

# North Carolina Board of Funeral Service

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Next meeting of the Board is 9 a.m. Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at the Board offices, 1033 Wade Avenue, Ste. 108, Raleigh, NC 27605. The agenda will be posted by December 7 and can be viewed by [following this link](#).

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS-

The Board and Board Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish all licensees and their families and staffs a Merry Christmas, a Joyous Holiday Season and a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year. The Board office will be closed December 24-26, 2012 and January 1, 2013.

If you attended education sessions at the NFDA Convention in October, be reminded that NFDA does **not** send your hours to the Board. You should forward a copy of the certificate provided by NFDA to the Board office via fax to 919-733-8271. If you have not received your hours from NFDA, contact them at 800-228-6332.

2013 Individual license and Establishment permit renewals have been mailed. Renewals are due back by December 31, 2012.

Crematory Authority election was held on November 13, 2012. The following were elected to three-year terms:

Michael John Fulwood, Brunswick Funeral Service, Shallotte  
William Fred Staton, Powles Funeral Home, Rockwell

REMINDER: The new NCBFS-PN5, Certificate of Performance for a Preneed Funeral Contract is required beginning January 1, 2013: <http://www.ncbfs.org/1cop.pdf> . There is also a calculator available to compute the amount of non-guaranteed funds applicable on inflation-proof preneed contracts. The "Calculator" link is located on the Preneed tab on the main webpage: <http://www.ncbfs.org/preneed/PreneedCalculation.xlsx> .

## TRAINEE CORNER

Trainee 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" (21 NCAC 34B.0110). The trainee, the licensee under whom the trainee served during the period and the manager of the establishment are **all** responsible.

REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR WEBSITE CONTENT

Is your staff listing correct? Is it clear as to the licensing status of your staff? Staff positions must be clearly identified so as to not be misleading regarding licensure of staff.

VITAL RECORDS WORK GROUP

The UNC School of Government is planning to convene a legal working group that will study the state’s vital records laws and discuss whether changes are necessary to modernize the law or otherwise bring it into conformance with a model law recently developed at the Federal level. The working group will begin meeting in January 2013.

SYMPATHIES ARE EXTENDED TO THE FAMILIES OF:

**Bob H. Safrit**, of Sechrest Funeral Service in High Point, who died on November 13, 2012.

**Dora W. Twiford**, co-founder of Twiford Funeral Homes in Elizabeth City, Manteo and Hatteras, who died on December 5, 2012.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

CASE FILE NUMBER: V10-062.

LICENSEES: Rose Hill Funeral Home (FE #516); Lounell Mainor (FDL #2749).

SUMMARY: To pay for a funeral bill, Lounell Mainor notarized an assignment form where the signatures of one or more beneficiaries were forged.

BOARD ACTION: The Board placed the funeral establishment license of Rose Hill Funeral Home and the funeral director license of Lounell Mainor on probation for 18 months. The parties paid a \$1,000.00 civil penalty.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 14, 2012.

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CASE FILE NUMBER: M12-025.

LICENSEES: Betts & Son Funeral Home (FE #28; PNE #562); William Betts (FSL #1388).

SUMMARY: After agreeing to a preneed sales license suspension under a previous consent order, Mr. Betts sold two additional preneed contracts while on suspension.

BOARD ACTION: The Board adopted a consent order extending the preneed sales license suspension and other periods of probation by 60 days.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 14, 2012.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER:

***It’s DECEMBER ... how many Continuing Education hours do you still need this year?***