



**Colorado Coroners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Jefferson County Coroner's Office, Golden, Colorado
11:30 a.m. January 24, 2018
Call-In Number: 641.715.3580 Code: 383755**

Call Meeting To Order – Randy Gorton 11:42 a.m.

Present – Randy Gorton, President; Randy Keller, Vice President; Mike Graeff, Treasurer; George Crocket, Secretary; Sandy Graeff, John Graham, Brian Cotter, Brenda Bock, Rob Glassmire, Emma Hall

On The Phone: Dr. Tom Canfield

Guests: Kathy Oatis, Steve Balcerovich

Absent: Dr. Michael Burson

Legislative Report - ONGOING

Steve Balcerovich, Kathy Oatis

Coroner initiated suicide Bill: Bill has been on hold. Senator Fields and Senator Gardner want to make certain every coroner is on board. Arapahoe County has some concerns. They want 90% support. Dr. Bux was supposed to have spoken with Kelly Lear. Do we want to move forward or continue to keep it on hold. (The bill is to allow guardians and/or coroner to decide whether or not to give out autopsy reports on juveniles.) We favoured this Bill at the June General Meeting, and that is why we moved forward. One major concern and reason for pushing this bill is to help prevent “copy-cat” teenaged suicides.

Another view is that the “copy-cat” incident does not wait for the autopsy report or the coroner’s report. Social media moves quicker than Law Enforcement or Coroners can.

Special Interest Groups – How do we protect one group and not all?

Steve and Kathy will call Dr. Bux and Dr. Lear, and will see where they stand.

Randy Keller will call Kevin Grantham

How do you address the concern that teens will find out about the death through social media. We will send out a query to the coroners/membership for additional input, with a deadline to respond.

Oregon Reporting Form on Assisted Suicide - HANDOUT

Colorado wants to pass a bill to model the Oregon form that would require prescribing doctors to complete for data gathering.

Hospice says they want more data, so they can figure out a way to improve this.

Colorado Coroners have no position on this matter - **CLOSED**

Senate Bill 58 – Statutory Requirement to report child abuse

Statute of limitations – if Coroners don't report the case immediately, they could suffer consequences.

Coroners are reporting as soon as they possibly can.

Coroners are considered Mandatory Reporters, so this bill will not really affect the CCA.

Rhonda Fields – Was part of the Channel 9 News issue - **ONGOING**

She would like to put together a training bill to fix some of the "cracks."

Smaller counties are going to need some financial assistance.

Who is going to work with Steve and Kathy on this?

This topic will not go before legislation until summer.

Randy Keller, Randy Gorton, George Crocket, Rob Glassmire will work with

The group needs to go into the meeting with a plan to offer

Kathy will send the link to this Bill

Secretary's Report:

George Crocket – Approve October 3, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from October 3, 2017. Second, accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Mike Graeff

General Fund - \$29,779.59

Education - \$10,757.41

Savings - \$60,827.04

Ike Miller - \$7,589.99

We are getting our funds back up to where we used to be.

31 Coroners have paid their dues

Motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Second, accepted unanimously.

Old Business:

New Business:

Emma Hall and Rob Glassmire – IACME - **ONGOING**

Rob has spoken to the Nicole, and they will go before the IACME Board and find out if they are interested. Emma will represent the CCA at the February meeting.

Currently we are just focusing on hosting for one year. Rob and Emma will keep the Board posted.

Sandy Graeff – Fees (minimal) for re-issuing certificates and receipts

\$10 was discussed for time, effort and postage. Motion that we charge a \$10 fee per document for reissuing certificates or receipts. Second, accepted unanimously.

Sandy Graeff – CCA takes over website using the Colorado Government system- **ONGOING**

Using current web hosting is costly and time consuming.

Motion to go ahead with State website and have a couple of Board Members learn the system.

Second, accepted unanimously.

Randy Gorton – Reporting Drug Overdoses on Death Certificates
Let the State send this report out to individual Coroner’s offices. **CLOSED**

Randy Gorton – TLO
Proposal to CCA – We pay a flat fee and all of our members can use it.
Discussed pros and cons.
Invite the company to our Conference as a Vendor, but the liability of allowing everyone access to the CCA account is too great. **CLOSED**

Randy Gorton – Outreach in Eastern Colorado
One day event, taught by CCA members. Rural counties need training for deputies.
This is the responsibility of the Association. Board members would do the training.
When the training was done before, it worked great. We need to focus on the deputies.
Idea put out there. **Think about it and come to the next meeting with some ideas.**

Standing Committee Reports

Certification:

Jen Vien

2018 Stats

- 1st Quarter 3 “Re-New”; 5 “New”
- We have 149 “known” active Certified Death Investigators

Coroner Assist Team

Randy Gorton

- MOU/IGA Update – All documents are scanned and stored on CCA External Drive
- Maybe Rob can give a presentation in June 2018

Education

Brenda Bock, Randy Gorton, Jen Vien

- June 2018 Conference – Hilton in Fort Collins
- 30th Anniversary
- October 2018 – Crested Butte
- June 2019 DoubleTree Hotel in Colorado Springs OR IACME
- October 2019 – Grand Junction???
- Discuss 2020 locations
- Matt Reid’s ideas for June and October
 - Mass fatality response
 - Grid
 - CBI

CCSTB

Emma Hall, Randy Gorton

Reviewed Coroners who are in compliance and those who aren't

Discussed the New Coroner Training

Peer Review

Board Executive Committee

Randy has had some phone calls but nothing in writing.

Marketing & Promotions

Mike Graeff, Sandy Graeff, George Crocket

Coffee Mugs

Stocking Caps

Scene Lights

Do we continue to set up the store in October?

Public Relations

Randy Gorton – Nothing to report

Website

Emma Hall, Jen Vien

Scholarships

George Crocket, Art Nordyke, Randy Gorton, Randy Keller, Rob Glassmire

Outside Committees

George Crocket

Next Board Meeting April 25, 2018 11:30 @ Jefferson County Coroner's Office

Adjourn 1:49 p.m.