



Idaho State Association of County Coroners Business Meeting Minutes

Riverside Hotel, Boise, Idaho | February 8, 2019

Members Present

Dotti Owens, Ada County, President
Lucky Bourn, Minidoka County, Vice President
Tara Parsons, Butte County, Sec/Treasurer
Sue Warner, Adams County
Ely Taysom, Bannock County
Russ Mikel, Blaine County
Pamela Garlock, Boise County
Robert Beers, Bonner County
Mick Mellett, Boundary County
Wesley Walker, Camas County
Jennifer Crawford, Canyon County
Craig Rinehart, Cassia County
Brenda Laird, Clark County
Rick Miller, Clearwater County
Chad Workman, Custer County

Jerry Rost, Elmore County
Brenda Dye, Fremont County
John Buck, Gem County
Ronnie Geer, Gooding County
Cody Funke, Idaho County
LaVar Summers, Jefferson County
Mike Ernest, Lemhi County
Perry Larson, Lewis County
Mike Piper, Lincoln County
Sam Butikofer, Madison County
Aaron Tines, Owyhee County
Keith Schuller, Payette County
Mark Rose, Power County
Tim Melcher, Teton County
Gene Turley, Twin Falls County

I. Call to Order

Owens called the meeting to order at 8:00 am on Friday, February 8, 2019.

II. Education Committee Report

The Education Committee met on Thursday morning. The group discussed upcoming conferences and trainings for 2019 and 2020. The Education Committee is planning to offer training on ABMDI for those that didn't get the training a few years ago. The training will start in September 2019. There will be two additional sessions in 2020 with testing at the final session in 2020. All interested coroners must pre-register with ABMDI to get into the class. Each individual will be responsible for their \$50 registration to ABMDI but ISACC will cover the trainings and travel costs for each coroner interested. If there are any problems or questions, individuals can contact Dotti Owens or Lucky Bourn.

III. Legislative Update

Owens has been tracking legislation that is relevant to the coroners this session. The first that is relevant is S1033 which is a change to organ donation notifications. Owens has concerns that the legislation could impact families and they might not be officially notified of a death before they are approached about organ donation.

The second piece of legislation is S1028 which identifies Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) otherwise know as Post Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) as an occupational injury that affects Idaho's first responders. Owens doesn't have an issue with the legislation except that it leaves coroners off as a first

responder. She has a staff member working to see if the draft legislation can be amended to include coroners as a first responder.

Bourn moved to oppose S1033 as it is written, Rinehart seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Board of Directors Report

The Board met on Thursday morning after the Education Committee. The board approved funding for 20 coroners and 10 deputy coroners to attend trainings in 2019 including registration costs, travel, hotel, and per diem. IAC will send out a notice shortly and will take coroners on a first come, first serve basis. The deadline to sign up will be May 15.

V. National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)

The NVDRS can help provide communities with a clearer understanding of violent deaths so we can prevent them. This will be mandatory on a federal level. It is compatible with MDI log, but if your county isn't using MDI log you might want to call and find out more about compliance with this tool. This is the federal governments way of keeping track of violent deaths like homicides, suicides, and deaths where individuals are killed by law enforcement.

VI. Health and Welfare Opioid Grant

Owens has been working with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and Martjin van Been on a grant for coroner's offices across Idaho. The grant is available to all counties in Idaho. One part funds toxicology testing and one part funds training for coroners. The toxicology testing is a reimbursement or payment of your invoice. The training for coroners pays for an Ada County deputy coroner to come out to your county to do training. You can also talk to Ada County about coming to them and your travel will be paid for.

VII. General Business

Owens announced that there are two vacancies on the ISACC Board - District 5 and District 6. After reviewing the bylaws, there is no need to have an election so Owens is appointing Debra Wright, Bingham County Deputy Coroner to District 5 and Tim Melcher, Teton County Coroner to District 6.

VIII. Challenge Coins

At the September 2018 meeting, ISACC members voted to have challenge coins made. The board realized after that they didn't have a line item in the budget to pay for these. Owens reviewed the options for the costs for the coins. The general consensus was to have each county pre-order the challenge coins and ISACC will order the amount necessary for those counties that have committed to purchasing a specific amount of coins.

IX. Other Business

No additional business.