

GEORGIA CORONER'S ASSOCIATION

Executive meeting April 25, 2017

Jekyll Island

Time called to order: 16:11hrs

Called to order by Hon Chris Stephens

Invocation: Hon Mark Bowen

Secretary report: Hon Becky Callihan, no changes, Hon Mike Adams made the motion to accept the minutes as read. Hon. Kenny Jones 2nd the motion, motion carried

Doug with Georgia Clean spoke to the executive group on House Bill 149. He stated that the Bill is now in the Senate, it had to have some wording changed but they are hopeful it will pass.

Presidents report: Hon Chris Stephens stated that he spoke at the National Violet Death Reporting meeting. He was also asked to sit on the NVDR committee. He had to obtain insurance for the event the GCA was holding at Jekyll Island. He asked the executive group their insight on getting insurance to cover the association. The group stated that we should look into getting an LLC or INC if we were going to get insurance. This is tabled until the information is gathered.

Treasures report: Hon. Gary McElhenney treasurer stated that as of March 31, 2017 the GCA has at this time \$86,773.36 in the bank with all bills being paid. . Hon. Ted Bearden made the motion to accept the treasures report, Hon Mike Adams 2nd the motion, motion carried.

District Directors report: Hon Ted Bearden reported that he has been getting calls about Coroner's not returning calls or signing death certificates, but not as many as he has gotten in the past.

Hon. Mark Bowen reported that there is going to be an in-service in Augusta on August 16th, 17th, and 18th. Hon Tommy Flanders had nothing to report.

By-laws: Hon LW Bruce had nothing to report

Legislative: Hon Ted Bearden reported that hospice has a Bill that is in the Senate that will allow nurse practitioners and PA's to pronounce in a hospice facility.

Website: Hon Mike Adams reported that the executive committee had voted to not give Lee Croxton the pay increase he asked for so Mike has been keeping up the website. Hon Mark Bowen's Deputy Coroner Bill Leisey will be maintaining the website. Hon. Kenny Jones made the motion to accept Bill Leisey to be the manger over the website and Hon. Mike Adams as the overseer. Hon. Janice Brown 2nd the motion, motion carried.

Membership: Hon. Becky Callihan stated that there are 4 counties that have not joined the association to date, Evans, Hall, McDuffie and Twiggs

Training: Hon. Gary McElhenney reported that the 2018 class dates are not known at this time. The training counsel is looking into having a class in North East Georgia somewhere in the Helen area. This will replace one of the Athens classes. The class in Rome will be held at the new Days Inn as soon as it is opened. We have 2 more years at Jekyll and we need to start now working on future classes at Jekyll. Hon. Mike Adams made the motion that Hon. Ralph Wilson check on a contract with Jekyll for 3 more years. Hon. Kenny Jones 2nd the motion, motion carried.

Emergency response team: Hon. Mike Fowler is the new chair for this team.

Old Business: Nothing to report

New Business: \$260.00 was paid for insurance for the event for tomorrow night. The hotel required liability insurance before we could have this event. Hon. Chris Stephens recommended that the association look into purchasing a #3 million policy for a year at a time that will cost approximately

\$800.00 a year. Motion was made by Hon. Mike Adams to make Sam Brown a lifelong honorary member of the Georgia Coroner's Association. Hon. Mark Bowen 2nd the motion, motion carried. Some Coroner's are not sending their reports to violent death, as per Title 45-16-65. Hon David Exley stated that some Coroner's are having problems with GAVERS. He met with GAVERS in February and discussed the problems some Coroner's are having. ID cards for the Coroner's and Deputies will be too costly, each Coroner and deputy will need to use the ID cards that are issued to them by their counties.

Hon. Mark Bowen make the motion to adjourn, Hon Kenny Jones 2nd the motion, motion carried.