

State Board of Mortuary Science of New Jersey

October 30, 2001

Open Session Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Gerald P. Scala, Esq., President, Public Member
Donald P. Codey, Secretary
Kevin G. Quinn (left 11:30 a.m.)
Charles D. Sidun
John DeCicco, Esq., Public Member (left at 11:00 a.m.)
Marius R. Lombardi, Government Member

ABSENT

Bernadette Stoecker-Rossi
Peter P. Horvath

ALSO ATTENDING

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A) Mr. Brush reported that five (5) complaints were received in October.

B) Board meeting dates for 2002:

January 8	July 2
February 5	August 6
March 5	September 3
April 2	October 1
May 7	October 29
June 4	December 3

C) It is expected that renewal applications for funeral home registrations will be mailed in early November for the period January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2003.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

INTERN REGISTRATIONS

Michael Drahuschak, Page Funeral Home, Burlington
Karen Pepler, Pepler Funeral Home, Allentown
Christopher W. Coleman, Perry Funeral Home, Newark

NEW LICENSEES

Darveene L. Hogue
William K. Gleason
Michele L. Miller
Jenelle DeMoro
Christopher P. Farrant
Denise A. Penswater

NEW INSTALLATIONS

Hancliffe Home For Funeral, East Hanover/Michael E. Porter, Mgr.
Gallagher Hagelin Funeral Home, Livingston/Jeremiah J. Quinlan, Mgr.
Alvarez Funeral Home, Newark, Jaime A. Alvarez, Mgr.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A) New Jersey Cemetery Board public session minutes August 9, 2001. This was for the Board's information only.

B) New Jersey Cemetery Board public session agenda October 11, 2001. This was for the Board's information only.

C) Randy S. Millwood, Duncan, SC, email expressing his concern about websites that display graphic autopsy photos. The Board determined to refer Mr. Millwood to the New Jersey Legislature and/or the State Medical Examiner@s Office for an appropriate response to his request.

D) John E. McGonigle, CPA, letter requesting information on the proper disposal of unclaimed cremated remains. The Board determined to refer Mr. McGonigle to the following citations: N.J.S.A. 26:7-18.2 and N.J.A.C. 8:9-1.11.

LICENSING MATTERS

A) The Board discussed the issue of inspection fees for dual registrations and determined that an inspection fee for each registration at a single location is justified, noting that there are occasions when the inspector may inspect only one or all of the registrations at the single location, and that an inspection report must be prepared, approved and processed by the Board. There was no consensus to change the policy.

B) The Board discussed the issue of interns who have terminated their internship but have not taken the practical examination. At the time of their practical examination, they must be a registered intern and the issue of a new registration fee was discussed. It was determined that if the intern re-registers at the same funeral home at which they did their internship, the Board will extend their internship period to cover the date of the practical examination and there will not be an additional registration fee. However, if the intern registers at a different funeral home, this will constitute a new registration and the appropriate fee will have to be paid. The Board also determined to refer this to the

Regulations Committee for further review.

C) Claude Crater, License # JP2830, request for waiver from requirements of continuing education for license renewal. Mr. Crater informed the Board that due to medical conditions he was unable to complete the ten (10) continuing education credit required for license renewal. On motion made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. DeCicco, the Board determined to waive the requirements for renewal for the period March 1, 2001 to February 28, 2003 contingent upon Mr. Crater submitting an affidavit of the condition of illness, the period of the illness and the diagnosis. All voted in favor of the motion.

D) Robert P. Avolio, Esq., letter requesting the reinstatement of the license of Vincent P. Delle Grotti, DPM. Mr. DeCicco recused himself from the matter. The Board determined to schedule a hearing before the Board pursuant to the terms of the Consent Order filed in this matter.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

A) #01-12 Krowicki McCracken FH, Linden; uniform penalty letter for Statement of Funeral Goods and Services Selected and stationery not in compliance; penalty \$2,000.00 paid 10/14/01. This was for the Board's information only.

B) #00-06 Bergen Funeral Service, Inc., Hasbrouck Heights; uniform penalty letter for failure to obtain proper authorization for final disposition; penalty \$1,000.00 paid 10/16/01. This was for the Board's information only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10:30 a.m. - Motion made by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. DeCicco, 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.

11:45 a.m. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Sidun, seconded by Mr. Lombardi. All voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald R. Codey
Secretary

Date

