

**Louisiana State Coroner's Association****Minutes****February 24, 2018****Lafayette, Louisiana****Call to Order**

William "Beau" Clark, MD, EBR Parish Coroner and LSCA President called the meeting to order and called roll.

Financial Report

Erin Deutsch, out-going Secretary/Treasurer and Treva Parolli-Barnes, current Secretary/Treasurer presented the financial report.

- Capital One Checking Account: Balance as of 1/31/218 - **\$40,250.77**. Credits include:
 - OMNI rebate - **\$7,671.05**;
 - Sponsor contributions - **\$24,000** (~ \$20,000 plus LOPA's CMEs of \$4,000)

Credits (membership dues – 35/64 parishes paid with 94 total members) not included in balance pending deposit as of 2/24/2018 - **\$18,150.00**

Debits include:

- Crawford Design website update - **\$87.50**
- Verizon recurring monthly charge
- Educational speaker fee for fall meeting: **\$2,443.54** - \$1,500 (presenter fee), \$570.40(airfare), \$220.77(room), \$152.37(travel expense)
- William Credo Agency: Reception/Band for fall meeting - **\$600.00**
- Hilton/Drago's for fall meeting social- **\$1,806.94**
- Capital One Savings Account: Balance as of 12/29/2017 \$101,281.90

Legislative Discussion for the 2018 Session

Dr. Clark reviewed:

- HB No. 158 - LRS 25:53(G)(7) PEC transfer parish to parish is to apply to ALL parishes
- HB No. 159/SB No. 81 – LRS 13:3734(F) getting medical/dental records – now includes blood and urine taken by the hospital on intake

- SB No. 80 – LRS 13:5715 – Clean up law – Pauper Law - is the responsibility of the parish where the decedent resides not dies – consistent
- SB No. 67 – LRS 13:5713 – records of the coroner – public record – consolidated these laws into one place – uniform public record docs for coroners And will correct any place it says means of death to manner of death.
 - Fact of death – PR
 - Scene report – no PR
 - Coroner Report - Cause and manner – PR
 - Autopsy report – not PR – you can release to the NOK – will look into releasing to partners like LOPA and include that
 - Photos are in 57:13 and are not PR
- HB No. 44 – we are mentioned that allows us to carry a gun
- HB No. 45 – has to do with 3rd party logistic providers - PMP– not sure we are in this except if a coroner needs to log in, do it separately from your Physician log in
- SB No. 72 - Dissent Decree – No knock OPC requires coroner to be on the scene – Jefferson Parish will clear it up and say no we do not have to be there and we still have immunity and power of duties. – what is the role of the coroner on the scene? We are not the mental health professional to talk the person off the ledge – conflict of interest
 - Dr. Clark called for a motion for the LSCA to support the LSA to change this law – motion made by the Dr. O’neal and seconded by Dr. Glambelluca, motion carries.
- HB No. 141 - Legislation requirements to run for coroner – Dr. Glambelluca spoke on the change. Chuck Credo suggested some options for 13:5704. If a resident, we are good. What about if they only practice in the parish but no vested interest in the parish? Dr. Clark said maybe add “who owns and practices medicine full-time at a principle medical office facility in the parish”
 - Motion to accept this new language by Dr. Thoma, seconded by Dr. Oneal, motion carries.
- HB No. 458 - Discussion of violent death investigations bill: Dr. Clark and Dr. Thoma are not in favor of being written into this bill. – a suggestion by Dr. Thoma is to offer a solution of a central data base which would solve the issue. – there was a unanimous agreement not to support this.

Date and Location of LSCA Fall Meeting

- Location of the meeting to be in Covington at LOPA’s new facility on 10/6 or 11/10 – will update

New Business

- West Feliciana, Jim Groody reiterated that it would be helpful to our offices to take the training offered by Gardiner. Suggested that we put a team together to support our coroners' offices.

Motion to adjourn by Dr. O'Neal, seconded by Dr. Tesdesko, meeting adjourned.