

MONTANA CORONER'S ASSOCIATION

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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April 20, 2021

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The Montana Coroners' Association Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 2:33 P.M. by President Wynn Meehan via Zoom. Members present were President Wynn Meehan, Vice President Andy LeBrun, Secretary-Treasurer Jace Dicken, Jessie Bilquist-Jette, Trenton Harbaugh, and Steve Holton. Sibley Jankoviak and Dan Whitted were unable to attend.

MINUTES:

Tret made a motion to forego reading the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting. Steve seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jace reported the checking account balance is \$28,831.58 and the Morgan-Stanley account balance is \$40,527.00 after taking out \$10,000 to be sure we had enough money to pay for the convention. We have 48 registered so far and 24 are paid. The projected income from dues and vendor fees to date is \$14,950. There are 2 counties that cannot pay until July 1 when their new fiscal year begins. Jace will remind them to pay the first of July. Trent inquired if board members automatically have a free pass to the convention. He explained if he had a free pass he could transfer his membership pass to a deputy coroner and not have to pay the \$200 fee. There was a discussion and Wynn asked Jace if there was any information in the bylaws addressing this topic. Jace said there is nothing specific concerning the convention. They do state the board members cannot receive money from the association except for mileage, etc. Dick felt we should bring it up at the annual meeting and get a motion. There was another discussion as to whether it should be in the bylaws rather than a meeting motion. Wynn requested we discuss this topic further at the May 2nd board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bylaws Changes:

Jace reported the Articles of Incorporation are now current. They had not been paid since 1991 and he paid the \$20/year fee. He asked if we want a plaque to display for \$77.00. Since we have no office he didn't know what we would do with one.

We have our EIN and are in compliance with the IRS, but they need a copy of our bylaws and that is why we are updating them. The form we file for IRS is 501-36.

Jace had e-mailed his proposed changes in the bylaws to the board. These were reviewed and there were several changes he made as they were brought up by the board. Jace will e-mail the revised proposed changes to the membership for their review and any additional changes can be brought up at the annual meeting.

Scholarship Letters:

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Dick has received 3 and expects to have 5 or 6 by May 1. Jace has 1 he will forward to Dick. We award two \$500 scholarships each year. Dick will report to the membership the names of the recipients at the annual meeting.

2021 Convention:

There was a discussion about having a motion at the annual meeting to increase the dues. According to the bylaws the board can increase the dues, but it was felt we should keep the membership informed and let them know the prices for everything has increased and we can no longer afford top speakers with the current fee structure.

Trent inquired about rooms being reserved for board members. Jace reported he had reserved 10 rooms with the names of the board members and 1 for the speaker. Jace will call and confirm these reservations.

Dick made a motion for Steve to sign for the meals being catered by Metals. Andy seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor. This includes breakfast for \$12.50, lunch for \$12.50 and dinner for \$21.50. Steve stated this was much cheaper than we've paid previously. Snacks for breaks are included.

Wynn will be the speaker for the time slot of 3 to 5 on Monday.

Dick will pick up the raffle ticket rolls for the 50-50 raffle when he picks up the notebooks.

Jessie will make up signs for the vendors and have them posted.

There was a discussion about nametags and it was decided we should keep them.

Raffle Items:

Wynn has a cooler and Gortex binoculars; Trent has a CO2 pressurized growler; Jessie has 2 metal cutout flags. If we feel we need more items we will purchase them in Butte.

Trent made a motion the meeting be adjourned and Andy seconded the motion with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Joan Farmer, Recording Secretary