

Summer 2018 Newsletter

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From The Vice President

Greetings Everyone,

It is that time again. Elections are in full swing, and I would like to wish everyone the best of luck during this Election process. I am sure we will be retaining some existing Coroners as well as seeing a new group of County Coroners joining us in January.

At the June 2018 Conference in Fort Collins, there were six Colorado Coroners Association Board positions that were up for election. I would like to congratulate the Board Members who are returning for another term and welcome Matt Reid from El Paso County to the Board. I know he will be a strong and effective Board Member. During the General Membership meeting, a show of hands stated that we should look at other venues for upcoming Conferences and Trainings, and alternate locations are being considered at this time. The Colorado Coroners Association is here for the continued support of the Coroners in our state and the continued advancement in Training and Education. Please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions to better serve you or your office.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Training in Crested Butte. We have a strong agenda of presenters for Crested Butte, and the 2019 Spring Conference in Colorado Springs is already in the works.

Sincerely,

Randy V. Keller, Vice President



Colorado Coroners Association

Announcements



**Colorado Coroners Association
30th Anniversary Celebration**

The next CCA Board Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at
Elevations Hotel and Spa
500 Gothic Road
Mt. Crested Butte, CO 81225
Meeting minutes are posted on our website.

NEW!!!

Online payment and registration for
Conferences and Trainings is up and running.
Visit our website and give it a try!

Online payment is also available for Dues payments.

**In order to be a Member of CCA,
DUES ARE DUE
AND PAYABLE
by April 1, 2019.**



(Credit card fees apply)



New Coroner Training

The New Coroner Training
dates are December 3rd thru 7th, 2018.
As soon as we have more information
regarding costs, we will post it on our
website and send out an email.



Education and Training

Colorado Coroners Association

3-Day Practical Medicolegal Death Investigation Training Course

October 10th, 11th, 12th, 2018

Elevations Hotel and Spa

500 Gothic Road

Mt. Crested Butte, Colorado 81225

970.251.3000

Guest room rates are \$99 for a Double Queen or Single King

Junior Suite is \$119; One-bedroom Suite is \$149

Rate is inclusive of \$20 Resort Fee and \$20 Parking Fee

Room reservations must be made before September 9 to receive the negotiated rate.

The resort has a parking garage which can accommodate vehicles that are less than 6'6".

We strongly suggest you arrive in a low-profile vehicle. You might consider car-pooling.

There are free shuttles into town, so you don't need to worry about driving while in

Crested Butte.

Your Tax-Exempt certificate MUST be submitted to the

Hotel at least 30 days in advance (9/9/18)



There is plenty to see and do in Crested Butte. We hope you enjoy your down time.



Education and Training

Conference Scholarships

The Colorado Coroners Association will be awarding 3 scholarships to the October Training. If you or someone in your office is interested in applying, please visit our website at Coloradocoroners.org and complete the application.

Scholarship applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 9th, 2018

Fax or email them to Jen Vien at

719.309.6625 or coloradocoroners@gmail.com.

Beginning June 2018, The Ike Miller Scholarship will be awarded every three (3) years. We will award it again in 2021. Please visit our website for more details.



Colorado Coroners Association

31st Annual 3-Day

Practical Medicolegal Death Investigation Conference

Wednesday, June 5th through Friday, June 7th, 2019

DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton

1775 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80906

719.527.4601



June 2018 Conference Recap

Our June Conference and 30th Anniversary Celebration was a success!! Despite the air-conditioning being broken-down and the sleeping rooms being unbearably HOT, we all had a good time, and gained some useful knowledge.

Our new evaluation form is working well for us, and we hope it is better for you, too. We received some great feedback. The following responses are to the comments we received:

- The outdoor exercise was well received, but there were comments about alerting you so that you could wear proper footwear and clothing. This was the first time we tried this, and we (jen) apologize for not thinking about the weather and terrain. We promise to do better next time. Overall, this function was extremely useful, and we will try and incorporate more of these activities in our programs.
- We had several comments about not having all the presentations on the flash drives. This is an issue we have had for the last few events. The problem is, many of our presenters do not want to share their material because it is either too sensitive or there is the possibility of plagiarism. While we convert all presentations into PDF files, there are programs out there that allow individuals to convert those types of files into files that can be edited. Our presenters put a lot of time and effort into their work, and do not want someone else taking credit for that work.
- This year's dinner was a banquet style dinner, simply because it was a special occasion – our 30th Anniversary.
- We will be contacting the speakers that were listed on the evaluations and trying to schedule them for our October 2018 Training or the June 2019 Conference. If you would like to present, please contact Jen Vien. Many of you appreciate the case presentations. If you have an interesting case, please consider sharing it.

Overall, our Conferences and Trainings are useful and educational to our Members. We welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Some of the topics we are needing assistance with are:

Report writing

Templates and examples

We have many members asking for more case studies, while some are asking for less. We are going to be more diligent in selecting case studies, hoping that the presentation, information and outcome are beneficial to all. We can all learn from others' experience, but we must make certain that those experiences are noteworthy.

Thank you for participating in the evaluations. They are integral in designing and planning future Conferences and Trainings.



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