



Idaho State Association of County Coroners Board Meeting Minutes

Riverside Hotel, Boise, Idaho | February 8, 2018

Members Present

Bonnie Burlage, Fremont County, President
Lucky Bourn, Minidoka County, Secretary/Treasurer
Warren Keene, Kootenai County, District 1 Rep
Perry Larson, Lewis County, District 2 Rep
Sue Warner, Adams County, District 3 Rep

Craig Rinehart, Cassia County, District 4 Rep
Michael Gardner, Bingham County, District 5 Rep
Tara Parsons, Butte County, District 6 Rep
John Buck, Gem County, At Large

Members Absent

Dotti Owens, Ada County, Vice President

Others Present

Kristin Cundiff, IAC Director of Operations
Josh Hall, Nez Perce County Coroner

Ron Hodge, Benewah County Coroner
Chad Workman, Custer County Coroner

I. Call to Order

President Burlage called the meeting to order at 9:00 am on Thursday, February 8, 2018.

II. Bylaw Amendments

Burlage asked the board if they looked over the Bylaws and found any changes. There were two small changes noted: changing 45 days to 15 days and changing the required number of hours back to 24 instead of 36. These changes will be presented to the full body on Friday, February 9, 2018.

III. Code of Conduct

Burlage noted that ISACC has not had a code of conduct or a code of ethics. She did some research and put together a draft code of conduct for the members to review. Burlage wanted to hear the thoughts from the board before the general session. One board member asked why ISACC needed a code of conduct. Burlage noted that there have been some issues with coroners not acting in a professional manner and there are many agencies that have a code of conduct. Keene mentioned that this code of conduct doesn't have any repercussions if someone doesn't follow it. Buck suggested that we add some wording to up the professionalism in the code.

The board discussed the possibility of getting the code of conduct into statute. Burlage said that she created this as a document for the association and not necessarily to be part of state statute. Buck would like to see some of this added to Idaho Code. He volunteered to head up a subcommittee that would do some investigation into creating legislation. Other members of the subcommittee include Sue Warner, Bonnie Burlage, Mike Ernest, and Dotti Owens.

Ultimately, the Board chose to bring the code of conduct to the full membership to hear their thoughts before any changes are made.

IV. Continuing Education from Another Source

Burlage has created a form that would allow coroners to apply for continuing education from another source. Cundiff mentioned that we could create an online form where coroners could upload their certificates. This will be sent out in the near future once IAC has created it.

V. Education Committee Meeting Update

The Education Committee recommended that ISACC sponsor 20 coroners and 10 coroner deputies to attend the 2018 IAC&ME Symposium in Las Vegas. The Board discussed if this was the best training for coroners and deputies. Some mentioned that last year was not a very good training. The Board decided that members could decide what training they think would be beneficial and the Education Committee could approve the training.

Rinehart moved to authorize funding for up to 20 coroners and 10 coroner deputies to attend a training pre-approved by the Education Committee. This would include payment or reimbursement for up to \$500 for a registration fee, six nights of a hotel stay, per diem for each day of the training, and transportation to the training (airfare or mileage, whichever is less). Gardner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Bourn reported that the ISACC training fund balance is \$163,083.76 and ISACC's training fund balance is \$16,964.82.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.