



## **Idaho State Association of County Coroners Business Meeting Minutes**

Riverside Hotel, Boise, Idaho | February 6, 2020

### **Members Present**

Lucky Bourn, Minidoka County, President  
Tara Parsons, Butte County, Vice President  
Craig Rinehart, Cassia County, Sec/Treasurer  
Sue Warner, Adams County  
Rick Taylor, Bonneville County  
Nick Hirschi, Bingham County  
Robert Beers, Bonner County  
Darrin Sims, Caribou County  
Chad Workman, Custer County  
Nickie Campbell, Elmore County  
Brenda Dye, Fremont County  
John Buck, Gem County

Cody Funke, Idaho County  
Warren Keen, Kootenai County  
Mike Ernest, Lemhi County  
Perry Larson, Lewis County  
Mike Piper, Lincoln County  
Sam Butikofer, Madison County  
Brad Horsley, Oneida County  
Aaron Tines, Owyhee County  
Mark Rose, Power County  
Tim Melcher, Teton County  
Gene Turley, Twin Falls County  
Scott Carver, Valley County

### **I. Call to Order**

Bourn called the meeting to order at 8:13 am on Thursday, February 6, 2020.

### **II. Legislative Update**

Bourn informed the members that there is a possibility that the state might pay for Medicaid Expansion for another year. The county would then need to figure out what will happen after that. It's a guessing game right now on what is happening with property tax and county budgets.

### **III. IAC&ME/Continuing Education**

The Board met on Thursday morning after the Education Committee. The board discussed how many people to send to out of state meetings and possibly having a cap on travel and hotel rooms. Owens will check with IAC&ME about out of state travel, and IAC will work on getting the reimbursement requests from the last 2 years, as well as comparing to what the federal per diem would be for the same trip.

### **IV. ISACC Annual Conference**

Bourn informed the members that the fall meeting will fall on October 1 & 2, and the FY2020 budget only includes one conference and the FY21 will need to include 3 conferences. So everyone needs to keep an eye on their budgets. IAC looked at several venues for the fall conference, and the Red Lion downtown is booked for now, but Bourne stated that he will be talking to Fernandez after the conference about moving the location even though the contract has been signed. Some suggestions about other locations were the Hampton Inn and Suites Downtown and a funeral home in Boise. Bourn will get back to the membership about this.

## **V. ABMDI Masters Test**

The board approved to cover the \$400 test fee for any coroner that would like to take the test but they would be responsible for the application fee and site testing. Deputy Coroners that want to take the test will be taken out of their local budget. Members were instructed to contact ISACC in advance if they want to test.

## **VI. Challenge Coins**

Bourn informed the membership that the extra \$25 on the registration fee was to pay for the coins. The Board elected to sell the coins at \$6 each. Each County will receive 2 free and any extra will be charged to that individual. Parsons will hold onto the coins and collect the money for the duration of the conference. ISACC will invoice those who would like 5 or more coins.

## **VII. Speakers for Fall Conference**

If anyone has any suggestions for a speaker at the fall conference, please reach out to the Board.

## **VIII. ISP Crime Lab**

Owens has talked to ISP about using their forensic lab as they are able to complete a toxicology test free of charge, she discussed the pros and cons of using ISP. First, the language in legislative statute to have free testing would need to be changed. The second issue was the need for real time results for Opioid deaths and ISP couldn't give Owens their process of how results are interpreted and the steps they take. The third issue is that Ada County always runs an expanded panel, and ISP isn't capable of running a NMS expanded panel. Fourth is ISP's turnaround time, which can take anywhere from 4 to 6 months to get results back. ISP didn't have any solutions to these issues and at this time Ada County will not partake until NMS is good with it. Bourn and Owens will work with the ISP lab to get these questions addressed and give that information to the membership so that coroners can make their own decision if they want to partake in the free testing. As of now there is no legislation introduced and members were encouraged to write their questions or concerns to the Board.

## **IX. Grants Update**

Owens stated that there is not grant money for the cameras but she will keep on it. ISACC was issued a grant to purchase 10 laptops and programs for counties that need a laptop last year.

## **X. Other Business**

Pam Garlock's husband passed away and the group agreed to spend \$150 for a flower arrangement to be made and bill ISACC to pay for it. Parsons stated that she would order the arrangement today.