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The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards

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Photos Included: Charles Perine, Robert Gribble, Jennifer Kandt, Sandy Mahon

### **District Directors Elected to The Conference Board**

SAN DIEGO, CA (February, 2019) – Directors for Districts Three, Five, Eight, and Nine were elected to serve on the Board of Directors of The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc. (The Conference) at the 115th Annual Meeting. The event was held February 27 – 28, 2019, at The Dana on Mission Bay in San Diego, California.

Charles Perine was elected as District 3 Director and represents funeral service regulators from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Mr. Perine was elected to The Conference Board of Directors in 2017 to complete his predecessor's term and was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Board in 2018. In addition to being elected District 3 Director, he was elected to continue to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer on the Board of Directors.

Mr. Perine has been the Executive Director for the Alabama Board of Funeral Service since 2013 and previously served as the Associate Executive Director. He previously served on The Conference Model Practice Act Committee and the Model Practice Act Review Committee. Mr. Perine is a licensed funeral director and embalmer in the state of Alabama.

Robert Gribble was elected to serve as District 5 Director and represents funeral service regulators from Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Tennessee. Mr. Gribble was previously appointed to the Board in 2018. Mr. Gribble has over 40 years of experience in the funeral profession, and he has served as the Executive Director of the Tennessee Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers for than 15 years.

Prior to his current role with the Tennessee Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Mr. Gribble owned and managed a funeral home for more than 20 years in the Upper Cumberland area of Tennessee. Throughout his dedicated funeral service career, he has been a noted leader in Tennessee's funeral industry, previously serving as President of the Tennessee Funeral Directors

Association, Inc., and the Tennessee Board of Funeral Directors & Embalmers. He is a graduate of the Kentucky School of Mortuary Science, the Tennessee Government Management Institute administered through the University of Tennessee's Institute for Public Service, and the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice.

Sandy Mahon was elected to serve as District 8 Director and represents funeral service regulators from Alaska, Alberta, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Saskatchewan, Washington, and Wyoming. He was re-appointed to the Conference Board of Directors in 2018 to complete a term left by his predecessor. He previously served on The Conference Board of Directors from 2013-2018 and served as Conference President in 2015-2016.

Mahon is the Registrar for the Funeral and Cremation Services Council of Saskatchewan and has been employed by the Council since 2005. He was formerly a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and retired at the rank of Sergeant Major. The latter part of his career in the RCMP was spent in a variety of training functions and he has a Certificate in Adult Education from St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

Jennifer Kandt was elected to serve as District 9 Director and represents funeral service regulators from Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, and Utah. Ms. Kandt is currently the Executive Director for the Nevada State Board of Funeral and Cemetery Services. She served as the Chair of the Model Internship Committee for The Conference.

Ms. Kandt previously regulated court mandated domestic violence intervention education and is a former board member and treasurer of the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. She holds a B.S. degree from the University of Nevada, Reno and has been working in government regulation for over 13 years.

The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards is headquartered in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Founded in 1904, the membership of The Conference is composed of funeral service licensing and regulatory agencies throughout the United States and Canada. For more information on The Conference, visit [www.theconferenceonline.org](http://www.theconferenceonline.org).

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