



**Colorado Coroners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Jefferson County Coroner's Office
11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2016**

Brenda, Randy, Mike, Sandy, Mark, Dr. Allen, John Graham, present on the phone – Donna Taylor, Rob Glassmire, Art Nordyke, Randy Keller – Guest, George Crocket, Dr. Thomas Canfield on the phone
Steve Balcerovich, Kathy Oatis

Call Meeting To Order – 1105 a.m.

Brenda Bock – President

Legislative Report

Brenda Bock, Steve Balcerovich, Kathy Oatis

Rundown given in newsletter by Brenda;

Steve – Lots happening. Most is pretty good

HB 16-1054 - Right to Die passed away (!) No votes; may be on ballot this November 120,00 signatures needed to get it on the ballot. (\$10 per signature)

HB 16-1367 – Salary Bill – Most big counties got their big raise, very few counties got 0 raise – Grand and Jackson; will pass

HB 16-1406 – Randy Keller not getting reimbursed from State for deaths in correctional facilities. Any county with a state or private correctional facility that is funded by the state will be completely reimbursed. Complete is investigation and autopsy costs. (Are state youth corrections included? – Youth facilities are under the Department of Human Services)

SB16-034 - Tampering with a deceased human body – made it a higher lever crime; Governor signed the bill. Coroners got a lot of praise for supporting this bill

Public Comment:

No Public Present

Secretary's Report:

George Crocket – Approve January 26 Board Meeting Minutes (handout)

Motion to approve as written; second; passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report:

Mike Graeff

Checking \$21, 386.83

Savings \$90,722.65

Ike Miller \$7,748.74
Education \$4,094.46
Fall conference actually made \$658.96

Dues – only one county has not paid their dues, all others have.
Motion to approve Treasurers report. Second, accepted unanimously

Old Business:

New Business:

- POST concerns – Rob Glassmire, Mark Ward, Dianne Fairman
There are some coroners and deputies that cannot maintain their post certification as a coroner/deputy. They must be “tethered” onto a POST agency, and maintain a certain level of training – 12 hours of specialized training, and 12 for miscellaneous continuing education.

Mark suggests closing this topic for now and revisiting at a later date. Not the coroners association responsibility to look after POST concerns.

Deputies are not “included” in the writing for CRS¶ 30-10-606. They are not officially peace officers by statute. Are coroners/deputies law enforcement or not??
Motion to close the post concerns. Second; accepted unanimously.

- Randy Keller – Prison reimbursement – HB 16-1406
Previous coroners had not attempted to bill the State for investigation/autopsy expenses for deceased inmates. Last year, Randy’s incurred expenses were in excess of \$18,000.

Bill is now written that any coroner in any county can bill any correctional institute. If a sheriff’s department is holding a DOC inmate that dies while in custody, this bill covers that death. Bill for investigation, autopsy, toxicology, autopsy report and death certificates. Randy’s current expense per deceased inmate is \$1,895. He also experiences inmates who are under Hospice care while incarcerated. Those cases he bills \$150 for investigation only.

How should expenses of prisoners who are wards of another state be billed?

Standing Committee Reports

Certification:

Jen Howe

2016 Stats

- 8 “Re-new” and 7 “New” Certifications in 1st Quarter;
- There are currently 146 known “Active” individuals (handout)
Reviewed list and decided on some names to remove

Coroner Assist Team

Randy Gorton, Mark Ward

- MOU/IGA Update
 - Only 12 people have signed the agreements
 - Put the agreement on the secure area of the website.

Eyebank – Randy Gorton

Issues with harvest in rural counties – Coroner response time to scene, response time from techs, facilities, time of day, RMLEB cancelling at the last minute or after arrangements have been made and coroner has been waiting for them to show.

Education

Brenda Bock, Randy Gorton, Jen Howe

- Letters of Intent to run for the Board
- June 2016 Conference Location – Fort Collins Hilton
 - June 8, 9 and 10 (Board meeting on night of the 7th)
- October 2016 Conference Location – Boulder Millennium Harvest House
 - October 5, 6 and 7 (Board meeting on night of the 4th)
- June 2017 Conference - DoubleTree Hotel in Colorado Springs
- October 2017 Conference - Jen would like to start working on October 2017 site. Will consider Ramada in Glenwood and DoubleTree Grand Junction again, as well as any other suggestions.

CCSTB

Brenda Bock, Randy Gorton, Dr. Allen

CCSTB requesting \$3,000+ per year for legal expenses.

Argument/request has never gone any further.

Some new coroners are still confused with difference between CCSTB/CCA.

Peer Review

Board Executive Committee

Brenda has had some calls, has requested that the complaint be put into writing. Caller refused to provide written complaint.

Marketing & Promotions

Mike Graeff, Sandy Graeff, George Crocket

Fun stuff coming

Public Relations & Website

Brenda Bock, Jen Howe

- Updates and improvements are on-going
- The password protected area (for Coroners only) is up and running. This area is password protected, so only members (coroners) have access to the information. (By-laws, cell phone list, anything we want to limit access to – not for public viewing)

Scholarships

George Crocket, Art Nordyke, Randy Gorton, Mark Ward, Rob Glassmire

- Scholarship applications are due May 1, 2016
- Send reminders to all coroners offices about scholarships being available.

Outside Committees

George Crocket

Nothing

Dr. Canfield would like to know what the “on-call” fee other coroner’s pay their deputies for being on call.

Create a questionnaire for the conference.

**John Graham – Being required to post training requirements/policies for deputies and training
Put on June Agenda**

Next Board Meeting June 7th at 5:30 p.m. Hilton Fort Collins

**Adjourn Motion to adjourn. Second, motion accepted unanimously
12:15 p.m.**