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 1/31/2018 - $40,250.77. Credits include:
  - OMNI rebate - $7,671.05;
  - Sponsor contributions - $24,000 (~ $20,000 plus LOPA’s CMEs of $4,000)
Credtis (membership dues – 35/64 parishes paid with 94 total members) not included in balance pending deposit as of 2/24/2018 - $18,150.00

- Capital One Savings Account: Balance as of 12/29/2017 $101,281.90

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

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.
  o Fact of death – PR
  o Scene report – no PR
  o Coroner Report - Cause and manner – PR
  o Autopsy report – not PR – you can release to the NOK – will look into releasing to partners like LOPA and include that
  o 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
  o 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”
  o Motion to accept this new language by Dr. Thoma, seconded by Dr. O’neal, 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.