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August 2020



The Conference **REPORT**

The Conference Holds Virtual District Meetings

The Conference is committed to providing opportunities for collaboration with member boards and schools. In support of our desire to facilitate communication easily, we have set up district meetings via Zoom for each of our nine districts. Check your inbox for an upcoming calendar invite or contact Lauren Thomas at services@theconferenceonline.org for more information on when your district is meeting.

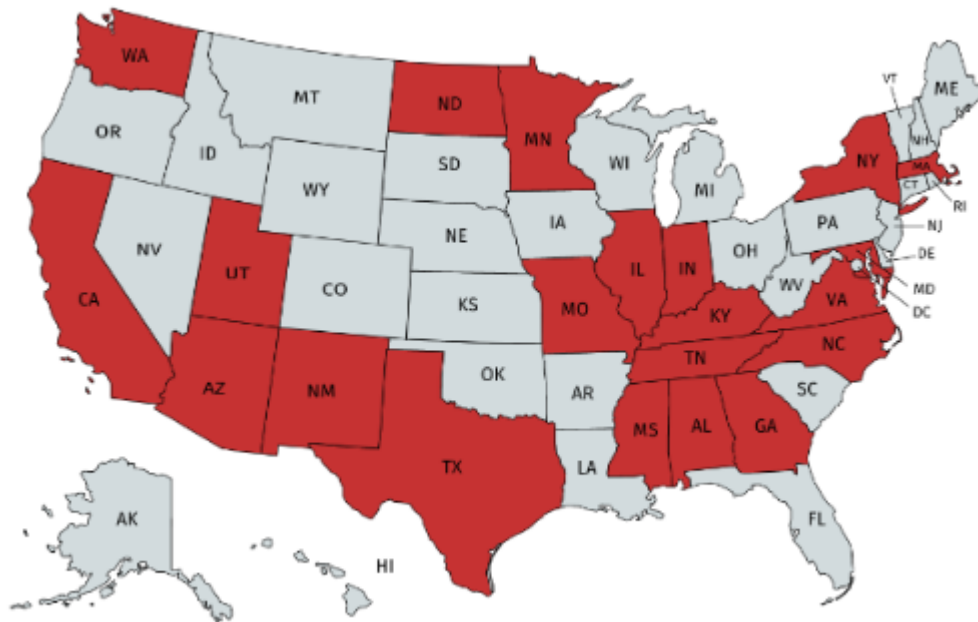
Funeral Service Foundation to Award NBE Scholarships

We are thrilled to be able to expand our NBE scholarship program through a partnership with the [Funeral Service Foundation](#). They have committed to funding an additional 30 first-time NBE candidates this fall. Thirty-five scholarships will be awarded in total at The Conference's Board of Directors meeting in September. For eligibility and application, [click here!](#) Applications will be accepted August 10 through September 1, 2020.

Examination Station

Zoom into Exam Development

Though the pandemic keeps us from meeting in person, exam development must go on. We hosted two virtual item writing meetings this summer and were pleased to have over 40 participants write, review and refine content for our examination program. We can't thank these volunteers enough for their



Examination Statistics

[Click here to view NBE stats.](#)

Membership Meeting Place

2021 Annual Meeting

The Conference is continuing to plan for the 2021 Annual Meeting! The 117th event will take place February 24-25, 2021, at the Hyatt Regency Galleria in Houston, TX (fingers crossed). At this time, The Conference is accepting speaker interest forms. [Click here](#) if you have regulatory/public protection driven topics you'd like to share with attendees.

The Board will continue to monitor CDC guidelines and travel recommendations throughout the fall. Should we need to move the meeting to a virtual format, an announcement will be made at a later date.



Going to the Polls

Over the past month, The Conference has polled member jurisdictions on inspections amidst COVID-19, tattoo removals postmortem, licensing regarding border jurisdictions, as well as rules and regulations regarding separate entrances of funeral establishments. Thank you to all the jurisdictions that participate to keep the timely flow of information strong for our membership. Member boards can submit questions to Lauren Thomas at services@theconferenceonline.org.

It's Time to Renew

Fall is membership renewal time at The Conference. Membership is \$250 with payment due by December 31, 2020. Renewing ensures your access to Conference exam results as well as several other resources and publications. Member boards, watch your inbox for the renewal invoice and, as always, we thank each jurisdiction for your continued partnership!

Candidate Services Corner

Keep on Keepin' on

As the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded this year, The Conference has adapted to the changing environment to ensure a minimal impact to candidates and licensees. Accessibility and safety continue to be the cornerstones of our

Americans with Disabilities Act

The Conference offers testing accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. [Click here](#) to learn more about the ADA process.

FAQ - Name Change

If you've had a name change and need to update your exam file, [click here](#) for information on how to complete that process.

Information HQ

Online Member Directory

The current directories for our member boards as well as the ABFSE-accredited programs can be [found here](#). [Click here](#) if you need to update your state or school contact.

You've Come this Far

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