

State Board of Mortuary Science of New Jersey

July 3, 2001

Open Session Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Gerald P. Scala, Esq., President, Public Member
Peter P. Horvath
Marius R. Lombardi, Government Member
Bernadette Stoecker-Rossi
Kevin G. Quinn (left 1:00 p.m.)
John DeCicco, Esq., Public Member

ABSENT

Charles D. Sidun
Donald P. Codey, Secretary

ALSO ATTENDING

Paul C. Brush, Executive Director
Jodi C. Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
Anthony Kearns, Deputy Attorney General
Sabrina Riles, Secretarial Assistant
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director
Africa Lee, Computer Operator

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A) Mr. Brush reported that eleven (11) complaints were received in June.
- B) The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2001.
- C) Mr. Brush requested and the Board agreed to reschedule the September meeting from September 4th to September 6th.
- D) The annual Board meeting at the NJ State Funeral Directors Association convention will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2001 at 10:15 a.m. at the Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City. Also, the Board is sponsoring a demonstration at 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. entitled Organ Donation: "Who Gets To Do What, When", presented by John Kroshus, Ed.D., University of Minnesota. Both sessions are open to the public and as the Board has done in the past, it was agreed to approve both programs for continuing education. On motion made by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Mr. Lombardi, the Board voted to approve one (1) credit for the Board meeting and two (2) credits for the demonstration. All voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Brush expressed his appreciation to Pat Dempsey, convention manager, for arranging both programs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 6, 2001 - On motion made by Mr. DeCicco, seconded by Mr. Horvath, the Board voted to approve the minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

March 6, 2001 - On motion made by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Mr. DeCicco, the Board voted to approve the minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

INTERN REGISTRATIONS

Michael Gunderud, Trink-Faustini Funeral Service, Maywood
John C. Healey, Platt Memorial Chapels, Inc., Cherry Hill
Louis Stellato, III, Ippolito-Stellato Funeral Home, Fairfield
Rayshel C. Wallace, Whigham Funeral Home, Newark
Kara Lynn Whigham, Whigham Funeral Home, Newark
Daniel Wright, Ippolito-Stellato Funeral Home, Lyndhurst
Stephen P. Zatorski, Mulligan Funeral Home, Harrison
Angelo R. Marchesani, Saul Funereal Home, Hamilton

NEW LICENSES

Holly E. Kingston-Pocino, Hamilton, NJ
Jennifer C. Dalesandro, Malaga, NJ
Christine C. Nenna, Flemington, NJ

NEW INSTALLATIONS

Warren Hills Memorial Home, Washington/Richard L. Maguire, Jr., Mgr.
Mathis Funeral Home, Medford/John D. Moore, Mgr.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

A) Credentials Committee Report. On motion made by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Ms. Stoecker-Rossi, the Board voted to accept the attached report. All voted in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

A) International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Board's conference report. This was for the Board's information only.

B) Wilson H. Beebe, Jr., President, New Jersey Funeral Directors Services, Inc. letter regarding NJSFDA, Inc. v Patricia Ryan. This was for the Board's information only.

C) New Jersey Cemetery Board public minutes March 8, 2001. This was for the Board's information only.

D) New Jersey Cemetery Board public minutes April 12, 2001. This was for the Board's information only.

E) New Jersey Cemetery Board public minutes April 25, 2001. This was for the Board's information only.

F) New Jersey Cemetery Board public session agenda June 14, 2001. This was for the Board's information only.

G) FINALJOURNEY, Culver City, CA, letter requesting information about revenue sharing through the use of 1-800 toll free telephone numbers. On motion made by Mr. Scala, seconded by Ms. Stoecker-Rossi, the Board determined that the proposal submitted to the Board does not appear to comply with the Board's regulations. All voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Brush will send the writer a copy of the Board's regulations.

H) Mark R. Zingle - letter requesting approval of prearranged funeral documents. On motion made by Mr. Scala, seconded by Mr. Horvath, the Board determined that it does not review and approve documents; however, the proposed documents submitted to the Board do not appear to comply with the Board's regulations. All voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Brush will send the writer a copy of the Board's regulations.

REGULATORY MATTERS

A) Proposed new rule, N.J.A.C. 13:36-4.15 - Licensure by credentials. Regulatory Analyst Maryann Sheehan reviewed the proposed regulation and on motion made by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Mr. DeCicco, the Board voted to approve the regulation with revisions. All voted in favor of the motion.

B) The Board scheduled a meeting of Regulations Committee for August 8, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. Members of the Committee are Mr. Quinn, Mr. Horvath, Mr. DeCicco and Mr. Lombardi.

C) Proposed amendment N.J.A.C. 13:44B-1.1; per diem compensation for Board members. The Board took no position on this proposal.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

A) Higgins and Bonner Funeral Homes, Edward J. Bonner, manager - Uniform Penalty Letter issued for failure to have the Statement of Funeral Goods and Services Selected signed. Mr. Bonner requested a clarification of which Statement of Funeral Goods and Services was in question. On motion made by Mr. Scala, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board determined to move this matter to Executive Session. All voted in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maryann Carroll, NJSFDA, inquired if the Regulations Committee meeting scheduled for August 8, 2001 was open to the public. Mr. Scala stated that it was not a public meeting, however, the Board welcomes comments and suggestions that anyone may have.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 10:30 a.m.

Motion made by Mr. DeCicco, seconded by Mr. Horvath 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.

At 4:00 p.m., the Board returned to open session. On motion made by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Mr. Lombardi, the Board voted to adjourn. All voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald R. Codey
Secretary

Date

