



## District Meeting Minutes (Districts 1, 7, 8)

Thursday, March 2, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.  
Hilton Head, SC

### **Present:**

*Donna Amaro, MT Board of Funeral Service*  
*Robert Barnes, District 1 Director, ME State Board of Funeral Service*  
*Peter Cameron, WA Funeral & Cemetery Board*  
*Karen Carruthers, AB Funeral Services Regulatory Board*  
*Brevin Clifford, ICFSEB Exam Committee*  
*Greg Crandall, WY State Board of Funeral Service Practitioners*  
*Dicie Gullick, ID Board of Morticians*  
*Keri Haines, ICFSEB Exam Committee*  
*Barbara Kazmierczak, ICFSEB Exam Committee*  
*Richard Little, WA Funeral & Cemetery Board*  
*Sandy Mahon, President, District 8 Director, Funeral & Cremation Services Council of SK*  
*Edward Muhleisen, Vice President, District 7 Director, LA State Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors*  
*JoAnn Reid, WY State Board of Funeral Service Practitioners*  
*Lucy Richards, MT Board of Funeral Service*  
*Jim Shoemake, Dallas Institute of Funeral Service*  
*Cameron Smock, WA Funeral & Cemetery Board*  
*John Tarr, MT Board of Funeral Service*

### **I. Call to Order and Introductions**

President, Sandy Mahon, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. EST. The meeting began with introductions of The Conference District Directors and representatives from District 1, 7, and 8.

### **II. Update on Conference Initiatives**

Sandy Mahon gave a brief overview of the secure transfer of electronic scores The Conference is moving towards. He announced the electronic score update should be completed by the end of 2017 with all states on board. The strategic plan recently drafted and approved by the board of directors was shared as well.

### **III. Current Regulatory Issues**

#### **A. Legislative happenings**

A participant shared a recent proposed bill that was drafted for board funding purposes through a death certificate fee, but was unsuccessful. Others shared legislative proposals concerning endowment care funds and alkaline hydrolysis regulations involving specific language centered on the use of heat. A member also shared the passage of a recent bill regarding abandonment situations and the right to cremate after a certain number of days.

#### **B. Technology and social media**

Attendees briefly discussed this topic agreeing that all boards present do not use social media at this time. Participants also shared their abilities to post discipline actions on websites and discussed whether or not these actions should be left on the sites indefinitely.

#### **C. Update on Membership Polls**

President Mahon and District 1 Director, Robert Barnes shared the membership questions with corresponding response data and feedback that had been facilitated by Conference staff over the past year. Attendees further discussed tattoo removal and the group savemyink.com.

**D. NC Dental Board vs. FTC updates**

One member announced the addition of a public member on their board as a result of this case.

**E. Relationships with State Associations**

A few members spoke about the cooperative relationships they have with their state associations and the requests they have had to present on behalf of the licensing board.

**IV. Open Forum**

In the open forum segment, a licensee from Massachusetts informed attendees of the recent news regarding the possible removal of the NBE as a licensure requirement by the Massachusetts board. The implications of this situation were discussed and the disapproval by the MA state association. Conference staff will keep attendees updated as information becomes available. Laws and rules surrounding anatomical or medical waste situations were also discussed.

**V. District 7 Election to Board of Directors**

Edward Muhleisen was re-elected as District 7 Director of the Board of Directors.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meetings of districts 1, 7, and 8 adjourned at 11:41 a.m. EST.