

Colorado Coroners Association

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Summer 2019 Newsletter

The Colorado Coroners Association provides service and support through the sponsorship of training and educational activities for all Colorado Coroners and Deputies.

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From The President

Hello Everyone,

I hope this letter finds you well. What a tremendous success our June Conference in Colorado Springs was, with the highest attendance we have seen in the history of the Colorado Coroners Association. The quality of our presenters and vendors were very instrumental in making this Conference a success. Congratulations to the Education Committee on a job well done. How impressive to see so many agencies coming together for continued education in our State.

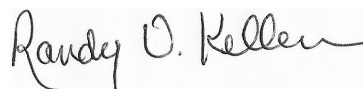
We held the election for Board Members at our Annual Membership Meeting in June. There are some new faces you will see on our Board. I would like to congratulate our new board members - Victor Yahn (Mesa), Jeff Graff (Chaffee), Stephen Hunzeker (Rio Grande) and Dr. Emily Russell (El Paso). A very special **Thank You** goes out to Randy Gorton for his leadership as President of the Colorado Coroners Association. He has been a tremendous asset for this Association and will continue to serve on the CCA Board as Past President. I also want to thank George Crocket and Mike and Sandy Graeff for their years of service to the Association Board. Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank Emma Hall for her service as a Board Member and her efforts that went above and beyond on the Education Committee. The outgoing Board Members service and dedication to this organization will be missed.

We also announced at the Membership meeting that costs for membership and registration for spring conferences and fall trainings have increased. Please be assured that this Board will always keep our Membership in mind and will work diligently to keep all costs at a minimum. The Board is currently exploring multiple options to save on expenses at our events.

In the very near future, we will be revisiting legislation on the bill to seal autopsy reports for minors. Meetings with our Lobbyists and sponsor have been scheduled. Last year, our bill sponsor felt it was not the appropriate time to reintroduce this legislation and suggested we move forward in 2019/2020. In the prior legislative session when this bill was originally introduced, it passed by greater than 90%, but was subsequently vetoed by then Colorado Governor Hickenlooper.

I am grateful and proud to be the President of the Colorado Coroners Association. I appreciate everyone's support and will do my best to serve this Association to the best of my ability. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Training in Grand Junction.

Sincerely,



Randy V. Keller, President



Announcements

The next CCA Board Meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at
The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
743 Horizon Drive
Grand Junction, Colorado 81506
Meeting minutes are posted on our website.



Colorado Coroners Association BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections for the Colorado Coroners Association Board of Directors were held on Wednesday, June 5 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Colorado Springs during our annual June Conference.

Our newly elected Board Members are:
Jeff Graf, Chaffee County Coroner
Steven Hunzeker, Rio Grande County Coroner
Victor Yahn, Mesa County Coroner
Emily Russell, MD., El Paso County Deputy Coroner

Robert Glassmire and Brian Cotter were re-elected for their positions.

Emma Hall, George Crocket, Mike Graeff and Sandy Graeff completed their terms and did not seek re-election.

Randy Keller is our President
Robert Glassmire is our Vice President
Brian Cotter is our Secretary
Victor Yahn is our Treasurer



Annual Medicolegal Death Investigation Training

brought to you by the

Colorado Coroners Association

Wednesday, October 9th through Friday, October 11th, 2019

DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton

743 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506

970.241.8888

Guest room rates are **\$109 per night (plus tax)**
double occupancy. This rate will be honored until
12:00 Noon on Tuesday, September 17, 2019.

Your Tax-Exempt certificate and Affidavit
MUST be submitted to the
Hotel at least **30 days in advance (9/9/19)**

Copy and paste this link to make your online reservations

**[https://www.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/G/
GJTDTDT-CCA-20191008/index.jhtml](https://www.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/G/GJTDTDT-CCA-20191008/index.jhtml)**

You can also call the hotel directly at 970.241.8888
All reservations must be secured with a credit card.

