



## District Meeting Minutes (Districts 2 & 5)

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 – 1:30 p.m.  
Chandler, AZ

### **Present:**

*Robert Gribble, TN/ICFSEB*  
*Blair Nelsen, VA/ICFSEB*  
*Tony Moore, Northampton CC*  
*Jonathon DeHart, Ivy Tech*  
*Rachel Mackey, ICFSEB Committee*  
*Leili McMurrrough, Worsham College*  
*Steve Spann, Gupton College*  
*Linda Lyter, WV Board*  
*Grady Bowyer, WV Board*  
*Robb Smith, ABFSE*  
*Michael Grandi, ICFSEB Committee*  
*Michele Kutta, MD Board*  
*Nicole McClendon, DC Board*  
*John McGuire, DC Board*  
*Asanti Williams, DC Board*  
*Kenneth DuPree, PA Board*  
*Ernest Boykin, DC Board*  
*Kimberly Troxler, DC Board*  
*Lacyn Barton, VA Board*  
*Corie Wolf, VA Board*  
*Jason Graves, VA Board*  
*Tionya Spriggs, Malcolm X College*  
*Andrew Jackson, DC Board*  
*Amy Goode, AR Board*  
*Dalene Paull, ICFSEB*

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

District 2 Director, Blair Nelsen, called the meeting to order at 1:24 p.m. MST. Mr. Nelsen welcomed those in attendance and the meeting began with introductions.

### **II. Professional Standards in Funeral Service**

Attendees started the conversation about the lack of commonality in the licensing standards; thus, making reciprocity difficult. There was vigorous discussion among the regulators on individual vs combined licenses. Everyone agreed that there should be a degree of commonality throughout the country. With the profession struggling with an employment crisis, it would be helpful for the licensee to not have to face too many hurdles for reciprocity. Attendees were all in agreement that the current trend of composting was not allowed in their districts. Illinois stated their concern about the new law mandating a “final resting place” for cremated remains. Regulators voiced their thoughts about this change.

### **III. Current Regulatory Issues Facing Membership**

Conversation about having separate licensure continued. This has been talked about seriously in many of the jurisdictions represented. The group did not agree on how this would be seamlessly implemented. On the topic of de-regulation, attendees agreed their jurisdictions need to review their current licensure to see what could be updated. Attendees discussed changing regulations to make it easier for military members and spouses to have a temporary license in their practicing state. There is some concern on the implementation of this if the standards for licensure are no longer uniform.

### **IV. Open Discussion**

There were no items discussed in the open forum.

### **V. District Elections**

Lacyn Barton was elected District 2 Director.

### **VI. Adjournment**

The meetings of district 2, and 5 adjourned at 3:20 p.m. MST.