

**WISCONSIN CORONERS AND MEDICAL EXAMINERS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2013**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Barry Irmen at 1610.

**ATTENDANCE:** An attendance sheet was passed. Those members signed in as attending: Laura Birchbach, Lou Brady, Ron Cody, James Dalbesio, Amy DeMeter, Margo Dorgay, Jeannette Fridie, Rory Groessel, Barry Irmen, Mary Johnson, Al Klimek, Robert Kulhanek, John Larsen, Michael Maloney, Paul Mattlin, Tom Miller, Joe Morovits, Jeff Moyer, Thomas O'Connor, Laurie Parisey, Rachelle Reed, Mary Ricci, Scott Rifleman, Christy Sarne, Richard Schleifer, PJ Schoebel, Jennifer Schroeter, Louis Smit, George Smith, Hayley Steele, Darlene Strey, Deb Sweeney, Cindy Tate, Florence Tate

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING FROM OCTOBER 15, 2012.** A motion and second were heard. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved, passed unanimously on voice vote of the membership.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** PJ Schoebel reports that he has been busy throughout the year talking and meeting with members who had concerns, issues and questions. He also stated that he has been given information regarding the IAC&ME (International Association of Coroner's & Medical Examiners) organization. They have offered the board president a free membership for the first year then there would be an annual dues after that (to come out of the WCMEA budget). This organization can be used to get accreditation with several levels available. It also offers grants. PJ also has been working with Michelle (DHS) as a beta tester. The board is also working on the absentee ballot process.

**1<sup>st</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT:** Barry Irmen. Barry is absent but conveys he has been working on the 979 legislation with committee members. He wants to continue to move it forward. He has been spending time improving communication between membership and website. He knows it needs improvement and is continuing to work at it. Also, WEPP/Dane County has a disaster trailer that is available to all 72 counties. He is working on identifying how to gather necessary equipment and personnel in the event of a mass fatality disaster.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT:** Jen Schroeter reports on the membership status. The association goal is always for 100% and at this time there are 54 of the 72 counties (81%). Last year we had 242 memberships and at this time we have 283. There were issues with the invoicing program which have been identified and corrected. They will continue to improve the program.

SECRETARY: Laurie Parisey. Today's election results have been reported to members present and is recorded below.

TREASURER: Robert Kulhanek. A detailed account summary is handed out to membership. The expenses reflect the 979 lobbyist fees to date to be approximately \$22,000. It is a breakeven year otherwise. The October 2012 conference expenses were down by \$4,800 and the April 2013 conference was up \$4,300. Bob also points out administrative expenses are \$3,666.68, interest earned is at \$33.00 and lobbyist fees are \$21,931.00. Our balance as of June 30, 2013 is \$67,078.08. A copy of his written report is attached to these minutes.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Three year: John Larsen reports that he has been sharing input at the board meetings and feels we had a very productive year. He is looking forward to a better future for coroners and medical examiners and hopes that the 979 bill goes through. Two year: Jay Deppe is not present. One year: Amy has nothing new to report.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Richard Schliefer reports he would like some ideas from members on what type of merchandise they would like to see available at future conferences.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Mary Ricci reports that getting the conference ABMDI credits is quite a process and Barry Irmen has been helping her out.

PAST PRESIDENT: Al Klimek reports he has been working with the current president and the board as a whole and is looking forward to being the three year trustee.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the officer's reports. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

INFORMATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT: none.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Scott Rifleman reports he will defer until tomorrow's legislative session.

NEWSLETTER: Jennifer Schroeter reports the next newsletter will be out soon as it is complete at this time. Because of computer issues if you know of any members not receiving a newsletter to please let her know.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously by the membership to accept the committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS: The dissolution clause that was added to last year's annual meeting was approved by the membership.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was held on which county would be the host county for the spring 2014 conference - April 7,8,9 2014 with the board meeting being held on April 6, 2014. A hand vote was held to choose between Marathon County and Rock County. Marathon County had the majority hand vote.

Discussion was held for a review of the WCMEA Constitution. The clause wasn't removed at the June 2010 annual meeting to eliminate voting from the floor. Some language was duplicated or needed to be cleared up to streamline. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously by the membership to amend the changed to the constitution.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The official ballot for 2013-2014 was sent via email to the membership to allow members who are not able to vote in person the opportunity to participate.

The final results of this October 2014 Conference including any absentee ballots are as follows:

PRESIDENT: Barry Irmén (Dane County)

1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Jenny Schroeter (Kenosha County)

2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Mary Ricci (Barron County)

SECRETARY: Laurie Parisey (Oconto County)

TREASURER: Robert Kulhanek (Sheboygan County)

SGT AT ARMS: Amy DeMeter (Door County)

3 YEAR TRUSTEE: Al Klimek (Brown, Door, Oconto County)

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: This position will be appointed by the President.

A motion was made and seconded to close the Annual Meeting. Passed unanimously on a voice vote at 1645 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Parisey, Secretary