

Accommodations



The Lismore Hotel
Phone (715) 835-8888

The Lismore Hotel has rooms available at the State Rate
Please contact the hotel directly to make your reservations.

*The hotel block will be released
January 10, 2025*



ABMDI Credits Applied For
DSPS Credits Applied For

Registration

Please submit a separate registration form for each attendee. Forms and online registration are available at www.wcmea.com

Send registration forms and checks to:

WCMEA Conference
C/o Rory Groessl, Treasurer
E6478 Wolf River Court
Algoma, WI 54201

Make checks payable to: WCMEA

Full Conference Fees
Members- \$250.00
Non-Members- \$275.00
Students- \$125.00

One Day Conference Fees
Members - \$125.00
Non-Members - \$150.00

**** There will be a separate fee per person (TBD) for the brewery tour payable on day of event****

2025 January Conference



Wisconsin Coroner's and Medical Examiner's Association

Winter Conference
January 27-29, 2025

BOD Meeting January 26, 2025
5:00pm



The Lismore Hotel
Eau Claire, WI

Monday January 27

7:00 - 8:00 Registration/Breakfast

8:00 – 8:15 **Welcome & Introduction**– Dana Cros-son, Visit Eau Claire & WCMEA Board of Directors Representative

8:15-9:45 **Railroad Fatalities** – Kurt Blodgett, Union Pacific Railroad

9:45-10:45 **Post-mortem Changes and the Pitfalls in Medicolegal Death Investigation**– Dr. Elizabeth Brown, Brown County Medical Examiner

10:45 -11:05 Break

11:05-12:05 **VA Assistance with Unclaimed Veteran Remains** – Steven Fraenzl, US Department of Veterans Affairs

12:05-1:05 **Updates from NAME & Implications in Medicolegal Death Investigation** – Dr. Jamie Kal-lan, University of WI School of Medicine & Public Health

1:05-2:05 Lunch

2:05 –3:05 **Which Law is Which?: Understanding NAGPRA, Wis. Stat. 157.70, and Compliance in the Wisconsin C/ME Office** – Taylor Lambrigger, Burial Sites Coordinator, WI Historical Society

3:05-4:05 **Sharp Force Injuries & Case Presenta-tion**– Dr. Victor Froloff, Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office and Tina Forrest, St. Croix Co. Medical Examiner's Office and Lt. Charles Coleman, St. Croix Co. Sher-iff's Department

4:05-4:25 Break

4:25– 5:55 **Use of Forensic Science in Famous Serial Killer Investigations** — Jeffrey Gentry, Deputy Coroner, Fresno County Sheriff's Office– Coroner Unit

Tuesday January 28

7:00 - 8:00 Registration/Breakfast

8:00 – 8:10 **Morning Briefing**– WCMEA Board of Di-rectors Representative

8:10 – 9:30 **Tissue & Eye Donations**– Dr. Tolulope Oyedun, Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin and Monte Masters, Medtronic

9:30 –10:30 **Toxicology Challenges and Considera-tions for Death Investigations** – Kari Midthun, Forensic Toxicologist, NMS Labs

10:30 -10:50 Break

10:50-11:50 **Death Harvester: How the FBI Is Dismembering the Illegal Trade in Human Body Parts** – Paul M. Johnson, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

11:50-12:50 **Blending Forensic Anthropology & DNA-** Dr. Keith Biddle, Forensic Anthropologist, UW-Parkside

12:50-1:50 Lunch

1:50-3:20 **The Importance of Bloodstain Pattern Analysis in Death Investigation** – Jeffrey Gentry, Deputy Coroner, Fresno County Sheriff's Office– Coroner Unit

3:20-4:20 **Homicide Case Presentation**– Pattie Jo Forsberg, St. Croix County Medical Examiner's Office, and Dr. Butch Huston, Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office



Leinenkugel's Brewery Tour 5:30-8:00

Wednesday January 29

7:00 - 8:00 Registration/Breakfast

8:00 – 8:10 **Morning Briefing**– WCMEA Board of Directors Representative

8:10-10:10 **How the Wisconsin State Crime Lab's Office of Crime Scene Response Can Assist in Death Investigations**—Christopher Johnson and Jordan Karsten, WI State Crime Lab

10:10 -10:25 Break /Check-out

10:25 –11:25 **Vital Records: New System & Legisla-tion Updates** – Michelle Smith and Lisa Hebl, Wisconsin Department of Health Services

11:25 –12:25 **Medicolegal Death Investigations: Documenting and Defending our Results & Con-clusions** – Ryan Gausman, D-ABMDI, Ret. Sergeant, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, Former Chief Deputy Coroner, Kittitas County Coroner's Office (Washington)

Thank You! See You Back in June 2025!

Objectives

To provide training and continuing education in medicolegal death investigation for medical examiners, coroners, law enforcement personnel, district attorneys, funeral directors, physicians, and others with a professional interest in forensic science.