



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 McMurrough, 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.