

**WCMEA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 28, 2014**

**WISCONSIN CORONERS AND MEDICAL EXAMINERS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 28, 2014**

**RADISSON HOTEL - LACROSSE COUNTY**

**APPROVED OCTOBER 27, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Barry Irmen at 1640.

**ATTENDANCE:** An attendance sheet was passed. Those members signed in as attending: Faye Aschenbach, Cory Bereza, Ron Cody, Robert Cooper, Jennifer Cramer, James Dalbesio III, Amy DeMeter, Jay Deppe, David Dokkestul, Lori Garlick, Barry Irmen, Jeff Jansen, Al Klimek, Robert Kulhanek, Michael Maloney, Paul Mattlin, Kent Miller, Joe Morovits, Tom O'Conner, James Onarheim, Angie Pank, Laurie Parisey, Ashley Ponschok, Rachelle Reed, Mary Ricci, Scott Rifleman, Agnieszka Rogalska, PJ Schoebel, Jennifer Schroeter, Jason Sebens, Hayley Steele, Tim Candahl.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING FROM OCTOBER 15, 2013.** A motion and second were heard. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved with changes, passed unanimously on voice vote of the membership.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Barry Irmen reports he has been busy this past year with legislation. He is hoping for the best with the Bill in January. He has also been very involved with the DMORT/mass fatality planning. The April and October conferences are great and feel that the membership attendance has stabilized.

**1<sup>st</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT:** Jennifer Schroeter reports she has been busy with putting together both conferences and that choosing the venues and dates earlier has helped obtain speakers better which in turn helps get the ABMDI credits approved before the deadline of them accepting the credit request.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT:** Mary Ricci reports the ABMDI credit system has become very strict and now only allows a maximum of 60 days to get a request submitted for approval. This conference was approved for 17.5 credits which is a very good amount. She shared membership comparisons for the past couple years and states at this time we have 274 members. She also reports that she found that many counties have less staff now. Some counties that were members have not renewed but then some that haven't been members for a while have joined this year. We also have a new member from Minnesota.

**SECRETARY:** Laurie Parisey. Today's election results have been reported to members present and are recorded below. Five absentee ballots were received via mail. Two ballots had to be discarded due to no membership name being on the outside of the envelope.

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**TREASURER:** Robert Kulhanek. A detailed account summary is handed out to membership. The beginning balance as of July 1, 2013 is \$67,078.08. The treasurer reports on the income and expense items to bring our balance as of June 30, 2014 to \$40,748.64. The expenses reflect the 979 lobbyist fees to date to be approximately \$40,000, membership income is \$6,690.00, the October 2013 conference after expenses \$10,518.12, the April 2014 conference after expenses \$1,482.81. Other expenses came from administration \$3,046.52, newsletter \$901.35, donations \$200.00 and insurance of \$891.00. Interest earned was \$18.50. A copy of his written report is attached to these minutes. Bob also went on to update the membership to the most current balance dating from July 1, 2014-September 30, 2014 with the beginning balance for July 1, 2014 of \$40,748.64. The treasurer reports on the income and expense items to bring our balance as of September 30, 2014 to \$55,493.85. The expenses reflect the October 2014 conference after expenses to be \$9,873.45, 2014 membership dues of \$6,120.00, and April 2014 conference income of \$325.00. Other expenses came from administration \$1,337.39, newsletter \$235.85. A copy of his written report is attached to these minutes.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:** Three year: Al Klimek reports he has been supportive to the association and looking forward to the legislative season to begin. Two year: John Larson reports that his role continues to be putting his trust in the WCMEA board and membership to continue to move on to a better future in death investigation. One year: Jay Deppe reports he is willing to assist in whatever he can to help the board and members of the association.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** Amy DeMeter reports that it is difficult to get the clothing sizes needed without purchasing several items. She would like some ideas from members on what type of merchandise they would like to see available at future conferences.

**MEMBER-AT-LARGE:** Joe Morowicz reports he has been supportive and is willing to assist the board with whatever is needed.

**PAST PRESIDENT:** PJ Stroebel reports that he has received phone calls and emails and has forwarded them to Barry.

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.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

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### NEW BUSINESS:

The board of directors is working on taking steps to find ways to keep conference costs down. They are looking at sending out bids to counties to find who will honor the State pricing for hotel rooms and meal prices. Other huge factors are facility meeting room use, projectors, etc...., vendor tables and other expenses. The board does realize how much more everything is costing now and understand the county budgets for education for the coroners/medical examiners. The locations for 2015 have included Fond du Lac and Stevens Point. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously by the membership to accept the selected locations. If anyone is interested to have the WCMEA to consider your area please let a board member know.

If you or anyone you know is not receiving emails or cannot access website please contact a board member.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The official ballot for 2014-2015 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 Irmen (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:** vacant (will be appointed January 2015 by the President).

**SGT AT ARMS:** Amy DeMeter (Fond du Lac County)

**3 YEAR TRUSTEE:** Jay Deppe Jefferson County

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

A motion was made (Scott Rifleman/Jeff Jansen) to destroy the ballots. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

A motion was made and seconded to close the Annual Meeting. Passed unanimously on a voice vote at 1714 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Parisey, Secretary