

MONTANA CORONERS' ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MAY 7, 2017

The Montana Coroners' Association Board of Directors meeting was called to order on May 7, 2017 at 6:40 P.M. by President Greg Kirkwood at the Hilton Garden Inn in Billings. Members present were President Greg Kirkwood, Past President Dick Burrows, Vice President Bill Jones, Secretary-Treasurer Terry Bullis, Dick Brown, Trenton Harbaugh, Steve Holton and Dan Whitted. Unable to attend were Verne Buerkle and Al Jenkins. Present as a representative from the Montana Sheriff and Peace Officers Association was Wynn Meehan. Bob Rosipal was present as a guest. A motion was made and seconded to forego reading the minutes of the February 25, 2017 Board meeting since all members had received copies previously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The checking account balance is approximately \$35,500 and the stock market account is \$40,000. The estimate cost of this convention is between \$10,000 and \$12,000. Dick Burrow made motion to approve the report and Bill Jones seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Legislative Update:

Dick Brown reported there is a bill to have a Medical Examiner office in Billings. He reported Dr. Kurtzman is trying to change the wording of the law regarding a natural death of a person in custody. Now it is mandatory that an autopsy be performed on any death of an inmate, but with an aging population there are more natural deaths and it is felt that some of these deaths do not warrant an autopsy. The third bill was changing the wording of the bill regarding the way a coroner can obtain medical records. Dick felt this one had been passed.

Scholarships:

Dick Brown reported he had 4 applicants from District 2 and 7 from other districts, which were not going to be considered unless there were no acceptable applicants from District 2. He will have 2 chosen by the Annual meeting.

Web Site:

Steve Holton reported that Mark Volkomener had put together the program we requested and we are real pleased with the results. Steve agreed to be the liaison between the association and Mark for any changes. We will add deputy coroners to the list using the office phone number to protect their privacy.

NEW BUSINESS:

2017 Convention

The raffle items are a camera, a GoPro and a cooler that will hold ice for 5 days.

Site for 2018 Convention.

To keep the convention centrally located, the cities of Bozeman, Billings and Lewistown are being rotated. Great Falls is the site for the December training hosted by the State. Dick Burrows made a motion to hold the convention in Lewistown. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Speakers for 2018 Convention

Bob Rosipal reported that Perry Johnson would like to mirror the FBI speakers he uses for the December training to be used for our training. Steve Holton volunteered to check with Perry and bring this information to the fall meeting. The FBI speakers are free. DCI agents are also available. It was noted that Agent McDermott and Mark Hilliard from DCI both present cases.

Nominating Committee:

Dick Brown's term will expire this year. Dick has agreed to serve another term. Vern Burkle has agreed fill out Glen Meier's term, which will expire in 2021. Bill Jones has indicated he will retire no later than April of 2018. Greg said if the Board wished, he could continue another two years, or we could appoint Bob Rosipal to take over Bill Jones position now and then in May of 2018 Bob could move up to President. Dick Brown made a motion for Bob Rosipal to take Bill Jones Vice President position now and move to President next year. Bill Jones seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

Other:

Mileage was taken and Dick Brown made a motion to pay the bills, including Joan's bill. Trenton Harbough seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Dan Whitted made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Bill Jones seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Farmer, Recording Secretary