



# District Meeting Minutes (Districts 3 & 4)

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

Palm Coast, FL

## **Present:**

*Randy Anderson, NFDA*

*Howard Beckham, Florida State College at Jacksonville*

*P. Mark Blake, NC Board of Funeral Service*

*Kortez Boyd, ICFSEB Exam Committee*

*Lauren Budrow, Wayne State University*

*Brad Coman, GA Board of Funeral Service*

*Stephen E. Davis, NC Board of Funeral Service*

*Mark Evely, Wayne State University*

*E. Denise Grogan, AL Board of Funeral Service*

*Stephen Herndon, NC Board of Funeral Service*

*Richard Hightower, Jr., NFDA/GA Board of Funeral Service*

*Amy Holleman, SC Board of Funeral Service*

*Amy D. Mauldin, NC Board of Funeral Service*

*Calvin Meadows, AL Board of Funeral Service*

*Charles Perine, ICFSEB District 3 Director/AL Board of Funeral Service*

*Mark Ransford, ICFSEB District 4 Director/MI Board of Examiners in Mortuary Science*

*Jon Rettig, OH Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors*

*Ellen Simon, FL Division of Funeral, Cemetery, & Consumer Services*

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

Conference Secretary/Treasurer and District 3 Director, Charles Perine, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. EST. The meeting began with introductions of The Conference District Directors and representatives from Districts 3 and 4.

## **II. Update on Conference Initiatives**

Mr. Perine gave an update to attendees on recent Conference initiatives such as the newly published ADA Testing Accommodations Handbook and committee volunteer opportunities. Mr. Perine also shared The Conference will offer an expanded Delegate Grant Program, which will include a grant for one representative from each member board to attend the next Annual Meeting.

## **III. Current Regulatory Issues**

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

Attendees discussed the benefits and drawbacks of single versus dual licensure across North America. An overall decrease in embalming showed the need for Funeral Director only licensees for some, while others stated that science knowledge is a necessity for anyone working as a funeral director. Issues with portability, education, and exam components as well as professional appearance were also discussed in reference to licensure and working in the field.

### **B. Legislative Updates**

Several representatives shared legislative updates from their various jurisdictions. The potential rise of public members serving on state licensing boards was discussed as well as upcoming changes to licensure and continuing education requirements across several jurisdictions, including at least one state

with pro-portability regulations. The Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors shared the pre-need reserve fund is now open and operating.

**C. Internet Sales**

Mr. Perine gave a brief overview regarding the internet sales discussion that took place during the Funeral Service Administrators Forum.

**D. Update on Membership Polls**

Mr. Perine updated district attendees on the responses of membership questions distributed by The Conference and encouraged the membership to contact The Conference for any future questions to be disseminated.

**IV. District 4 Election to Board of Directors**

Jon Rettig, member of the Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, was elected as District 4 Director of The Conference Board of Directors.

**V. Adjournment**

The meetings of districts 3 & 4 adjourned at 11:54 a.m. EST.