

North Carolina Board of Funeral Service

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The next meeting of the Board will be 9 a.m. Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at the Board offices, 1033 Wade Avenue, Ste. 108, Raleigh, NC 27605. The agenda will be posted by September 10 and can be viewed by [following this link](#).

The Board is also scheduled to meet on Thursday, September 13, 2012 for hearings.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Peter M Burke, CFSP began as Executive Director on July 16.

Ballots for the Crematory Authority election will be distributed to crematory operators shortly, and must be returned to the Board office no later than November 1, 2012.

Be sure to visit the Board's upgraded website at www.ncbfs.org

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislation designed to abolish the Commission of Anatomy and transfer it's power to the Commission for Public Health failed.

Cemetery Commission shall be an independent agency, and not under the Department of Commerce. The Commission has the authority to hire inspector(s), to inspect cemeteries and licensees for compliance, and to hold disciplinary hearings.

When local registrars use the State Registrar's database, the local agency will charge and forward to the State Registrar \$14.00. If the local registrar must make a copy, they can charge and retain \$10. The local agency can waive the \$10 charge when the copy is issued to someone over the age of 62.

Session Law 2012-196 became law on July 24. The law adds section 15.1 to Chapter 93B; it allows applicants with a military background in an occupational licensing area to receive a license after complying with certain requirements. The law also extends certain provisions to military spouses.

TRAINEES

The Board continues to receive late submissions of monthly trainee reports. Per 21 NCAC 34B.0110: "...reports must be filed in the office of the Board not later than the 10th day of the calendar month which immediately follows

the completion of each one month period of resident traineeship. Failure to submit such reports when due shall be sufficient cause for suspension or revocation of the certificate of resident traineeship." The trainee, the licensee under whom the trainee served during the period and the manager of the establishment are **all** responsible. Be sure your reports are filed on time!

TSA URN SCREENING

TSA requires that urns must pass through x-ray screening before being allowed on board commercial aircraft. If the material with which the urn is constructed does not allow the agents to clearly see what's inside, the urn will not be allowed through the checkpoint and the passenger will need to make other arrangements. Agents will not open urns under any circumstances.

TSA suggests a temporary plastic urn or an urn made of lighter material such as wood would be more likely to successfully pass through the x-ray screening process; a more permanent container could be used at the final destination if desired.

Some airlines will not permit urns to be transported on commercial aircraft at all, so advise the family to check with the carrier before finalizing plans to transport the urn themselves.

ELECTRONIC DEATH REGISTRATION

Board staff continues to participate in discussions with representatives from other agencies and interested parties to further efforts for an electronic death registration system (EDRS). The state is required to implement a revised death certificate form. There will be opportunities for users, including funeral homes, to test the system prior to full implementation.

SYMPATHIES ARE EXTENDED TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Anthony Hal Fisher of McFarland Funeral Chapel, Tryon, who died on August 14, 2012

James Ray "Jim" McCracken, formerly of Briggs Funeral Home, Troy, who died on August 11, 2012.

James Wood "Jimmie" Rose, President Emeritus of Rose & Graham Funeral Homes in Benson, Coats and Four Oaks, who died July 30, 2012

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

CASE FILE NUMBER: M10-009.

LICENSEES: R. H. Greene Funeral Home (FE #206, PNE #360); Nathaniel Yarborough (FSL #2406).

SUMMARY: The firm had several preneed recordkeeping violations during its last audit.

BOARD ACTION: The Board adopted a consent order placing the preneed establishment license and Mr. Yarborough's preneed sales license on probation for one (1) year. The parties will take continuing education and pay a \$500 penalty.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 15, 2012.

CASE FILE NUMBER: V11-018.

LICENSEES: Johnson & Son Funeral Home (FE #292; PNE #292); Barbara Johnson (FDL #2588).

SUMMARY: After Mrs. Johnson sold a preneed contract, she did not file the contract within ten days. The firm also failed to deposit the preneed funds with the insurance company within five (5) business days of receipt.

BOARD ACTION: The Board adopted a consent order placing the preneed establishment license and funeral establishment permit on probation for one (1) year. Barbara Johnson's funeral director and preneed sales licenses were also placed on probation for one (1) year. The parties will take continuing education in preneed and made a refund.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 15, 2012.

CASE FILE NUMBER: V11-032.

LICENSEES: Lightner Funeral & Cremation Service (FE #331, PNE #277).

SUMMARY: The firm wrote a preneed contract for the deceased and did not refund the excess to the estate within a reasonable time. The firm also issued receipts for funds and claims it returned the funds without reclaiming the receipts.

BOARD ACTION: The Board adopted a consent order placing the preneed establishment license on probation for one (1) year. The firm made a refund and will take continuing education in preneed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 15, 2012.

CASE FILE NUMBER: M12-017.

TRAINEE: Tremecia Bell Wilson.

SUMMARY: Ms. Wilson failed to file multiple work reports by the deadline.

BOARD ACTION: The Board adopted a consent order revoking the traineeship. Mrs. Wilson may apply to resume her traineeship on January 1, 2013.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 15, 2012.

CASE FILE NUMBER: M12-018.

TRAINEE: Edward Maurice Stevens.

SUMMARY: Mr. Stevens did not file any work reports by the deadline.

BOARD ACTION: The Board adopted a consent order revoking his traineeship. Mr. Stevens may apply to resume his traineeship on January 1, 2013.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 15, 2012.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

How many Continuing Education hours do you still need this year...?