

North Carolina Board of Funeral Service

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The next meeting of the Board will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2009 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 March 12, 2009 at the Board offices.

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BOARD ACTIONS-

Actions and results of the February 18 Board meeting:

- A. Approved a recommendation by the Exam committee to delay the use of the computer based laws and rules examination until the new law books are published and can be distributed to exam candidates. The Board also approved revisions to questions for the computer based exam.
- B. Approved the Traineeship committee recommendation to revise the policy prohibiting staff from disclosing the exact number of cases still needed by trainees nearing the end of the traineeship. The current letter informing trainees of when the traineeship expires will be revised to include the information and will provide directions regarding reports for the remaining cases. The letter will now be sent at the end of the 10th month of traineeship and a copy will be sent to the trainee supervisor. In a separate action the Board approved the traineeship certification program. Trainee applications will be changed to advise supervisors of the requirements to be a trainee supervisor and if required the supervisor will have 60 days in which to take the certification program. The staff will make this available in DVD and printed format. The inspectors will also have copies so they can provide the program in the respective regions.
- C. Approved four additional recovery fund claims totaling approximately \$ 16,000 related to the former Howell Funeral Home in Gastonia.
- D. Set 2009 mutual burial association assessments at \$ 100.00 per association and .35 per member.
- E. Set policy for staff to use for items mailed with postage printed from online postage sources. In some cases these online postage sources do not imprint a "postmark" date. The Board office recently received several items with this

type of postage. Items that do not display a USPS postmark, date stamp from a private carrier service, or some other means to determine the date of mailing will be considered filed on the date received by the office.

- F. Approved the meeting schedule for the remainder of the year. The calendar can be viewed by following [this link](#).

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS:

Effective July 1, the TSA will begin enforcing an existing policy that requires all human remains shipments originating in the U.S. or its territories, to be tendered by a "known shipper." This policy requires funeral homes to register as a "known shipper" for each airline they use to ship bodies, and might require both a facility inspection and payment of a fee. Licensees should contact the airlines to obtain more information on this matter.

TSA website: <http://www.tsa.gov/index.shtm>

TSA regulations for traveling with cremated remains:

http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/specialneeds/editorial_1296.shtm

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

February actions will be reported in the next newsletter.