

# 115th Annual Meeting of The Conference

*NAVIGATE, LEGISLATE, REGULATE*

Tuesday, February 26th

## **Board Member Training** *(pre-registration required)*

The Board Member Training Program will familiarize regulatory board members on the roles and responsibilities of serving on a funeral service regulatory board. Seminar topics will include: the role of a regulatory board member, political realities of boards, adjudication/discipline/enforcement, the licensure examination, and other current regulatory issues. Attendees will analyze problematic scenarios involving board regulation.

Wednesday, February 27th

## **\*Funeral Service Administrators Forum (AEFSB)**

The Association of Executives of Funeral Service Boards provides a forum for regulators to consult and assist one another on funeral service regulatory issues. The meeting also provides an opportunity for the sharing of best practices, new ideas, and discussion on the future of funeral service regulation.

## **\*Examination Services Forum**

The Examination Services Forum will provide the opportunity for attendees to learn about recent updates and policies involving the Conference exam program along with annual statistics. Conference initiatives will also be discussed.

*\*Pre-Conference sessions*

Wednesday, February 27th

## **Recent Cases-What We Need to Learn**

Conference Legal Counsel, Dale Atkinson, will update attendees on top recent regulatory cases involving professions nationwide and identify what regulators/attendees need to learn from each.

## **Legislation Ethics Governance**

*Giving Consumers & Regulatory Board Members a "LEG" Up*

Jon Rettig, president of the Ohio Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors, will provide a comprehensive overview of the passage of new regulations in Ohio regarding preneed and cremation. The various stakeholders affected by the new legislation will also be discussed.

## **Welcome Reception**

Join Conference Board of Directors, fellow attendees, and staff 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and great conversation over a San Diego sunset.

Thursday, February 28th

## **What's New at The FTC?**

Patricia Poss, new FTC Funeral Rule Coordinator, will share updates regarding the regulatory review of the Funeral Rule. Secret shopper findings, new leadership initiatives, and other updates will also be provided.

Thursday, February 28th

## **Case Study - Protecting the Public**

*Better Ensuring Licensee Compliance*  
Executive Officer of the Montana Board of Funeral Service, Lucy Richards, will share the experience the board undertook in addressing regulatory oversight of trust accounts. Determining the statutory authority, development of rules, and learning outcomes will be shared.

## **District Meetings**

An attendee favorite, the district meetings will allow attendees to break up into smaller groups and discuss regulatory issues facing the membership while also sharing best practices.

## **Parts is Parts:**

*A Regulatory Perspective on Body Brokerage*  
Jennifer Kandt, Executive Director of the Nevada Funeral Board, will share events involving a funeral home and body broker that made headlines. The collaboration the board and other agencies took to halt and reprimand the activities will be discussed.

## **Conference Fishbowl**

Conference Fishbowl is back with short, timed discussions on hot topics submitted in advance by you, the attendees! Once the timer goes off, the moderator will ask the audience to recap the discussion. Attendees will have 60 seconds to move to the next table and start the next discussion.