, fulltime staff, building in Wind Lake. Scott spoke with Rich Adams about this possibility, to see if they are interested. Yes, pursue, after discussion.
- b. Potential John Stanley Award nomination (Hagen/Keach). Passed unanimously on secret ballot.
- c. Future Conference Dates (Klimek, Hinze) – may have to be flexible with October 2010 (Door County vs. Green Bay). April 2012 conference will be held in Appleton, hosted by Outagamie County. October 2012 was to be held in Kenosha County. Dr. Witteck is gone, Kenosha no longer wants it. Will take offers at the fall 2011 conference.
- d. Insurance status (Kulhanek) – WCMEA now files income taxes so as to not lose our status as a not-for-profit organization. Bob has purchased insurance for WCMEA, as of March 9. \$1 million officer, \$1 million general liability, \$1000 deductible. \$850 annually is the cost.

New Business:

- a. Booth at Doug Miller Symposium – WCMEA at the symposium. Al and Angela are presenting, Barry Irmen and Jon Hagen are staffing the booth. April 28 and 29, 2011. \$1000 sponsorship to the Doug Miller Symposium from Wcmea. Discussion about developing some handouts to promote WCMEA to those attending.
- b. Introduction of Dr. Vincent Tranchida, the newly hired Medical Examiner for Dane County. The Board welcomed him to Wisconsin and the WCMEA.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: A MOTION (Keach/Parisey) to adjourn the meeting at 1850. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon K. Hagen
Secretary