



Idaho State Association of County Coroners Joint Board & Education Meeting Minutes

Via Google Meet | May 24, 2024

Board Members Present

Torey Danner, Bannock County, 1st Vice President
Sam Butikofer, Madison County, 2nd Vice President
Craig Rinehart, Cassia County, Past President
Carrie Nordin, Benewah County, District 1 Rep

Sue Warner, Adams County, District 3 Rep
Lucky Bourn, Minidoka County, District 4 Rep
Mike Ernest, Lemhi County Coroner, District 6 Rep
John Buck, Gem County, At Large

Board Members Absent

Pamela Garlock, Boise County, President
Cody Funke, Idaho County, District 2 Rep

Others Present

Kristin Cundiff, IAC
Kelli Brassfield, IAC

Brett Harding, Ada County
John Fudenberg, IACME

I. Call to Order - ISACC Board of Directors

Vice President Danner called the ISACC Board meeting to order at 11:35 am MT. 8 Board members were present, 2 absent.

II. Discussion on Legislative Changes

Butikofer started the meeting by explaining that he had invited John Fudenberg with IACME to sit in on the board meeting to see what his thoughts were about the coroner system in Idaho. Fudenberg stated that there are several ways to move forward with changing the coroner system in Idaho. The best way to respond to the OPE report is to identify which changes the association would like to move forward with changing and then draft legislation. There are several model laws around the country that could be used as a jumping off point. He said that Idaho could take pieces from those model laws to suit the needs of the state.

Bourn let the Board know that he had met with Representative Pickett recently (his legislator and also Co-Chair of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee that requested the coroner study from OPE. Pickett and the Co-Chair Wintrow are already reviewing legislation to see what they can do to improve the coroner system in Idaho.

Danner mentioned that we've had a lot of great ideas but we need to move those ideas forward. We need a foundation to get started and then take it to a legislative subcommittee.

Brassfield explained the IAC legislative process and her role as a lobbyist for IAC. It's important to have IAC involved so the legislators know it is supported by the association.

The group discussed how the training funds could be used. The statute says "Such moneys shall be used for the training of newly elected coroners and for the continuing education of county coroners and their deputies." The group came to the consensus that the training funds can't be used for a lobbyist or

a consultant to help them with legislation. The idea was suggested to get a legal definition of the statute but that would take some time.

Ernest moved to have each district board representative nominate a person to form a subcommittee to work on potential legislative changes for the 2025 Legislative Session, Rinehart seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:38 pm MT.