

Idaho Association of County Coroners Meeting

Boise, Idaho

Coroner Minutes February 5, 2015

Present:

Dottie Owens	Ada County	Cody Funke	Idaho County
Sue Warner	Adams County	LaVar Summers	Jefferson County
Kim Quick	Bannock County	Warren Keene	Kootenai County
Chad Walker	Bear lake County	Mike Ernest	Lemhi County
Mike Gardner	Bingham County	Perry Larson	Lewis County
Pam Garlock	Boise County	Rick Davis	Madison County
Kathryn Rose	Bonner County	C.V. "Lucky" Bourn	Minidoka County
Tara Parsons	Butte County	Gary Gilliam	Nez Perce County
Wesley Walker	Camas County	Keith Schuller	Payette County
Duayne Sims	Caribou County	Lonny Duce	Shoshone County
Brenda Laird	Clark County	Timothy Melcher	Teton County
Vincent Frazier	Clearwater County	Gene Turley	Twin Falls County
Vicki Armbruster	Custer County	Nathan Hess	Valley County
Jerry Rost	Elmore County		
Ron Smellie	Franklin County		
Bonnie Burlage	Fremont County		
John Buck	Gem County		

Also Present: Mike Johnson (Boise County), Mike Abaid, Mark Dalton, Kristen Quinton (Blaine County), Nickie Campbell (Elmore County), Stephanie Potter, Jenny Willmore, (Fremont County), Jeanie Harris (Gem County), Kimberly Thompson, Martin Thompson (Lewis County), Joshua Hall (NezPerce County), Mike Parke (Parks Funeral Home), David Braelen, Cherrell Jacobsen (Med Tech), Brett Bansaler.

Meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm by President Vicki Armbruster. The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

There were a number of new coroners present so everyone introduced themselves and told how many years they have been coroner.

Elections:

The nominating committee presented the following nominations, Vice President Kit Rose, Secretary Sue Warner District 1 Lonny Duce, District 2 Cody Funke, District 3 Aaron Tines, District 4 Keith Davis, District 5 Mark Rose, District 6 Bonnie Burlage, Member at large Vicki DeGeus- Morris, ICB Board member John Buck to finish out the term and Mark Rose will be his alternate, Legislative Committee Pam Garlock with Dottie Owens as the alternate. President Vicki Armbruster asked for any nominations from the floor hearing none Duayne Sims made a motion to have nominations cease and the above be elected by acclamation seconded and voice vote was unanimous.

President Vicki announced that we would be having a Pharmaceutical representative speak this afternoon about cadavers. as well as Robert Karinen about the ABMDI (American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators).

Treasurer's Report:

Some copies of the Treasurer's report and Budget were distributed to the group and anyone who needs a copy is to see Kit Rose after the meeting. The Treasurer's report and Budget were presented by Pam Garlock, at the current time we have a balanced budget. The Idaho Association of Counties does the preparation of our budget each time according to our needs and requests. There was some discussion about the training expense and increasing it to \$45,000.00. This was explained that the board made the change to increase that amount this was due to the fact there a number of new coroners who had expressed interest in going to the Las Vegas training. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as changed. motion passed.

Minutes of the September 2014 meeting:

Copies of the September minutes were distributed to the group for approval. There were no changes and the minutes were approved as printed.

By-Laws:

Copies of the By-Laws were made available to the group. Kit Rose reported to the group that the by-Laws would be tabled for now. The executive committee has made some recommendations about changes that needed to be made and there are wording changes that also need to be made as well. Kit Rose made the recommendation that everyone take them home and look them over. If they had any changes or comments please email either Vicki or Kit so they can be addressed and mailed back to everyone for review. She also recommended we act on them at the meeting in October. There was also a motion that passed in the committee that the bylaws be reviewed at least every three years. The current bylaws have not been reviewed since 2002. Discussion included the fact that these by-laws need to be out to the members 2 months before we vote on them. All Changes need to be in by July in order to get

the copies out before the October meeting. Copies will be sent to the membership. Motion was made to table the by-laws until the October meeting in order to incorporate the changes that need to be made, motion passed.

