

State Board of Mortuary Science of New Jersey

May 1, 2001

Open Session Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gerald P. Scala, Esq., President (Public Member)
Donald R. Codey, Secretary
Peter P. Horvath
Charles D. Sidun
Kevin G. Quinn (left 12:30 p.m.)
Bernadette M. Stoecker-Rossi
John DeCicco, Esq., (Public Member)
Marius Lombardi, Government Member

ALSO ATTENDING:

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

- A) Mr. Brush reported that no complaints were received in April.
- B) The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2001.
- C) Mr. Brush reported that for the biennial renewal period March 1, 2001 to February 28, 2003, 1,792 applications were mailed and to date 1,696 have been processed.
- D) Mr. Brush reported on his trip to the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards conference on April 7 - 9, 2001 at Clearwater Beach, Florida. Mr. Scala and Mr. Horvath also reported on their attendance at the conference. Mr. Brush noted that because he is a member of the Examination Committee for the National Board Examination, all of his expenses are paid by the Conference.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 5, 2000 (with corrections). On motion made by Mr. DeCicco, seconded by Mr. Sidun, the Board voted to approve the minutes with corrections. All voted in favor of the motion.

INTERN REGISTRATIONS

Ginny Sanzo, Santangelo FH, Carteret
Gail A. Young, Rumpf FH, West Paterson

NEW INSTALLATIONS

Gowen FH, New Brunswick/John P. Mesaros, Mgr.
Growney FH, Hillside/Richard C. Growney, Mgr.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Credentials Committee Report. On motion made by Mr. DeCicco, seconded by Ms. Stoecker-Rossi, the Board voted to accept the attached report. All voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Brush asked the Board if all approved continuing education programs must be re-approved after the end of the biennial period in which they had been approved. The Board determined that this was not necessary, and unless there were substantive changes in the program; if so, the provider should submit the program to the Board for reapproval.

LICENSING MATTERS

A) S1992/A3039 - licensure by credentials; both passed the Assembly and Senate and are awaiting the Governor's approval. This was for the Board's information only.

B) Michael Thurling; request for reinstatement of license issued 11/21/79 and which lapsed on 2/28/87. The Board reviewed the matter and determined that he should comply with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:36-4.1(c); that he should remit the past two biennial renewal fees plus the reinstatement fee, and that he should provide evidence of having completed twenty-five (25) continuing education credits. Motion made by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Mr. Codey. All voted in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

A) Memo from Mr. Brush advising that the Board's website address is <http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/nonmed.htm>. This was for the Board's information only

B) Death Care Business Advisor article regarding the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services proposed rules regarding proper preparation, handling, transporting, burial and disinterment of human bodies. Mr. DeCicco noted that the DHSS should have notified the Board of Mortuary Science of the proposed rules when they were proposed.

C) NJ Cemetery Board public session meeting minutes 2/8/01. This was for the Boards information only.

D) NJ Cemetery Board public session agenda 4/25/01. This was for the Boards information only.

E) Alice S. Tomasulo - the Board reviewed a letter of gratitude from Ms. Tomasulo for the services she received from Fred Fiore, Jr., License #JP03759, Fiore Funeral Home, West Long Branch. The Board directed Mr. Brush to thank her for her letter and file the correspondence in Mr. Fiore's file.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION - at 10:50 a.m., on motion by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Ms. Stoecker-Rossi, the Board voted to go into executive session to discuss consumer complaints and/or conduct investigative inquiries. The results of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary action.

There were no Uniform Penalty letters approved.

At 2:30 p.m., the Board returned to open session. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Ms. Stoecker-Rossi. All voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald R. Codey
Secretary

Date



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