

MONTANA CORONERS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 7, 2018

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The Montana Coroners' Association Annual meeting was called to order by President Greg Kirkwood at the Yogo Inn on May 7, 2018 at 6:50 P.M.

Roll Call:

Roll call was taken and members from the following counties were present: Cascade, Yellowstone, Missoula, Lewis and Clark, Gallatin, Fergus, Carbon, Phillips, Hill, Ravalli, Custer, Lake, Dawson, Roosevelt, Beaverhead, Chouteau, Valley, Toole, Big Horn, Blaine, Richland, Deer Lodge, Teton, Judith Basin, Fallon, McCone, Carter, Broadwater, Wheatland, Granite, Liberty, Wibaux, Golden Valley, and Petroleum.

Minutes:

Minutes from the May 8, 2017 Annual Meeting were read. Bob Rosipal made a motion that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Wynn Meehan and unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The checking account balance is \$34,232 and the estimated convention cost is \$16,000. A motion was made by Dick Burrows to approve the Treasurer's report, was seconded by Wynn Meehan, and unanimously carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Scholarship:

The scholarship was for students in District 3. The three applicants and were from Malta, Inverness and Melstone. Isabella Mackey from Malta and Shayla Hough from Melstone were chosen.

Legislative Update:

Dick Brown reported there were some coroner laws that we are trying to get the Attorney General to help clarify. Primarily it's regarding combining the sheriff and coroner into one office and the question of who will do inquests. The Sheriff and Peace Officers Association and Montana Coroners Association are working together on a committee and contact persons are Bob Rosipal and Dick Brown. They are trying to get is solved without having to get new legislation.

Web Site:

Steve Holton reported the name is mtcoroner.org and it has been very successful with the technical help we have. Contact Steve if there is information you want added. We are trying to make sure the coroner and deputy coroner lists are kept current.

NEW BUSINESS:

ABMDI Training:

There was a discussion on this topic and the Board reported they felt it would be a big expense on the counties to have all coroners certified, with a \$50 fee/ year per person after they once obtain the training. They felt the federal government shouldn't tell the states how to spend their money for mandatory training. The question was asked that as a group does MCA want to join the ABMDI Training. Vern Burdick made a motion that as a group we do NOT wish to join the ABMDI Training. This motion was seconded by Robert Pauas and unanimously passed. Individuals were not discouraged from obtaining the training.

Election of Officers:

President Greg Kirkwood reported Steve Holton's term was expiring and he had agreed to serve another term. Greg also stated Vice President Bob Rosipal would be moving to President and Wynn Meehan was agreeable to take the Vice President position. Vern Beurkle will be retiring the end of the year and Deputy Coroner Sibley Jankovial from Wolf Point is interested in this position. There were no nominations from the floor for any of the offices. Dick Brown made a motion that the Nominating Committee recommendations as listed by President Kirkwood be accepted. This motion was seconded by Robert Pauas and unanimously approved. The dates of term expiration are as follows:

Past President Greg Kirkwood

President Bob Rosipal

Vice President Wynn Meehan

Secretary-Treasurer Terry Bullis

District 1 Steve Holton (term expires 2024)

District 2 Dan Whitted (term expires 2022)

District 3 Dick Brown (term expires 2023)

District 4 Sibley Jankovial (term expires 2021)

District 5 Al Jenkins (term expires 2019)

District 6 Trenton Harbough (term expires 2020).

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2019 Convention:

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President Greg Kirkwood reported the board had chosen the GranTree in Bozeman for the 2019 convention site. The date will be May 5, 6 and 7, 2019. A committee has been chosen to obtain speakers.

Other:

Wynn Meehan made a motion to pay the bills. Dick Brown seconded the motion. Jessica Murolo made a motion the meeting be adjourned. The motion seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Farmer, Recording Secretary