

Wisconsin Coroner's and Medical Examiner's Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Holiday Inn, Eau Claire, WI

Friday, July 12, 2013 1600 hours

APPROVED OCTOBER 13, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President P.J. Schoebel at 1600 hours. An attendance sheet was passed around. Those attending: President P.J. Schoebel (Dodge), 1st Vice-President Barry Irmien (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), Lobbyist Chris Lenzendorf.

Excused: 2 year Trustee Jay Deppe (Jefferson), Past President Al Klimek (Brown/Door/Oconto), Patrice Hall (Kenosha). A motion (Barry/Laurie) to excuse absence of trustees. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion (Richard /Bob) was made to approve the Board of Director meeting minutes from the April 7, 2013 meeting. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

PRESENTATION: Lobbyist Chris Lenzendorf updated the board (refer to handout provided) on their work with the legislators regarding the 979 "Crime Bill" status. The preliminary bill is here but not ready and still needs to be moved forward by Amy Sue Uruwink. They have had little resistance with the basis of the Bill. When the Bill does get introduced, it will take 7 days for signers to get on board. They have reviewed strategies they want to use and have many supporters. On the financial side, looking for funding from tissue banks, insurance, etc... discussion was held and it is in the best interest of the Bill to keep it State funded to keep it clean. They feel they are receiving more support in general from both republicans and democrats. It is estimated that it they should be able to complete this fall.

LEGISLATIVE: Scott Rifleman reports he has nothing more to add to presentation information.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: PJ Schoebel. PJ states he has been busy taking care of county issues/complaints regarding Waukesha issues on contract with RTI and fees. (WCMEA is not involved with). Every county can set how they want to work it.

PJ forgot to announce the Nomination Committee at the April meeting for the October elections. The committee will be: Doug Kelly, Amy Demeter and Lee Smith. Information will be sent out to the membership. Absentee ballots will be collected and counted at the time of elections. A motion (Barry/Jen) was made to approve the Nomination Committee. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

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A motion (PJ/John) was made to condense the timeline to accept nominations until August 9, 2013 and allow absentee voting for officer positions from August 10-October 5, 2013 and must be postmarked and received by the secretary by midnight October 5, 2013. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Discussion was held on voting issues and sending out the ballots according to the Bylaws. The work will need to be completed within the next 6 weeks. Also, members must be in good standing to be able to vote. Jen will keep membership updated to refer to. No nominations will be made from the floor. All nominations need to be submitted online.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: Barry reports we are in fair shape for the October conference. There are concerns on the expenses for Key Note speakers. Discussed DOT, Lou Smith, and different subjects to cover. Also looking at ways to get members to come to the annual meeting by having it earlier in the day with raffles or something to draw them in. Tuesday night banquet will be costly and we won't make money there either. Discussed raising the fees of the conference to \$250/member \$275/non-member or for daily fees of \$125/\$125/\$50/member and \$150/\$150/\$75/non-member. A motion (John/Richard) was made to approve RTI's offer for Monday night event. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

It is not decided where the April and October 2014 conferences will be held.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: Jennifer Schroeter reports that she will be sending out invoices for membership. (See membership handout provided).

PAST-PRESIDENT REPORT: Al Klimek. Absent

SECRETARY REPORT: Laurie Parisey reports that she will be getting the old records returned from PJ at the October conference as he has not had time to get them scanned in.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Kulhanek. We received 1 handout showing the financial status of WCMEA as follows:

Balance on hand as of:	07/01/2012	\$87,601.48
	06/30/2013	\$67,078.08

The expenses to Lenzendorf Winters & Associates is \$20,000.00.

The April 2013 conference room usage was as follows: 4/7 40, 4/8 47 and 4/9 37 for a total of 124 room nights.

A motion (/) was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Richard Schliefer reports that he has a variety of merchandise but it is not selling well. A motion (Barry/Amy) was made to spend \$1,000.00 on merchandise to add to the October conference. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Mary Ricci reports she is working on getting ABMDI credits for the October 2013 conference. There is a required 30 day minimum prior to conference for approval.

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

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/Patrice. None.

MERCHANDISE COMMITTEE: Was reported under SAA.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: None.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Barry reports that he sent out a Mass Fatality Survey a couple months ago but has not received much back on responses. (body trailers) WEP Mass Fatality Plan.

Barry and Bob will visit the hotel in Manitowoc and do a walk through to make sure there is enough available space for meetings, vendors, etc...

NEW BUSINESS:

John Steers (La Crosse County) has retired. Richard reports that he was able to attend a retirement party that was held for John. He thanked him for his years of support of the WCMEA.

The next WCMEA Board of Directors meeting will be at 1600 hours on Sunday night, October 13, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Manitowoc. PACKER GAME AT NOON.

A motion (John/Laurie) to adjourn the meeting at **1920** hours. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary Laurie Parisey, ABMDI

Oconto County Chief Deputy Medical Examiner