Training:

Vicki Armbruster announced that the Ada County Coroner's office will be having a training on March 19th and 20th. This is a two day training, flyers have been emailed by Vicki to everyone. Dottie reported that this is a Forensic Anthropology course and the cost is \$ 295.00. One day will be classroom and one day will be hands on training so bring your digging clothes. Those who have attended before reported that this is a very good class. There was some discussion about using some of our training budget to attend this class but discussion from the morning board meeting indicated that there were several people who wanted to attend the Las Vegas conference. It was decided to use the monies for the Las Vegas conference.

The Las Vegas training will be held July 26th-July 31st 2015. The plan is to send all new coroners. It was pointed out that it is required for all coroners to attend. This class will take the place of the St Louis training that many of the returning coroners have attended. Information for the 10-12 new coroners present was that the association will pay for the transportation, the lodging, and the conference registration. They do not pay for meals or other expenses. The Ada County coroner's office will help with the registration and will be sending out information. We were reminded to please register early. The association will also pay for coroner's that are not newly elected as well as 10 deputies on a first come first serve bases. We were reminded that new coroners need to attend the Basic class and those who are not new can attend the Advanced class. John Buck reminded everyone that the Idaho Statue requires coroners to obtain 24 hours of continuing education every 2 years. Pam Garlock made the motion and it was seconded by Bonnie Burlage to send all the new coroners and any returning coroners as well as 10 deputies to the Las Vegas Conference. motion passed.

Legislative update:

Pam Garlock gave the legislative update. There is nothing new to be brought up for coroner's at this legislative session. She did talk about some of the other issues coming up with the taxes and some clean up bills for taxes as well. There was also a discussion about an Ombudsman and release of public records. Information was given to those present to check with your Prosecuting Attorney if you have any questions about release of Public records. Vicki thanked Pam for her hard work as secretary and getting the bylaws and death protocol put together for everyone.

Fall meeting:

President Vicki announced that the fall meeting would be in Boise on October 1st and 2nd 2015. There was some discussion about the fiscal year starting on the 1st and we would need to meet before that date. Further discussion resulted in this would not be a problem and the dates were then set for the October 1st and 2nd. The association was also made aware that since we have moved to this location that we are being charged for the meeting rooms. There was a

discussion about sponsors helping with the cost or what is our best option. There was also discussion that we need to meet where the IAC meets since we are part of that organization. Motion was made to leave it up to the board to decide where the fall meeting will be held seconded motion passed.

Med Tech did give us a short talk about what they will do to help with the cleanup when there is a need for them, such as waving the deductible for families. They also will help out those who have no resources in any way they can.

Educational requirements:

Kit talked about the educational requirements for the coroner's. The Vice President is going to be the chairperson in charge of the educational requirements. The education has to be related to what we do as coroner's to qualify. You will need to submit your certificates to the Vice President if you want approval for credit, as well and to the IAC so they can track your number of credits. If there is any question as to whether the class will qualify the Vice President will sent it to others to see if they agree. Each coroner and deputy is responsible to also get their certificates to the IAC. The IAC will forward the list of those who have completed training credits to the Vice President of the Association. Everyone was reminded to sign in so they get credit for today and tomorrow and a certificate will be given for these 2 days.

Discussion was held about having training in other parts of the state. President Vicki talked about having classes at different times and locations not necessarily associated with our annual meeting and mid winter conference. Several suggestions were made as to the types of training we could look at for the future. It was suggested that we have a training on a school shooting and how the coroner's would be a part of that process. It was also suggested to incorporate other agencies with us on this training. The discussion also included a number of resources that may be helpful for us to consider when planning a training for this fall.

New members appointed to the education committee were Dottie Owens (Ada County), Pam Garlock (Boise County), Bonnie Burlage (Fremont County), Brenda Laird (Clark County), Gene Turley (twin Falls County).

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded meeting adjourned at 1: 40 pm.

Minutes prepared by Sue Warner, Adams County Coroner.