

Idaho State Association of County Coroners Board Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting | September 3, 2020

Members Present

Lucky Bourn, Minidoka County, President Dotti Owens, Ada County, Past President Tara Parsons, Butte County, Vice President Craig Rinehart, Cassia County, Secretary/Treasurer Warren Keene, Kootenai County, District 1 Rep Perry Larson, Lewis County, District 2 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

Members Absent

Gene Turley, Twin Falls County, District 4 Rep

Others Present

Kelli D Brassfield, IAC

I. Call to Order

President Bourn called the meeting to order at 10:05 am on Thursday, September 3, 2020.

II. Approval of Minutes

Rinehart made a motion to approve the minutes. Owens seconded. Motion carried.

III. COVID-19 Discussion

A. Supplies

Dotti Owens has tests and gloves for those that need them. The Board will reach out to the coroners and see if they need anything. There are supplies available for distribution. There is some concern with Bingham and Bannock County as they have been hit.

B. Concerns: no discussion.

IV. Review Decision to Cancel Fall Conference

There haven't been any complaints about cancelling the conference. This meeting is Zoom because Ada County has an order to restrict groups to 10 or less. The Board discussed as to where an in-person meeting can be held. Mike Ernest offered to host in Salmon and will look into hotels and meeting space (logistics). Sept. 24-26 Board meetings.

Rineheart made a motion to have the next board and education meetings on Sept. 24-26 in Salmon. Earnest seconded. Motion carried.

V. Review Decision to Keep Board for 2021

Motion was made in June.

VI. Virtual Training

Dotti Owens has been working on virtual trainings for the membership. It would be great to offer continuing education virtually. IAC&ME would like to offer some courses. Would board members be willing to volunteer to present a session? More research will be done.

VII. 2021 Proposed Legislation

Dotti Owens has been working with Rep. Green and Rep. Toone. The proposal would add coroners to the PTSI legislation from last year as they are first responders. This could help lead to the rule of 80 for coroners in future years. Coroners are trying to get Rep. Wood to help with this. The coroners are also looking to review the 24 hr. rule statute. Kelli Brassfield will work with Dotti Owens to review the statute and see if there are any legislators that are willing to carry the proposal.

VIII. 2021 Midwinter ISACC Conference

The board will discuss this at the Sept. 24-26 meeting.

VIV. 2021 Budget Review and Approval

Ernest made a motion to approve the FY2021 budget. Warner seconded. Motion carried.

X. Other Business

The Suicide Prevention agency is contacting coroners stating that they need to give them the names of individuals involved. Ada County states that it is a violation of HIPPA and by releasing the information, the county could be set up for a lawsuit. Ada County is placing stats on their website but not personal information.

Bourn adjoined the meeting at 11:30 am.