



## District Meeting Minutes (Districts 5, 6, 7)

Thursday, March 1, 2018 – 10:30 a.m.  
New Orleans, LA

### **Present:**

*Glenn Bower, Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service*  
*Virginia Bryant, CFSP, ICFSEB Exam Committee*  
*Matt Buel, Arkansas State University at Mountain Home*  
*Kanetha Dorsey, KY Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors*  
*Amy Goode, AR State Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors*  
*Keri R. Haines, ICFSEB Exam Committee*  
*Ken McGhee, MO Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors*  
*Leili McMurrough, Worsham College of Mortuary Science*  
*Edward Muhleisen, ICFSEB President & District 7 Director, LA Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors*  
*John Rice, ICFSEB Exam Committee*  
*John Runsvold, ICFSEB Past President*  
*Sandy Sebastian, ICFSEB Vice President & District 5 Director, MO Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors*  
*Jim Shoemake, Dallas Institute of Funeral Service*  
*Mack Smith, ICFSEB District 6 Director, KS Board of Mortuary Arts*  
*Steve Spann, John A. Gupton College*  
*John Strohman, SD Office of the Attorney General*  
*Frankie Washington, NFDMA*  
*Carlena Weiland, MN Dept. of Health*  
*James Terry Woodard, ICFSEB Past President, AR State Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors*

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

District 6 Director, Mack Smith, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. CST. With 20 attendees present, the meeting began with introductions.

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

Mr. Smith gave a brief overview of the Model Internship Program, while Leili McMurrough, who serves on the Model Internship Committee, gave an update on the progress of the committee. She shared that the Program is intended to be used as a resource to help guide those working with apprentices, as well as apprentices themselves. Attendees conversed about what occurs in their jurisdiction regarding internships and apprenticeships. Sarah Gill, Conference staff, updated the districts with recent changes to exam administration. She noted that as of October 2017, all exam scores are submitted electronically to state boards for licensure purposes. She also shared information on recent study material updates, as well as an upcoming price increase to the NBE that will take place on August 1, 2018.

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

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

District attendees discussed recent legislative actions in their jurisdictions. Amy Goode, from the Arkansas State Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors, shared their board is dissolving and will be placed under the Arkansas Insurance Department. Other states shared challenges to updating laws.

### **B. Single vs. Dual Licensure**

The option of single versus dual licensure was discussed among attendees, with several participants stating their states offers both options. The recent trend towards Funeral Director only licenses was also noted, as well as a discussion about how more women are enrolling in mortuary science schools. Other educational shifts, such as online enrollment, were also discussed in correlation with the single licensure option.

### **C. Unlicensed Practice/Third Party Providers**

Attendees were unable to share experiences with unlicensed practice and third party providers due to time constraints.

### **D. Death Doula/Midwife Movement**

Attendees were unable to discuss this item due to time constraints.

### **E. Updates on Membership Polls**

Mr. Smith updated district attendees on the responses of membership questions distributed by The Conference. He encouraged the membership to contact The Conference for any future questions they would like distributed.

### **IV. Open Forum**

No items were discussed in the open forum.

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

Mack Smith, Executive Secretary of the Kansas Board of Mortuary Arts, was re-elected as District 6 Director of The Conference.

### **VI. Adjournment**

The meetings of districts 5, 6, and 7 adjourned at 11:52 a.m. CST.