

The New Jersey State Board of Mortuary Science

124 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ 07102
Sussex Conference Room, 6th Floor
9:00 A.M., Tuesday, March 5, 2002

<http://www.njconsumeraffairs.com/nonmedical/mortuary.htm>

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

Gerald P. Scala, Esq., President, Public Member
Marius R. Lombardi, Government Member
Richard R. Bradley
Kevin G. Quinn
Charles D. Sidun
Raymond Zane, Jr., Public Member

ABSENT

Donald P. Codey, Secretary
Bernadette Stoecker-Rossi

ALSO ATTENDING

Paul C. Brush, Executive Director
Jodi C. Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
Sabrina Riles, Secretarial Assistant

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A) Mr. Brush reported that eight (8) complaints were received in February.
- B) The next State holiday is March 29 and offices will be closed.
- C) The next monthly Board meeting will be on April 9, 2002.
- D) Mr. Brush announced that funeral home renewal applications for the period 1/1/02 to 12/31/03 were mailed February 27, 2002.
- E) The Regulations Committee will meet on March 6, 2002 at 9:30 a.m.
- F) Mr. Brush suggested that the regular monthly meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. to give everyone sufficient time to arrive and provide him time to meet with the Board chair prior to the meetings. On motion made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted to change the starting time to 9:30 a.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

INTERN REGISTRATIONS

Scott A. Aue, Martin FH, Clinton
Robert S. Milne, Blackley FH, Ridgefield

NEW LICENSEES

None

NEW INSTALLATIONS

Funeraria Santa Cruz, Newark, Stephen K. Finley, Mgr.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

A) Credentials Committee Report. On motion made by Mr. Sidun, seconded by Mr. Bradley, the Board voted to accept the attached report. All voted in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

A) New Jersey Cemetery Board public session minutes December 13, 2001. This was for the Board's information only.

B) New Jersey Cemetery Board public session agenda February 14, 2002. This was for the Board's information only.

C) Erica Predpelski, intern at Predpelski FH, Collingswood, request to complete funeral and embalming requirements under preceptorship of Kenneth Tomlinson. The Board reviewed the matter and on motion made by Mr. Sidun, seconded by Mr. Bradley, voted to approve her request. Mr. Tomlinson will be informed that while supervising Ms. Predpelski, he must also sign her monthly reports and assume the responsibilities of the preceptor during the period of supervision. All voted in favor of the motion.

D) Fortis Benefits Insurance Company - letter requesting comment on the propriety of their proposed funeral insurance program. This matter was held for further review.

E) Compensation schedule for members of the Board for 2002. This was for the Board's information only.

F) Dateline Journal newspaper article re casket stores in the marketplace. This was for the Board's information only.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

A) #00-71 Eckman FH, Spotswood - Consent Order for violation of N.J.S.A 45:1-21 installment payment of \$2,500.00 on penalties paid January 31, 2002. This was for the Board's information only.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

A) Public Access Law. DAG Krugman and Mr. Brush reviewed the recently enacted Public Access Law with the Board. This was for the Board's information only.

B) S1089. Allows inactive licensees to complete required continuing education at any time prior to reactivating their license. The Board reviewed the bill and on motion made by Mr. Sidun, seconded by Mr. Lombardi, voted to support the bill in the context of a single biennial license renewal period. All voted in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maryann Carroll, NJ State Funeral Directors Association, informed the Board that the NJ Cemetery Board will be proposing a regulation that will not require trusting of preneed cemetery services.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11:30 a.m. - Motion made by Mr. Sidun, seconded by Mr. Quinn to go into executive session to discuss consumer complaints and/or conduct investigative inquiries. All voted in favor of the motion. The results of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other law enforcement action. If the Board determines to issue uniform penalty letters, that action will be taken in public session immediately after the executive session.

The following disciplinary actions were taken in executive session:

#02-03 Frank Halpin's Brookdale Funeral Home, Bloomfield - uniform penalty letter for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:36-1.9(c) & (d); penalty \$1,500.00.

3:30 P.M. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Sidun, seconded by Mr. Zane. All voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald R. Codey
Secretary

Date
