

**MONTANA CORONERS' ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

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**May 2, 2021**

The Montana Coroners' Association Board of Directors meeting was called to order on May 2, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. by President Wynn Meehan at the Clarian Copper King Convention Center in Butte. Members present were President Wynn Meehan, Vice President Andy LeBrun, Secretary-Treasurer Jace Dicken, Jessie Bilquist-Jette, Dick Brown, Trenton Harbaugh, Steve Holton, Sibley Jankoviak and Dan Whitted.

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**MINUTES:**

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Steve made a motion to forego reading the minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting. Trent seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The checking account balance is \$35,763.99 and the Morgan-Stanley account is \$40,845.32. Jace reported 31 counties have paid and 16 have not paid yet but he will collect from them when their fiscal year begins in July. Most of the 56 counties are members and there are 187 deputy coroners. So far we have had \$12,000 come in between the coroners and vendors. We took out \$10,000 from the Morgan-Stanley account to be sure we had enough to pay for the convention. Jace will return this amount, and possibly more, back to the Morgan-Stanley account.

Jace suggested we appoint a conference committee to work up an annual budget to ensure we have enough money for the conference.

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## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Scholarships:**

Dick Brown reported he had 6 applicants from Baker, Miles City, Bridger, Anaconda, Shelby and Choteau. A scholarship committee consisting of Andy, Steve, Wynn and Dick will review the applications and report their findings at the Annual meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **2021 Convention:**

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J. P. Gallager from Butte will give a short welcome message to the membership.

There was a discussion concerning the raffle items and Jessie made a motion we spend \$500 at Murdocks and purchase more raffle items. Steve seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Jace will present the by-laws changes we would like to make and the proposed increase in dues. This includes raising the dues from \$150 to \$200 for coroners and raising deputy coroners from \$25 to \$35. This would generate \$4,800, which would enable us to hire high power speakers in the future and attract more attendees. There is a credit card fee of 3.3% and Jace felt we could include the fee in the increase in dues.

Wynn reported he would be speaking from 3-5 on Monday and his topic will be on the increasing violence in our society and how it affects coroners.

There were no legislative issues concerning coroners that we were aware of to discuss at the annual meeting.

### **Site for 2022 Convention.**

The board will suggest the Billings Hotel and Convention Center for the 2022 convention. We get the best attendance when we keep the meetings one year in the Western part of the State and the next year in the Eastern part.

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### **Nominating Committee:**

Sibley Jankoviak agreed to serve another term, but explained the zoom afternoon meeting times do not work for her as that was when funerals are scheduled. She said for zoom meetings 5:00 P.M. would be best. This time was agreeable with the rest of the board. There was a discussion concerning zoom meetings versus in-person meetings. Since the zoom presentations are so much more economical it was felt we should do half by zoom and the other half in-person.

### **Gifts for Membership Attendees:**

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This year we had a mix-up on the notebooks and ended up with a double order at the cost of \$12.50 each. We can return the extras or keep them for \$5.00 each. Jessie made a motion to keep the notebooks and use them again next year, as the attendees will be different. Sibley seconded the motion with all in favor.

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### **Speakers:**

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Dan said he has already scheduled with the FBI to have an agent present a great case from Omaha.

Jessie made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Sibley seconded the motion which unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Farmer, Recording Secretary