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March 2014 Newsletter

JUNE CONFERENCE June 18th, 19th, 20th, 2014 Hilton, Fort Collins

Registration Forms Available
On CCA Website

For additional information
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Legislative Salary Commission – Robert Fowler, Otero County Coroner attended the Legislative Salary Commission meeting on January 28th at the State Capital. The Salary Bill has not been introduced yet and may not come out of Legislature this year because of elections.

Highlights from the 11/13/13 Board Meeting:

Most news worthy items have been covered elsewhere in the Newsletter. Minutes can be found on the CCA Website.

Highlights from the 1/30/14 Board Meeting:

Policy Manual has been reviewed by the appointed committee. The only change was to the Ethics Committee, changing the name to Peer Review Committee.

By-Laws were also reviewed by the appointed committee and no changes were made.

Patrick Allen, MD, President

A Message from CCA President

Stephen Lance, Ouray County Deputy Coroner submitted his resignation from the CCA Board. Stephen has been a board member since 2009, has worked diligently on many committees, and we will miss him. The CCA Board has determined that they will wait until June Conference to fill the vacant position.



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Next Board Meeting:
April 10, 2014 12:00 noon
Jefferson County Coroner Office
Board Meetings are open to all CCA
Members. If you are interested in
attending, please call Debbie Reisdorff at
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Email at Coloradocoroners@gmail.com

Fall Training in Winter Park Follow-up

The CCA Board is asking for your opinion on the timing of the "Fall" training, which was held in mid-November this year. The issue in this: we have held the annual June Conference only 3-5 months prior to the "traditional" scheduled meeting timeframe of the late September-early October. This is hard

- a. making it harder to get commitments from speakers who have volunteered their time in June.
- b. making for an uneven scheduling of meeting dates, with two crammed together in a 4 month span and then an 8 month hiatus.
- c. on our conference coordinator (my Chief Deputy, Dianne Fairman);

Our Fall Training in Winter Park this year was well-attended, but the overall registration was down about 10%. Was this due to the scheduled dates in mid-November or was it due to the location? Or both? Please let us know.

Patrick Allen, MD, Larimer County

Treasurer's Report

The 2014 dues notices were mailed on January 15, 2014. Please let me know if you did not receive your dues notice or have any questions.

Mike Graeff, Treasurer, Elbert County

**Congratulations Dr. Amy Martin,
Denver County Coroner on your
recent retirement.**

Newly Appointed Coroner

James Caruso, MD
Denver County Coroner



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FORENSIC EXPERTS

You can find a list of Forensic Experts and Helpful Telephone Numbers on the CCA Website.

We are happy to welcome back Certified Forensic Artist Daniel Marion and you will have an opportunity to meet him at the June Conference.

DID YOU KNOW

Coroner Bios & CV - These will become valuable for general data showing experience, training and education that the Colorado Coroners have. For instance on the most recent Legislative Bill it was helpful. All personal information will be kept confidential and when information is used it will be statistics and anonymous. You can submit your Bio/CV via email to coloradocoroners@gmail.com.

Debbie Reisdorff, Executive Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Peer Review Committee

The Board made the decision to change the name of Ethics Committee to Peer Review Committee, to more accurately reflect what we do.

The Peer Review Committee will review select cases or discrepancies (usually between families and Coroners) at the discretion of the Committee. We also review ethics type complaints that may be filed with the CCA office. Since this Committee has no real power to enforce a ruling or discipline a member Coroner, the name can be misleading to some persons or organizations. "Ethics

Committee" henceforth will be known as the Peer Review Committee. All cases reviewed will be at the sole discretion of the Committee. Requests can come from outside the Coroner community or within the CCA.

Peer Review Committee is comprised of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer).



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Scholarships

Ike Miller Scholarship

Coroners & Deputy Coroner Investigators – You are eligible to apply for the annual scholarship awarded to one person per year at the June Conference. This is an annual scholarship award created by Dr. Ben Galloway in 1991 and will cover expenses to attend a Medicolegal Death Investigation Training, i.e. St. Louis or Albuquerque. Scholarship will cover your registration, transportation (airfare or mileage), hotel, and a meal stipend.

Ike Miller Scholarship application can be found on the CCA Website, with a deadline for submission on

Scholarships

Four scholarships will be awarded for the June Conference and four scholarships for the Fall Training to either a Coroner or Deputy Coroner Investigator.

June 2014 Conference Scholarship applications are now available on the CCA Website, with a deadline for submission on May15, 2014

George Crocket, Chair; Art Nordyke, Randy Gorton, Mark Ward

Legislative Committee

We are working on a piece of legislation that will hopefully modify current Coroner Standards and Training Board (CCSTB) procedures. Part of the modification deals with ensuring that the board has proper legal representation. Another facet will be to slightly increase the numbers of training hours the Coroners need annually. This will not be an issue for almost all Coroners as our twice-annual CCA trainings (“June Conference” and “Fall Training” will have the total hours slightly increased to meet the new standard. The new legislation will also hopefully define what powers of enforcement the CCSTB does or does not have.

Patrick Allen, MD, Larimer County, Chair,
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Thomas, Douglas County, Brenda Bock,
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Marketing

The marketing committee will make sure you have merchandise available for purchase at the conference and trainings.

Mike and Sandy Graeff, Elbert County,
George Crocket, Jackson County

Website

The Colorado Coroners Association website has a new look. Check it out!!!!

Brenda Bock, Chair, Grand County, Debbie Reisdorff, Larimer County

Certification Committee

In order to become a certified death investigator in Colorado, the applicant must meet the following requirements:

- A Coroner or Deputy Coroner Investigator
- Employed by a Colorado Coroner's office
- Your Coroner's Office must be a current member of the CCA
- You must possess a high school diploma or GED
- You must have completed the requirements on the CCA certification form (see CCA website)

Brenda Bock, Chair, Grand County





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