

## *A Message from our New President*

Greetings from Green Bay! I hope each of you is enjoying the beautiful summer and taking some time away from the normal grind to rejuvenate yourself! Let me start by thanking you for electing me President of the association for a third term. Two years ago when Dr. Kelley was elected President, I must admit that I was in need of some down time because the position of President can at times be very demanding. Since then, I have taken the opportunity to sit back and allow others provide leadership. This has been truly refreshing knowing that we have continued to grow as an association. Now, with new found energy and focus, I promise to you, to continue to work hard to represent you in a sincere and professional manner. I also want to thank Jenny Keach for her year of service as President. Jenny dedicated many hours to the WCMEA and she has earned some much needed vacation.

I have three goals in mind during this next term. The first is to continue with the legislative changes to Chapter 979. We have come so far and worked so hard on these revisions to the point where we are eagerly anticipating success this next legislative session. Second, I want to continue to provide good educational opportunities for our members. Hopefully due to the change of dates of the conferences to April and October, we will get greater participation.

Lastly, I want to address compensation issues for death investigators across the state. There is much disparity from county to county pertaining to wages; some of which I suspect doesn't meet state and federal guidelines. This will not be popular among county boards, but is necessary to address.

Have a wonderful summer. If you need to contact me for anything you can reach me at [klimek\\_ag@co.brown.wi.us](mailto:klimek_ag@co.brown.wi.us)