

Montana Coroner Association

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Type: Board Meeting

Called to Order on Date/Time: 06-28-23 / 1705 by President Lebrun

Location: Zoom

Roll Call:

Past President: VACANT

President: Andy Lebrun-P

Vice President: Jessie Jette-P

Treasurer: Jace Dicken-P

Secretary: Steve Holton-P

District 1: VACANT

District 2: Dan Whitted-P

District 3: Dick Brown-P

District 4: VACANT

District 5: Beker Cuelho -A

District 6: Trenton Harbaugh-P

Steve moved to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting, seconded by Trent. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report: FIB Checking=\$48,068.36. MS Investment Account=\$41,995.72
S&P Investment Account=\$23,272.45. Cash on hand=\$18,723.27. (See new business for motion to approve)

Counties Present: N/A

Old Business:

President Lebrun appointed Deputy Dick Sine to the vacant District One representative. Mr. Sine is a Deputy Coroner for Flathead County. President Lebrun appointed Valley County Sheriff/Coroner Tom Boyer to the vacant District Four representative. Steve will contact both and update the website and let them know of the next meeting.

Discussion was had regarding the venue for the 2024 Conference with information and prices from Great Falls and Billings. Jace moved to hold the conference at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center, Steve seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. The conference will be held May 5th through 7th. Steve will reserve the convention center.

New Business:

Discussion was had regarding potential training/speakers for the 24 conference. Jessie has a line on a speaker regarding 911 Analysis, for the full 16 hours. Dan can arrange an FBI SA for 8 hours for case presentations. Dick Brown recommended Suicide investigation training. Jessie will chair a training committee with Dan as vice-chair. President Lebrun appointed Trent and Dick Sine to the committee.

Steve made a motion to pre-approve up to \$5000.00 to the training committee to book speakers/instructors, with the availability to approve more if necessary with a new vote. Jace seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding western MT pathologists and the crime lab. Specifically regarding slow reports and decisions made without contacting coroners. Jace has had discussions with ME Dr. Kemp, and will keep him informed of the situation. Potential for a meeting with Dr. Kemp to try to improve the situation.

FINANCIAL: Jace made a motion to transfer \$30,000 from FIB to a MS interest bearing savings account, and to transfer \$18,723.27 cash on hand to the FIB Checking Account. Dan seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting was scheduled for September 6th at 1700 hours via Zoom. Steve will forward the Zoom invitation to the board.

Steve moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Trent. President Lebrun adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted By: Secretary Steve Holton