

MONTANA CORONERS' ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 11, 2021

The Montana Coroners' Association Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by President Wynn Meehan via Zoom. Members present were President Wynn Meehan, Vice President Andy LeBrun, Jessie Billquist-Jette, Dick Brown, Trenton Harbaugh, Steve Holton, Sibley Jankoviak and Dan Whitted. Secretary-Treasurer Jace Dicken was unable to attend.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Trent to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2021 meeting. This was seconded by Jessie and approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report was unavailable as Jace was not present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scholarship letters:

The letters were sent out 2-2-2021. One scholarship goes to a first time senior and the other will be given preference to a MCA family member or actual MCA member.

Dues:

The dues notifications have not been sent out yet. Steve will contact Jace to get them out hopefully next week. Since the dues pay for the convention it puts us in a financial bind. Jace now has a credit card reader so he can collect dues at the convention. We raised the dues at the last meeting from \$150 to \$200 and left the associate member dues the same (\$25.00). The non-member attendees fees are \$300.

2021 Convention:

Steve reported the Copper King's fees for conference rooms were \$1,500 for 1 year or if we choose a 2-year contract the second year would be \$1,000. Sibley made a motion to sign the 1-year contract for \$1,500 and Steve seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. We will have a block of 60 rooms reserved. Jessie has a menu from the Rib and Chop House, which is now not affiliated with the Copper King. Metals Sports Bar can cater meals at the Copper King and Jessie will obtain a copy of their menu too.

The Training Committee is Dan, Jessie, Andy and Trent. Jessie reported John Fudenberg, IACME Executive Director, is scheduled for Tuesday. The other times are open and it was

suggested we have one of the medical examiners speak on Sunday afternoon giving an update on the bills drafted this last legislative session. There was a discussion of other speakers/topics and it was decided to have either Dr. Kurtzman or Dr. Kemp speak on COVID vaccine related deaths and other current topics on Monday morning. Jessie will speak for 1 hour on Monday afternoon on the changes in Image Trend. Jessie stated Cameron Axelaon from LifeNet Health offered to speak on “Compassion Fatigue”, if needed. Several coroners will present case studies on Monday afternoon. Jessie will type up a draft of the agenda and send it to the board. Steve will send the agenda to Perry to be sure the accreditation is correct. For anyone presenting a case they will need a power point presentation and outline of their program and a curriculum vitae sent to Perry Johnson at POST.

Butte has a mask mandate so we will need to bring masks, but the conference room will hold 500 so we will be below the 75% capacity limit.

Vendors:

Jessie reported LifeNet Health was signed up and Site Life and Life Center Northwest were going to send their information to Jace, so she’s not sure if they are registered.

Raffle items:

Wynn reminded everyone to contact businesses in their communities to donate items for the raffle. Sibley will bring more metal cutouts like she brought last year. Jessie said if “Metals” is chosen to cater the Sunday night reception she will approach them to donate some of their items for the raffle. Dick said that the association usually spends \$600-800 for large ticket items to raffle. He said that he sells enough tickets to pay for these items.

Gifts for attendees:

Zippered notebooks with the logo of MCA were chosen. The smaller size (approximately 7.5 “ x 10”) was preferred. Dick will check with a local vender and get prices.

Meals/menus.

Sunday we will have a reception in the evening, which will be hosted by LifeNet at least in part. Last year they paid \$1,200 and we helped out with the rest. Monday we will provide 3 meals, and Tuesday we provide breakfast. We also have breaks during the day, which we pay for beverages.

Steve will obtain the food menus, which will be reviewed and finalized at the next meeting scheduled for March 23, 2021 @1430 hours.

The meeting was adjourned by President Meehan at 2:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Farmer, Recording Secretary