



**Colorado Coroners Association
General Meeting Minutes
Hilton Hotel, Fort Collins, Colorado
Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 5:30 p.m.**

Call Meeting To Order 5:31 p.m.

Present:

Brenda Bock, President

Randy Gorton, Vice President; George Crocket, Secretary; Mike Graeff, Treasurer; Sandy Graeff; Art Nordyke; Rob Glassmire; Donna Taylor; Mark Ward; Dr. Thomas Canfield; John Graham; Jennifer Howe; Randy Keller; Justin Tennant; David Tennant; Dennis Jelden; Emma Hall; Kirk McKey; Rob Ryg; Jimmy Brown; Raymond Kern; Jerry Gray; Larry Phelps; Regan Wood; Maggie Cox; Sue Kern; Albert Krueger; Joe Giadone; Brian Cotter; Daniel Baucke; Tom Perrin; Zane Laubhan; Frank Vader; Donna Will; Krystal Mejia; Bob Morrow; Tom Weldon; George Deavers; Kirk Underwood; Karen Tomky

Secretary's Report:

George Crocket, Secretary

Motion to approve minutes from June 2015. Second. Motion carried. Accepted unanimously

Treasurer's Report:

Mike Graeff

Chase \$14,468.37

Ike Miller \$7,748.74

Savings \$90,722.65

Education \$38,884.46

Motion to approve Treasurer's report. Second. Motion carried. Accepted unanimously

Public Comment:

Standing Committee Yearly Reports:

- **Education** – Jen Howe and Brenda Bock
Reviewed conference locations
Discussed importance of first full week of June
- **Coroner Assist** – Randy Gorton
Randy reviewed the material he presented earlier in the day, and referred members to the website.

MOU's – only 18 turned in. County attorney's, county commissioners not wanting to sign. Randy explained it was a generic form that was for utility purposes only.

- **Legislative** – Brenda Bock
SB16-025 End-of-life Options for Terminally Ill Individuals (02/03/2016 Senate Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Postpone Indefinitely)
HB16-1406 County Coroners Reimbursement by DOC (Expected to pass as of 4/4/16) – **PASSED 4/7/16**
SB16-034 Tampering With a Deceased Human Body (03/30/2016 Signed by the Speaker of the House)
SB16-037 Public Access Digitally Stored Data under CORA (2/24/16 Postponed Indefinitely)
SB16-088 Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets (3/20/1 Signed by the Speaker of the House)
HB16-1051 Forms to Transfer Vehicle Ownership upon Death (03/23/2016 Governor Signed)

If you are interested in more details on these items, you can find it on the CCA website under the Legislation link as “Current Legislation”.

Randy Keller reviewed HB16-1406 – Coroners Reimbursement by DOC
Billing becomes effective first part of July 2016

Heavy discussion revolving around the End Of Life Bill (SB16-025)
Members would like to vote on sending the CCA to legislation against this bill
The CCA would like the wording of the bill changed to take the coroners completely out of the mix.

Motion that the CCA as a group absolutely oppose assisted suicide publicly
Second. Discussion

Motion was overruled by those who do not agree.

Brenda – does the membership give the legislative group the power to oppose or agree with any legislation dealing with the End of Life Bill.

Motion that the Legislative Committee take charge and keep the general membership informed via email. Second. Accepted unanimously. Motion passed.

- **Certification** - Current list (handout)
Jen Howe asked everyone to please check over the list and verify accuracy
- **CCSTB** - Randy Gorton, Brenda Bock, Patrick Allen
- **Outside Committees** – George Crocket

- **Ike Miller and Scholarships** – George Crocket
Scholarships were awarded to:
 - Frank Vader – Gunnison
 - Kevin Rogers – Alamosa
 - Rachel Broders – El Paso
 - Marcia Vincent – Weld

Ike Miller Scholarship awarded to:
Marci Jury, Archuleta

- **Marketing** – Sandy Graeff
Discussed items in the store; asked for suggestions
- **Finance** – Mike Graeff
Nothing to report
- **Website** – Jen Howe
Updates are ongoing. Please utilize the “For Coroners Only” page

Old Business:

New Business:

- Dr. Canfield review of 30-10-606
CRS 30-10-606 says Coroners have carte blanc in requesting medical records.
The way the CRS is written, psychiatric records are protected, but not medical records.
Discussion. Dr. Canfield recommends that we make an amendment to the CRS.

Discussion. Brenda has asked the group to consider whether or not to put something into legislation over this.

- Frank Vader asked about a list that was sent out regarding what types of deaths must be autopsied by a Forensic Pathologist. With the only pathologist in Montrose retiring soon, there may be a crisis on the Western slope soon. Comment was made that removing forensics lowers the bar.
- Brian Cotter presented an issue he is facing in Pueblo County
\$47,500 per year is going to be the minimum for salaried individuals, which will cut out paying part-time investigators as salaried.

Brenda asked Brian to send her the information to research.

- Election of Board Members – Membership by acclimation
Motion to accept the Board by Acclimation. Second. Accepted unanimously.
- Location for June 2017 Conference – DoubleTree in Colorado Springs

Motion to Adjourn. Second. Accepted unanimously. Adjourn 7:08 p.m.