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Next CCA Board Meeting: June 5, 2012

Call CCA at our new dedicated phone (970) 628-5151 or email us at coloradocoroners@gmail.com, anytime with your suggestions or comments.

Be sure to check our website Colorado Coroners Association (www.coloradocoroners.org) for upcoming training and other great information

The CCA Annual 2012 June conference will be June 6th, 7th, and 8th at the Pueblo Convention Center 320 Central Main Street Pueblo, Colorado

Go to the CCA website for Registration Forms and Additional information

Hotel rooms are available at both the Pueblo Marriott (attached to the Convention Center) and the Cambria Suites, across the street. Both hotels will offer rooms for \$89 if you say you are with the CCA. Specific hotel information, the Conference agenda, and registration forms are on the CCA website. We're planning to make this conference as full of practical information as possible, as well as more interactive. We've got great speakers lined up, a Welcome Reception provided by the

Chamber of Commerce hosted by Jim Kramer, Pueblo County Coroner, and an entertaining and delicious banquet! Plan to come and have a great time!

The Fall Outreach Training in Practical Medico-legal Death Investigation is September **27 & 28, 2012** in Montrose, CO at the:

Holiday Inn Express
1391 S. Townsend Ave.
Montrose 81401
970-240-1800

Case presentations are always the highlight of the conferences. Call or email Dianne if you have a case you would like to present this fall in Montrose.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February 29, 2012 CCA Board Meeting Highlights

Complete minutes are available on line. Items of interest include:

- The CCA has retained the accounting firm of Hanna, Holdredge and Associates to take care of all matters associated with filing of



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taxes and reports to the federal and state governments.

- The CCA has undertaken an audit of all CCA owned equipment and supplies. Similarly, we have begun to assemble all of our old records and files in one centralized location.
- All of our Banking is now being handled through Chase Bank. With branches statewide, we can keep all of our accounts with one institution and not change banks whenever the Treasurer position changes.

Conference Report:

The Spring Conference, held in March in Loveland was well attended, with 83 registrations.

The Fall Conference will be held in Montrose this year, Thursday and Friday, September 27-28, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Express. Mark your calendars and save the dates. Information will be available on the CCA website.

June Conference:

I hope all of you are planning on attending the annual June Conference next month at the Pueblo Convention Center, June 6th, 7th, 8th. Hotels will be the Marriott and Cambria Suites. We have a completely new agenda with a great lineup of speakers. The conference has been approved for 22 hours of Continuing Education with the CCA, CCSTB, AMBDI, and Colorado POST. One of the most important presentations will be Wednesday morning at 10:30 AM: Introducing New

CCA Standards of Investigation (please see a bit more on this below under the CCSTB Topic heading). This will be an introductory presentation on what will hopefully become statewide standards for performing our duties. Because of the importance of this topic, we are going to open the topic to be adopted by vote by all CCA members present at the general membership meeting. Folks, if we don't do this, someone else is going to do it for us! Not only is it the right thing to do, I feel it is better to do it ourselves rather than have another agency in government do it for us (to us). The very first step in establishing Coroner standards was last year's house Bill 11-1258 ("Concerning Autopsies"), which mainly dealt with which cases need to be autopsied, using National Association of Medical Examiners Standards, and performance of autopsies by forensic pathologists.

The Annual general membership meeting will be on Wednesday, 5-6:30 PM, followed by a Pueblo Chamber of Commerce sponsored reception.

The annual banquet will be Thursday; no host cocktails at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM, with entertainment to follow. My spies tell me it will be a comedienne who has gotten rave reviews, so plan on being there!

Board Vacancies:

The CCA Board will have two vacancies to fill by vote of the membership at the general membership meeting on Wednesday, June 6th. I encourage you to step up to the plate and volunteer a bit of your time by becoming an active, involved Board member. Terms of office are two



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years and the time commitment is four Board meetings per year. Three of these are at the three educational conferences we hold, so you will possibly already be attending the meetings anyway.

Additionally, six board members have terms expiring in June of 2012, so those positions are also open to any challengers. These current Board members have all stated their intention on running for another two year term.

All candidates for any of these positions need to declare their candidacy in writing, either by e-mail or written letter at least ten days prior to the general membership meeting. All communications should be sent to the CCA office. Attn: Debbie Reisdorff, Office of the Larimer County Coroner and Medical Examiner, 495 N. Denver Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537 or email to coloradocoroners@gmail.com.

Notice of Meeting:

Rocky Mountain Division of the International Association for Identification.

