



2026 Annual Meeting

Schedule-at-a-Glance

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Registration	Medallion Foyer
8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Breakfast	Green Room
8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Hilton Board Room
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Exam Development Team Dustin Wardlow, Exam Program Manager	Medallion A
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Regulatory Board Service 101 Dale Atkinson, The Atkinson Firm Pre-Registration Required	Medallion B
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	The Oakroom
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Funeral Service Administrators Forum Closed Session - Administrators Only	Medallion C
4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Gather & Graze! Registration & Happy Hour First time attendees meet at 5:00	The Rathskeller
5:45 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Tour of Kentucky Derby Museum First bus departs hotel at 5:45 Cash bar at event	Churchill Downs

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Registration	Medallion Foyer
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Attendee Breakfast	Medallion Salon
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Opening Session Model Application Vote Election Procedures Vote Board of Directors Nominations	Medallion Salon
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Break (Coffee, Tea, Water)	Medallion Salon
10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Confluence in Colorado: Sunset, Sunrise and the Return to Nature Tragedy Brian Tobias, CO Office of Policy Research & Regulatory Reform Sam Delp, CO Department of Regulatory Agencies Katie O'Donnell, CO DORA	Medallion Salon
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Federal Trade Commission: How well do you know the rule? Mark Evely, Attorney	Medallion Salon
12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	Medallion Foyer
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Innovations in Cheating	Medallion Salon

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Harry Samit, Pearson Circumventing or Clarifying? Titles and Scope of Practice in Funeral Service Dale Atkinson, The Atkinson Firm	Medallion Salon
3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Break (Coffee, Tea, Water & Snacks)	Medallion Foyer
3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Election to the Board of Directors Credentialed Delegates Vote	Medallion Salon
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Executive Session - Delegate Assembly Closed Session - Members Only	Medallion Salon
5:05 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Hilton Board Room
5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Attendee Professional Photos Attendees can pop in for a quick headshot	Medallion Salon
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Volunteer Recognition Banquet	Medallion Salon

Thursday, February 26, 2026

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Past Presidents Breakfast	Restaurant
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Attendee Breakfast	Medallion Salon
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Body Parts for Sale — What Could Go Wrong? Jonathan Rideout, KY Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors	Medallion Salon
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Regulatory Cases Impacting Funeral Service Dale Atkinson, The Atkinson Firm	Medallion Salon
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Break (Coffee, Tea, Water)	Medallion Foyer
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Catching Up with The Conference Gina Sanchez, Secretary/Treasurer Dalene Paull, Executive Director Dustin Wardlow, Exam Program Director Anna Scott Chesshir, Candidate Services Manager Andrew Joseph, Communications Manager Cat Maher, Program Support Manager	Medallion Ballroom
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Medallion Salon
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Educators Forum (12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.) Ethics - How do we Support Rehabilitation? Bradley Guye, Business Development Manager Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services (Break served in the back of the room)	Mezzanine D Medallion Salon
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Funeral Service Gone Bad: Unique Disciplinary Cases Sam Delp, CO Department of Regulatory Agencies Stephanie Gilman, NY Bureau of Funeral Directing Ben Parker, MI Board of Examiners in Mortuary Science	Medallion Salon
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Conference Fishbowl: An Interactive Discussion R. DeMale Bowden LA Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors	Medallion Salon

4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Conference President

Video for 123rd Annual Meeting

Medallion Salon