The Agenda will soon be available on our website
www.coloradocoroners.org

Conference Scholarships

The Colorado Coroners Association will be awarding
3 scholarships to the October 2019 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 8, 2019
Fax or email them to Jen Vien at
719.309.6625 or coloradocoroners@gmail.com



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Rocky Mountain Death Investigators Conference

June 10th - 12th, 2020

Sheraton Denver West Hotel

360 Union Blvd. ~ Lakewood, CO 80228

303.987.2000

Guest room rates are only **\$139 per night (plus tax)** double
occupancy. This rate will be honored until
12:00 Noon on Monday, May 11, 2020.

Your Tax-Exempt certificate and Affidavit
MUST be submitted to the
Hotel at least **30 days in advance (4/11/2020)**

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Rocky Mountain Death Investigators Conference

At each of our Conferences and Trainings, we ask you to complete an Evaluation Form so we can continue to improve our events and offer you information on topics that pertain to your jobs. Following is a summary of the comments and ideas that you gave us on the Evaluation Forms from our June Conference.

Overall, the Rocky Mountain Death Investigators Conference was a success. There are always areas to improve upon, and we value your comments. The majority of our attendees appreciated and gained useful knowledge and tips about Mass Disasters. This has been a frequently requested topic, and we were glad to be able to provide a wide variety of speakers and situations that could prove to be helpful and useful.

Almost all of the forms we received told us how much you appreciate the networking and socializing. The Welcome Reception and the Thursday night Banquet were a success. The majority of the evaluations said you appreciate the casualness of the Banquet, but would maybe like music added. Having a theme for the dinner provides a fun aspect without adding any structure to the dinner. We received some great ideas for future themes. Please note that even though the dinner may have a theme, we will never require you to participate in the "dress-up." That is just for fun and to see how creative some of us are.

As for breaks, there are always comments asking for additional and/or longer breaks. If we were to add more breaks or more time to the current breaks, we would need to extend class on Friday. We are committed to providing you with 20 hours of Continuing Education Units (CEU's). When we submit our Agenda to ABMDI - our primary accreditation source - we need to show 20 hours of class time. Unfortunately, breaks and meal periods are not included in that time. In order to maintain our accreditation, we have to keep track of everyone and the hours that are spent in class. This is also why we make sure you are signed in and present for the class time. Our records are subject to being audited, and they have to be accurate. In short, more or longer breaks would require a longer day on Friday.

Another highly requested topic is Case Presentations. We all appreciate and gain from these presentations. We would like to ask you to volunteer to give a case presentation. It does not have to be long or detailed or perfect. If you have a case that you consider interesting, please consider giving a presentation about it. Any of the Board Members would be happy to help you put a 30-45 minute presentation together. If we don't have volunteers for these types of presentations, we cannot provide them to you at Conference or Training.

We received some great speaker ideas from you this past June. We will contact them and see if we can work them into our upcoming events. If you don't see them as speakers, please note there may be one of several reasons, including but not limited to: they are not available or they may be out of our price range, or their content is not what we are looking for.

We have begun working on our October 2019 MLDI Training, and will have an agenda out to everyone as soon as possible. It will be held in Grand Junction at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel again this year, October 9 -11. Registration forms and Scholarship applications will be posted on our website by mid-August. Please check our website for updates and details.

We want to thank all of you who attended the June 2019 Conference, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Dues Increase

At the meeting held on June 4, 2019, the CCA Board voted to increase yearly dues by 10%. In light of that, we will be sending out the 2020 notices a month earlier than usual, so that you will have time to plan for this increase.

It has been 4 years since the last increase, and we need to be able to keep up with the cost of doing business. We also plan to update some of our equipment in an effort to lessen and/or eliminate some of the expenses we incur at Conferences and Trainings.

Category I	\$1,950 will increase to \$2,145
Category II	\$1,560 will increase to \$1,716
Category III	\$1,170 will increase to \$1,287
Category IV	\$ 780 will increase to \$ 858
Category V	\$ 390 will increase to \$ 429
Category VI	\$ 260 will increase to \$ 286
Individuals	\$ 50 will increase to \$ 55

Dues are due on April 1, 2020. Being current on your dues means that you and your office staff can register for our events at the Member price, and will allow those who are CCA Certified Death Investigators to remain active.

If you have any questions, please contact
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