To be held in October, 2012 in Breckenridge. If anyone from the CCA has an interest in presenting a lecture at this conference you should contact Amy Miller at: Amy.Miller@cdps.state.co.us

Patrick Allen, MD, President

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education Committee

Patrick Allen, MD, Chairman, Dianne Fairman, Coordinator. The Education Committee duties are to develop programs for the Outreach Seminars, June Conference and any other education programs offered by CCA. Contact information:

Ethics Committee

Ethics Committee membership is comprised of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President).

Legislation Committee

The Legislation Committee duties are to monitor legislation during the legislative session, develop legislation when needed, seek Coroner opinion on legislation, work with the CCA lobbyist on legislative strategy, and organize testimony on legislation when needed.

Patrick Allen, MD, Larimer County, Chair
Bob Bux, MD, El Paso County
Brenda Bock, Grand County
Darrel Brenner, Washington County
Zane Laubham, Gilpin County
Lora Thomas, Douglas County

Coroner Assist Team

The Coroner Assist Team coordinates requests for assistance and referrals from any Colorado County Coroner. The team maintains a list of available



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equipment, qualified personnel, and forensic specialists. The Coroner Assist Team is Chaired by Darrel Brenner, Washington County.

Certification Committee

As many of you know, the rules for Coroners have changed. Per statute, Coroners need to submit documentation of 16 hours of continuing education to the CCST Board every year. Deputies only re-certify with CCA once during a four year election period. We are trying to get everyone on the same cycle. At the upcoming June conference Janet Larson and myself will be having a question and answer time regarding certification for CCA and compliance for CCSTB. It will be on the first day of conference at 11:00. Make sure to attend so we can help clarify any questions you might have.

Brenda Bock, Coroner

Grand County

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Outside Committee and CCA Representatives to other Committees

- Outside Committee coordinates representatives to: Donor Alliance, Child Fatality Review, GEERC, SEMTAC, and any other council that asks for or requires a CCA representative. Co-Chaired by George Crockett, Jackson County and Stephen Lance, Ouray County.
- State EMS Committee (SEMTAC) and State All Hazards Committee (SAHAC), Zane Laubhan, Gilpin County.

- Governors Emergency Response Committee (GEERC), Mike Doberson, MD, Arapahoe County.
- State Child Fatality Committee
- Legislative Salary Committee, Bob Fowler, Otero County.

Finance Committee

Mike Graeff, Elbert County was elected by the CCA Board to fill the position of Treasurer which was left vacant upon the resignation of Steve Stogsdill from the Board in January 2012. Lora Thomas, Douglas County and Bruce Campbell, Douglas County are on the Finance Committee.

Ike Miller and Scholarship Committee

The Ike Miller Committee is responsible for managing the award process for the annual special scholarship award created by Dr. Ben Galloway, and any other awards that the Board of Directors deems appropriate. George Crockett, Chair, Stephen Lance, Ouray County, Art Nordyke, Custer County and Darrel Brenner, Washington County.

Coroner Standards and Training Board (CCSTB)

Both Brenda Bock and I (Patrick Allen) teleconferenced in to the CCSTB meeting in April.

Joanne Richardson (Summit County) has resigned from the Board, and Thomas Canfield, MD (Montrose County) has been appointed to fill that vacancy (Counties between 15,000 – 50,000 population).



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The CCSTB is seeking to be assigned to the Attorney General's Office rather than the CDPHE as they are currently.

The CCSTB is beginning to explore the possibility of dealing with the Coroner standards. I advised the Board that the CCA is in favor of establishing standards for all Coroners in the state and, in fact, will be presenting a set of death investigation standards at our annual June Conference. I was more than a bit shocked to hear several members of the CCSTB make statements that seemed to indicate that they were of the opinion that the CCA was not in favor of, or had not been working on, establishing a set of investigation standards. In fact, I have advised that group on a number of occasions that the CCA has been developing such standards. Please see information above in the CCA June Conference section.

Patrick Allen, MD, Larimer County

Marketing

This committee is responsible for the providing a selection of merchandise for members to purchase. Please call us at (303) 646-5599.

Mike and Sandy Graeff, Elbert County

Website

The website is ever changing. Please check it out often as information is updated and added periodically. If you have items to add, contact Brenda Bock, Grand County, Chair, Darrel Brenner,

Washington County or Debbie Reisdorff, Larimer County.

ALL CORONERS: Please check our website and confirm that your county information is accurate and up-to-date.

CCA Board Members:

Patrick Allen, Larimer County, President
Darrel Brenner, Washington County, Vice President
Brenda Bock, Grand County, Past President and Secretary
Mike Graeff, Elbert County, Treasurer
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