

State Board of Mortuary Science of New Jersey

October 21, 2000

Open Session Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Gerald P. Scala, Esq., President, Public Member
Donald P. Codey, Secretary
Peter P. Horvath
Marius R. Lombardi, Government Member
Kevin G. Quinn
Charles D. Sidun
John DeCicco, Esq., Public Member

ABSENT

Bernadette Stoecker-Rossi

ALSO ATTENDING

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

- A) Mr. Brush reported that ten (10) complaints were received in October, year to date 73 complaints received.
- B) Mr. Brush reported that a postcard mailing was sent out to all licensees to verify their correct address. This was for the Boards information only.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 6, 2000 - motion to approve by Mr. DeCicco, seconded by Mr. Codey; all voted in favor of the motion.

INTERN REGISTRATION

Rodney H. Dickerson, Cotton Funeral Service, Orange
Christopher K. Labree, Christy Adams FH, Elmer
Steven A. Gabriel, Volk-Leber FH, Teaneck
Nkossi D. Browne, Cotton Funeral Service, Newark
Alison Platt Snyder, Platt Memorial Chapels, Inc., Paterson
Eleanor J. Rudolph, Carnie P. Bragg FH, Paterson
Rosanna Alfieri, Wein & Wein Memorial Chapels, Hackensack

NEW INSTALLATIONS

Powell-Marrocco FH, Clifton/James J. Marrocco, Mgr.
Marrocco Memorial Chapel, Clifton/James J. Marrocco, Mgr.
McGuinness FH, Runnemedede/William J. McGuinness, Mgr.

Alvarez & Machado FH, Newark/Ernesto B. Alvarez, Mgr.
Beddiges-Seitz & Stabile, Inc., Jersey City/Kenneth M. Stabile, Mgr.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A) International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc., invoice for annual dues \$250.00. On motion made by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted to approve the payment of the invoice. All voted in favor of the motion.

B) NJ Cemetery Board public session meeting minutes August 10, 2000. This was for the Boards information only.

C) NJ Cemetery Board public session meeting agenda October 12, 2000. This was for the Boards information only.

D) Death Care Business Advisor article re Cremation Association of North America annual cremation statistics. This was for the Boards information only.

E) NJ Department of Personnel - request for clarification of the duties of a morgue technician with respect to the need for a license to practice mortuary science. On motion made by M. DeCicco, seconded by Mr. Lombardi, the Board determined to obtain a current job description from the State Medical Examiners office and the Board would review the matter again. All voted in favor of the motion.

F) Maryann Carroll - NJ State Funeral Directors Association request for whether the use of the phrase funeral consultant in an advertisement is appropriate for casket store. This matter was discussed in executive session and then returned to open session. On motion made by Mr. DeCicco, seconded by Mr. Codey, the Board determined to inform the store of the Boards regulation, **N.J.A.C.** 13:36-4.9(c) to which requires a practitioners license to hold oneself out as a funeral consultant, and ask them to cease and desist from advertising as such. All voted in favor of the motion.

LICENSING MATTERS

A) Morton S. Bunis, Esq., letter requesting reinstatement of the license of Carolyn M. Whigham. Mr. DeCicco recused himself. On motion made by Mr. Sidun, seconded by Mr. Lombardi, the Board moved to go into executive session for deliberation. The Board returned to open session and determined to hold this matter until the next Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 9:50 A.M.. Motion made by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Mr. Sidun, 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.

12:30 P.M. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Sidun, seconded by Mr. DeCicco. All voted in favor of the motion.

The following Uniform Penalty letters were approved:

#00-10 Joseph P. Horan Funeral Director, Joseph P. Horan, Mgr., - violation of **N.J.A.C.** 13:36-1.9(f), failure to provide consumer with a copy of the Statement of Funeral Goods and Services Selected, penalty \$1,500.00.

#00-60 Bloomfield-Cooper, Manalapan, Albert Bloomfield, Mgr., violation of **N.J.A.C.** 13:36-1.9(f), failure to have

