

# North Carolina Board of Funeral Service

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The next meeting of the Board will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at the Board offices, 1033 Wade Avenue, Ste. 108, Raleigh, NC 27605. The agenda for the meeting can be viewed by [following this link](#). The Board has also scheduled hearings for 9 a.m. Thursday December 11, 2008 at the Board offices.

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## BOARD ACTIONS-

Actions and results of the November 12 meeting:

- A- Approved a Resolution of Sorrow and Appreciation of Service For T. E. White, Sr.
- B- Crematory Authority election results: 44 official return envelopes were received by the deadline of 4:30 p.m. November 3, 2008. The Board determined that one ballot was invalid because it was damaged as the envelope was opened. The damage occurred in an area of the ballot where one nominee's name appeared. While it was not possible to determine if a vote was cast for that person it was possible to determine that no votes were cast for the other nominees. A vote for the person whose name was obscured would not affect the results. The remaining ballots were then counted with the following results:

Jason L. Benton received 5 votes  
Cecil M. Burton received 14 votes  
Joseph Andrew Thompson received 9 votes  
James D. Weatherspoon received 8 votes  
Philip Douglas Young received 7 votes

Mr. Burton received the most votes and was deemed elected, however he did not receive a majority of the votes cast. Under the provisions of the election rules (21 NCAC 34 C .0101(b) (6) (c), as the person with the second highest number of votes, Mr. Thompson had the option to file written petition within 10 days requesting a second election. Mr. Thompson informed the Board he did not want a second election.

- C- Approved the pre-need committee recommendation to require notarization with the addition of the appropriate statement on the verification page of the pre-need annual reports. The Board also approved a request to transfer an irrevocable contract out of state.

## 2009 RENEWALS-

- Licenses expire December 31, 2008 and must be renewed on or before February 1, 2009 to avoid disciplinary action.
- 2009 Renewal applications have been mailed. If you do not receive one by December 10, 2008, please contact the Board office. **DO NOT** wait until the

- end of January to request another. You may also access renewal forms online at [www.ncbfs.org](http://www.ncbfs.org) on the "Applications" page.
- Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 90-210.23(d) make certain you inform the board of any change in mailing address. In the interest of security, the notice should be in a signed, written format.
  - Licensees can check their CE hours by accessing the website "Directory" page. Enter either your license number or **only** your last name. Please keep in mind CE hours recently obtained may not be entered as yet.

#### WEBSITE UPDATES:

**Laws and Rules page-** Recently added links to laws and rules related to the practice of funeral service such as vital records, medical examiner, communicable disease, funeral processions and disorderly conduct at funerals. Links to the FTC website and HIPAA guidelines have also been placed on the page.

**Newsletters-** past newsletters from 2000 through the spring of 2008 have been posted online. The fall 2008 edition will be posted shortly.

#### OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY OF:

James McCree, Jr. formerly of J. W. Gill and Sons Funeral Home, Kings Mountain and brother of Board member Frank G. McCree, Sr. who died in late October.

**The Board offices will be closed Wednesday, December 24, Thursday December 25, and Friday December 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday**