



District Meeting Minutes (Districts 8 & 9)

Thursday, February 20, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.
Palm Coast, FL

Present:

Pete Burns, OR Mortuary & Cemetery Board
Pete Cameron, WA Funeral & Cemetery Board
Karen Carruthers, AB Funeral Services Regulatory Board
Brevin Clifford, ICFSEB Exam Committee
Chad Dresselhaus, OR Mortuary & Cemetery Board
Steve Gordon, ID Board of Morticians
Jolena Grande, Cypress College
Pamela Griese, WA Funeral & Cemetery Board
Dicsie Gullick, ID Board of Morticians
Jennifer Kandt, NV Funeral Board
Chelsea Krentz, Funeral & Cremation Services Council of SK
Rick Little, WA Funeral & Cemetery Board
Sandy Mahon, Funeral & Cremation Services Council of SK
Chris Naylor, NV Funeral Board
Brian Rebman, NV Funeral Board
Gina Sanchez, CA Cemetery & Funeral Bureau
Rudee Slavik, ICFSEB Exam Committee
Amanda Starosta, Funeral & Cremation Services Council of SK
Jeff Zealley, UT Board of Funeral Service/Salt Lake City Community College

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Conference District 8 Director, Sandy Mahon, called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. EST. The meeting began with introductions of The Conference District Directors and representatives from Districts 8 & 9.

II. Update on Conference Initiatives

Mr. Mahon provided an overview of the recent conference initiatives including the ADA Testing Accommodations Handbook, volunteer opportunities for the coming year, and the announcement of the expanded delegate grant program for 2021. The Conference staff was thanked for their leadership and efforts.

III. Current Regulatory Issues

A. Single vs. Dual Licensed vs. Other Licenses – Pros and Cons

The participants discussed alternative employment options such as the non-mandate of funeral arrangers to be licensed in one jurisdiction while another state mentioned meeting with families does not require a license. It was further noted that complaints had not been an issue in this regard. Education requirements were also discussed including barriers to licensure with one state explaining its “red-tape reduction act.”

B. Legislative Updates

The group shared a few legislation obstacles occurring within their jurisdictions including gaps with background checks concerning fingerprinting and criminal reporting. CE requirements were briefly discussed along with the compensation of preneed theft in some states.

C. Internet Sales

Internet sales were briefly discussed by participants.

D. Update on Membership Polls

The results of the recent polls were shared with the district representatives during the meeting.

V. Adjournment

The meetings of districts 8 & 9 adjourned at 11:55 a.m. EST.