

State Board of Mortuary Science of New Jersey

September 6, 2001

Open Session Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Gerald P. Scala, Esq., President, Public Member
Peter P. Horvath
Kevin G. Quinn
Charles D. Sidun
John DeCicco, Esq., Public Member (left 1:30 p.m.)
Marius R. Lombardi, Government Member
Bernadette Stoecker-Rossi

ABSENT

Donald R. Codey, Secretary

ALSO ATTENDING

Paul C. Brush, Executive Director
Jodi C. Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
Africa Lee, Computer Operator

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A) Mr. Brush reported that six (6) complaints were received in August.

B) The next monthly Board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 2, 2001. The Board will conduct its annual report to the NJSFDA conference in Atlantic City on Thursday, September 13, 2001.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 5, 2001 - On motion made by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Mr. Lombardi, the Board voted to approve the minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

July 3, 2001 - On motion made by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Mr. Lombardi, the Board voted to approve the minutes with corrections noted. All voted in favor of the motion.

INTERN REGISTRATIONS

John Adamcewicz, John E. Day FH, Red Bank
Michael Daley, Blake-Doyle FH, Collingswood
Janine Goulet, Becker FH, Westwood
Tamara L. Hawbaker, Branchburg FH, Branchburg

Laura Higgins, Higgins Home For Funerals, Plainfield
James Knight, III, Knight FH, Berlin
Allen Lockwood, The Gundrum Home For Funerals, South Amboy
Heather M. Maderia, Boakes FH, Mays Landing

NEW LICENSEES

Linda M. Bies
Andrea L. Cutaio
Virginia L. Cutaio
Mary E. Dempsey
Daniel J. Ellmyer
Kathleen R. Heitz
Mark Kears
Paul M. Loveland
Annemarie Norton
John V. Scalia, Jr.
Joseph R. Waldron

NEW INSTALLATIONS

Atwood-Peterson O'Brien FH, Egg Harbor/William O'Brien, Mgr.
Bradley & Stow FH, Medford/David E. Stow, Mgr.
Farnelli FH, Williamstown/Donald Farnelli, Mgr.
Jenkins FH, Teaneck/August Jenkins, Mgr.
Louis Suburban Chapel, Lake Hiawatha/Richard Louis, Mgr.
Riotto FH, Jersey City/Richard Riotto, Mgr.
Sheenan FH, Dunellen/Thomas E. Sheenan, Mgr.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A) Death Care Business Advisor article re Illinois court ruling on insurance policy beneficiaries. This was for the Board's information only.

B) Death Care Business Advisor article re companies offering funeral web-casting on the internet. This was for the Board's information only.

REGULATORY MATTERS

A) Mr. Brush informed the Board that the following Board rules were published in the NJ Register on August 6, 2001:

Proposed amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:36-1.8, 3.7, 5.1, 5.6, 5.12, 8.2, 8.10, 8.11, 9.7

Proposed repeals: N.J.A.C. 13:36-5.19, 5.20

Proposed new rules: N.J.A.C. 13:36-8.6, 8.12, 8.13

In addition, the rule proposals were published on the Division's website at: <http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/proposal/mortpro.htm>. The Board will review the comments at the meeting of October 2, 2001.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

A) Drew Funeral Home, Newark #JB00871, Montclair #JB00253 and Union #JB00729; Calvin N. Drew, Sr. #JP02647 - Consent Order filed with the Board on August 7, 2001; violation of N.J.A.C. 13:36-5.5 and 5.6, preparation room not in compliance; violation of N.J.A.C. 13:36-1.9(c), Statement of Funeral Goods and Services Selected not in compliance; penalty \$6,000.00 and administrative costs in the amount of \$1,339.65. Mr. DeCicco stated that had recused himself from all discussions of this matter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A) Maryann Carroll, NJSFDA, inquired of the status of her complaint that she filed against Casket Discounters Showroom, Paramus. Mr. Scala assured her that the Board considers the matter to be serious; however, since it has not yet been disposed, the Board may not discuss it in public session. She will be notified when it has been resolved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10:00 a.m. - Motion made by Mr. Sidun, 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.

2:15 P.M. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Mr. Quinn. All voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald R. Codey
Secretary

Date

