



**Idaho State Association of County Coroners  
Joint Board & Education Meeting Minutes  
Opal Room | Riverside Hotel | February 3, 2022**

**Board Members Present**

Lucky Bourn, Minidoka County, President  
Craig Rinehart, Cassia County, Vice President  
Dotti Owens, Ada County, Sec/Treas (Virtual)  
Warren Keene, Kootenai County, District 1 Rep

Sue Warner, Adams County, District 3 Rep  
Mark Rose, Power County, District 5 Rep  
Mike Ernest, Lemhi County Coroner, District 6 Rep  
John Buck, Gem County, At Large

**Board Members Absent**

Perry Larson, Lewis County, District 2 Rep  
Gene Turley, Twin Falls County, District 4 Rep

**Education Members Present**

Craig Rinehart, Cassia County, Vice President  
Lucky Bourn, Minidoka County  
Dotti Owens, Ada County (Virtual)  
Cody Funke, Idaho County

Scott Carver, Valley County  
Sue Warner, Adams County

**Education Members Absent**

Debra Wright, Bingham County

**Others Present**

Kristin Cundiff, IAC Director of Operations  
Torey Danner, Bannock County

Ron Hodge, Benewah County  
Lois Rinehart, Minidoka County

**I. Call to Order**

President Bourn called the meeting to order at 3:52 pm on Thursday, February 3, 2021.

**II. Approval of Board Minutes - October 14, 2021**

*Keene moved to approve the ISACC Board Meeting minutes from October 14, 2021, Ernest seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

**III. Legislative Update**

The big push this year in the legislature is property tax relief for homeowners. IAC has been working with legislators to find a solution that will benefit the counties.

Owens has been working with Kelli Brassfield at IAC to pass two pieces of legislation this session. With the increase in case loads and difficult identifications, next of kin notifications are taking longer. This proposal changes the coroner requirement to report cases to the Treasurer's Office from 48 to 72 hours. The draft legislation also addresses cremation of decedents with no next of kin to be done 10 days from the death instead of 14 days. The draft will be in Health and Welfare on February 9.

There is also movement from a legislator to change the mortuary law that affects who can run for coroner. Currently, the law states that if there are more than one mortuary in a county, the funeral director that is serving as the coroner has to resign from the position. The proposal would allow counties over 20,000 (according to the US Census) in population to continue following the law but counties under 20,000 in population would not need to comply. The group discussed the pros and cons of this legislation.

***Warner moved to support the idea of the legislation, Buck second. Motion passed unanimously.***

#### **IV. ISACC Bylaws - Potential Changes**

Bourn addressed the fact that the ISACC bylaws do not allow chief deputies to hold offices within ISACC. The group discussed and ultimately felt the association was an association of coroners so the leadership should be coroners. Owens reminded the group that if we're only going to allow coroners to hold office in ISACC that we need to encourage more coroners to take the initiative to step up.

The ISACC Executive Committee will be meeting to discuss a possible amendment on how to remove someone from an ISACC position if they are not performing their duties.

#### **V. Association Trainings**

Owens and Danner recapped the recent training in Pocatello for coroners and law enforcement. Owens would like to provide more trainings like this in the future. Danner thinks it would be a great opportunity to bring coroners and law enforcement together, as well as provide regional training for those that have a harder time getting away from their county. Owens reminded the group that we'll need to get everything submitted to ABMDI at least 30 days in advance to get credit for the training.

***Rinehart moved that we put on a regional training using the teaching staff that were at the first training in Pocatello and then grow the trainings to add additional teaching staff, Buck seconded. Motion passed unanimously.***

#### **VI. Reimbursements for Meetings/travel**

Bourn indicated that there were three reimbursements that came in recently for the July and September meetings. How do we deal with these in the future?

***Ernest moved to pay the three requests, Rinehart seconded. Motion passed unanimously.***

***Rinehart moved to add to the reimbursement request form that all reimbursements must be into IAC within 30 days of the event, Ernest seconded. Motion passed unanimously.***

#### **VII. Regional Facilities**

Owens has been looking into regional facilities and she's heard some doctors might be interested in moving to Idaho if this is an opportunity for them.

#### **VIII. IAC&ME Updates**

Owens has been working with IAC&ME on the possibility of a grant that would help coroners get their ABMDI accreditation. IAC&ME is looking for volunteers for their various committees - check in with Owens if interested but only if you are able to participate as much as possible.

#### **IX. NACo Update**

Owens has been working with NACo on getting legislation that would support getting coroners and medical examiners more training and more accreditation.

**X. IAC&ME Symposium**

*Rinehart moved to send up to 40 individuals to IAC&ME this summer, Keene seconded. Motion approved unanimously.*

**XI. ISACC Bylaws - Potential Changes**

*Ernest moved to adjourn at 4:52 pm, Funke seconded. Motion approved unanimously.*