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No. 135  
Winter 2024

## Winter Seminar Wednesday, March 6, 2024

### CCMS - Cincinnati, Ohio

645 W. North Bend Road, Cincinnati, OH 45177

Phone 513-761-2020

6 Hours of Continuing Ed have been applied for in Ohio & Kentucky

Cost \$95 Members and \$190 non members.

## DAY AT A GLANCE

.75 Hour – 8-8:45am Registration and Coffee

3.0 Hour – 9-12 Dr. Paul Koles – Autopsy demonstration with commentary

1.0 Hour – 12-1pm – Lunch

2.0 Hour – 1-3 Danielle Jordan & Aaron Koeth – CJD update and best practices

1.0 Hour – 3-4 Teresa Dutko – Viewing Revisited

## ACCOMMENDATIONS

Rooms are being held at the Home2 Suites by Hilton

9246 Schulze Dr – West Chester OH 45069

Phone 513.805.4500. Mention OEA for special rate of \$139.

A link will be created soon.

Cut out and return with payment registration form

**OEA Winter Seminar - March 6, 2024**  
**Reservation Information for Seminar - CCMS - 645 W. North Bend Road, Cincinnati, OH 45177**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we wind down from what I hope was a blessed and joyful holiday season for everyone, our attention quickly turns to the beginning of a new year. This year also brings us to the final year of our compliance period. We have a full slate of great programs scheduled to get everyone finished up, starting with our Winter Seminar March 6<sup>th</sup> in Cincinnati and followed by our Spring Seminar in Cleveland and Fall Seminar in Frankfurt, KY. Please plan to attend one or all of them for some great speakers.

Best Wishes  
Woody Wilson,  
OEA President 2024-26



## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

The OEA has great line up in the works for 2024. All venues and dates have been set and are available on the website at [www.ohemb.com](http://www.ohemb.com). We have a new email as well; [OhioEmbalmersAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:OhioEmbalmersAssociation@gmail.com). If you have received emails with a dues invoice and feel that you have paid it send me an email and I will look into it. I also ask that you log into your account through the website. The username should be your email address. If we don't have your email address, please send it when renewing or registering for a seminar.

## TOPICS

### Autopsy 3 hours

Dr. Koles will perform an autopsy in real time that will be streamed into the auditorium via camera feed. The attendees will be able to view the entire procedure and ask questions. Koles will point out points of interest to the embalmer. Dr. Koles will also elaborate on any complications or difficulties an embalmer might expect with embalming the case.

### CJD 2 hours

Danielle Jordan and Aaron Koeth will present on CJD and related diseases. Included in the talk will be embalming protocols along with the bullets listed below.

- Purpose of the National Prion Disease Pathology Surveillance Center
- Expound on prion disease & types
- Requested role of mortuary providers
- Perceived risk factors vs actualities
- Chronic Wasting Disease
- Mr. Aaron Koeth (NeuroPath LLC) - Open discussion

### Viewing Revisited 1 hour

Teresa Dutko in this presentation will explore how funeral directors can have more meaningful discussions about viewing with bereaved families. Emphasis will be placed on facilitating conversations rather than simply asking questions about the desire to view. Participants will be asked to consider how reframing viewing as “spending time with” loved ones better captures the essence of what occurs. Given that survivors grieve uniquely, funeral directors are encouraged to consider how individual family members may need additional and/or private time with their loved one. Research highlighting the potential benefits of time spent with deceased loved ones will be referenced.



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## MEET THE SPEAKERS

**Paul Koles**, M.D. was associate professor of pathology and surgery and chair of the department of pathology in the Boonshoft School of Medicine at Wright State University. He has practiced and taught pathology for 30 years in postgraduate and undergraduate settings. His medical education research focuses on instructional strategies and assessment; team-based learning (TBL) is his primary area of interest. He has authored or co-authored more than 30 interdisciplinary TBL modules for medical students, integrating concepts from anatomy, physiology, pathology, microbiology, pharmacology, and clinical decision-making. He has facilitated over 50 TBL workshops and consultations for medical school faculty in the U.S. and Canada. Dr. Koles is certified by the American Board of Pathology in anatomic and clinical pathology with subspecialty certification in cytopathology.

**Danielle Jordan** has been with the Prion Center for twenty years and has risen through the ranks of Technician and Assistant Tissue Coordinator. She continued her growth with the Center and became an Autopsy Case Coordinator, a position she held for over a decade. During this time, she received her certification as a Grief Counselor as well as studying psychology at Case Western Reserve University. Due to her diligence and dedication to serving the NPDPS and families, she was promoted to the Autopsy Program Manager where she collaborates with the CJD Foundation, implements surveillance objectives mandated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) along with partnering with mortuary professionals and local/state Departments of Health to expand regional autopsy sites throughout the United States. In 2019, Ms. Jordan became the Autopsy Manager for the Neuropathology

Core of the Cleveland Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (CADRC), a NIH funded organization in the greater Cleveland area comprised of four other major hospitals tasked to advance research of Alzheimer's and related dementias. Throughout her career, Ms. Jordan has served countless families grieving the loss of a loved one and in 2022 she established a social work internship program with the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University and holds the role of Field Instructor. She continues to serve with professionalism and empathy to best serve families, physicians, and mortuaries as well as the purpose of the NPDPS.

**Aaron Koeth** is a 1991 graduate of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science and is a licensed embalmer and funeral director. He is retired chief mortician at a major teaching and research hospital in Cleveland and is the current Owner of NeuroPath, LLC., which is a Neurological Autopsy technical and consulting service.

**Teresa Dutko**, M.A., FT, is Academic Chair at the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science where she has taught for the past 36 years. Teresa holds the Fellow in Thanatology advance practice credential through the Association for Death Education and Counseling and a certificate in Death and Grief Studies through the Center for Loss and Life Transition. A certified funeral celebrant for 18 years, Teresa is one of the celebrant trainers for bachelor's degree students at CCMS. Outside of the College, she has been involved with the local SIDS and other bereavement groups for over 35 years.