



Minutes

The Board of Directors meeting of the Colorado Coroners Association was held on January 9th, 2010 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 11:12 a.m. by President Bob Bux.

Review of Agenda

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer's report was accepted and filed for audit. After a discussion a motion by George Crocket, with a 2nd by Brenda Bock was adopted unanimously as follows: "We will move \$40,000 from our Edward Jones investment account to a savings account at the bank."

Public Comment:

There was no public Comment.

Standing Committee Reports:

Education Committee: Chris Herndon reported the next Outreach Class would be held on April 8th and 9th in Loveland, she will be meeting with the Larimer and Weld County offices to go over the classes and speakers in the next couple of weeks. June Conference will be June 10th, 11th, and 12th at the Doubletree World Arena Hotel. She has met with other board members and come up with topics and speakers for the conference.

Coroner Assist Team: Darrel Brenner reported that he and his committee will be meeting in January to assess the best way to proceed.

Legislative Committee: Bob Bux reported that the committee has been working on a Green Burial bill that will be sponsored by Senator Linda Newell and Representative Randy Baumgartner. We have the support of several other associations for the bill. There is a bill that has been proposed that would change the wording involving bonding for elected officials. Essentially it would change the wording to read *crime insurance* instead of *bond*. Currently the CRS involving Coroner Inquests reads that witnesses are paid a witness fee of \$2.00. Peg Ackerman and Bob Bux have had discussions that the fee be removed from the statute. It was recommended by the Board that we just removed the fee wording.

Certification Committee: Brenda Bock reported there are currently 110 certified death investigators through CCA. There are many people who are not re-certifying, especially from the larger metro Counties and she's not sure why. After a discussion a motion by



Pat Allen, with a 2nd by Mike Graeff was adopted unanimously as follows: "We will allow Brenda to update the certification application as needed."

CCSTB: Brenda Bock reported that she and Darrel Brenner had attended the last CCSTB meeting. It had been agreed that a committee would be formed that was made up of 2 members of the CCSTB and 2 members of the CCA Board to review the CRS language and come to an agreement on the interpretation. It was decided that Brenda and Darrel would be the 2 members from CCA. The CCSTB had requested that we make our Outreach classes be 16 hours instead of 12 hours, this was approved. CCSTB asked if CCA could do the MLDI (Medicolegal Death Investigation) class that was required by statute for new Coroners. It was agreed that we would do 2 MLDI classes in 2011 instead of our Outreach Classes, one will be held on the Front Range and one will be held on the Western Slope. There will be openings on the CCSTB in April and we need to submit names to the Governor's Office through Peg Ackerman. There are 3 Coroner positions on that Board, 1 Coroner from a County with a population of less than 15,000; 1 Coroner from a County with a population of between 15,000 and 50,000 and; 1 Coroner from a County with a population of over 50,000. Darrel Brenner (D) and George Crocket (R) submitted their names for the smaller counties. Chris Herndon will contact other Coroners in the other sizes of Counties and get them to Bob Bux.

Outside Committees: Bob Fowler reported that he has been attending the Salary Commission meetings and they have prepared a report that will be sent to the legislature. Their recommendations are: 1) There be a 5% salary increase across the board, for every County elected official. 2) The Salary Commission meet every 2 years, on even years, to present recommendations on odd years instead of the current every 4 year cycle. 3) They included a recommendation that Surveyor salaries be set by County Commissions.

Ike Miller: The Ike Miller Scholarship was awarded to Carlette Brocious, a deputy coroner from Fremont County. She will be attending the St. Louis class in April.

Marketing: Mike Graeff reported that they are planning and purchasing supplies and clothing for this year. He asked for any suggestions on supplies or clothing. It was agreed that they selection has been so great that the Board has no other recommendation.

PR and Website: Brenda reported that the website has been receiving a lot of daily hits, many people are going there for more information.

Unfinished Business:

Green Burials: Bob Bux has been working with Peg Ackerman and other elected official associations on this problem and the need for legislation. The Green Burial Committee is Bob Bux, Pat Allen, Mike Graeff, and Don Heer.

Hospice Best Practices for Coroners: Bob Bux reported that he had been in talks with the State Hospice Association but they had recently fired their staff so talks had halted.



Delays in Counter-Signing deferred death certificates: Bob Bux reported that he had received a letter that had been sent to Senator Stedman by a funeral director that made allegations about 3 counties delaying counter-signing and signing out death certificates. Bob Bux has talked with the 3 counties and the funeral director. This issue is settled.

New Business:

Invite to participate in the Colorado Hospitals Mass Fatality Summit: All Coroners had received an invitation to be involved in this, Chris Herndon reported that she has been in contact with them and will be involved in a telephone conference call on January 28th and an all day meeting on February 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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Chris Herndon, Secretary

The next Board of Directors meeting will be the evening of April 8th, 2010 during the Outreach Conference.

Board Members present:

Robert Bux, President
Chris Herndon, Secretary
Mike Graeff
Stephen Lance
Pat Allen
Bob Fowler
Sharon Morris, Past CCA President

Brenda Bock, Vick-President
Steve Stogsdill, Treasurer
George Crockett
Sandy Graeff
Art Nordyke
Darrel Brenner