

North Carolina Board of Funeral Service

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Next meeting of the Board is 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at the Board offices, 1033 Wade Avenue, Suite 108, Raleigh, NC 27605. The agenda will be posted by March 7 and can be viewed by [following this link](#).

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS-

The Federal Trade Commission recently announced discovery of a scam; fake funeral notices show up on one's computer and opening the notice launches serious malware. The full text of the FTC notice may be found here:

<http://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2014/02/ftc-scammers-hit-new-low-sending-fake-funeral-notices>

The Board voted at the February meeting to amend the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2014. Meetings are not scheduled to be held in the months of April, June, August and October.

TRAINEE CORNER

Trainees and supervisors...be sure your documentation is clear, signed, and on it's way to the Board office before the 10th of each month!

CONTINUING EDUCATION

It's a new year. You resolved to get your Continuing Education hours done early in 2014. What are you waiting for? Plan your CE today:

<http://www.ncbfs.org/list.html>

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Smaro Lee Black Sossoman, co-founder of Sossoman Funeral Home, Morganton, who died on January 14, 2014.

David L. Haywood, Sr., president of Haywood Funeral Home, Raleigh, who died on January 16, 2014.

Joe David Penland, Sr., co-founder of Penland Family Funeral Home, Swannanoa, who died on January 28, 2014.

Shauntae Latrace Barnes, daughter of Valencia Brown of the NC Board of Funeral Service staff, who died on February 1, 2014.

Kenneth Willard Campbell, funeral director at Hickory Funeral Home, Hickory, who died on February 2, 2014.

James Melvin Russell, founder of Russell Funeral Home, Siler City, who died on February 3, 2014.

E. Lewis Hicks, retired from Forbis & Dick, Greensboro, who died on February 6, 2014.

Hubert Gray Walker, former co-owner of Crawford Funeral Home, Waynesville, who died on February 15, 2014.

Tempie Yarboro McIntyre, wife of Bobby McIntyre, Sr. of Briggs Funeral Home, Candor, who died on February 24, 2014.

Jane Schneider Braund, grandmother of Tom Schneider of Summersett Funeral Home, Salisbury, who died on February 24, 2014.

William H. Manson Jr., founder of Manson Mortuary, Williamston and former member of the NC Board of Funeral Service and former President of FDMA of NC, who died on February 27, 2014

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

CASE FILE NUMBERS: V10-039; V12-060.

LICENSEES: Charlotte Mortuary (FE #204); Horace Gunn (FSL #870).

SUMMARY: In V10-039, the firm's unlicensed owner, George Slay, practiced funeral directing without a license and refused to release a body upon proper demand of the next-of-kin. The firm also failed to provide a Statement of Goods and Services Selected and failed to timely file a death certificate. In V12-060, Mr. Gunn, the firm manager, held a memorial service without telling the next-of-kin that there were no cremated remains in the urn and told the survivors that the cremated remains would be commingled with other ashes. Mr. Gunn also failed to provide a Statement of Goods and Services Selected.

BOARD ACTION: The Board issued a Final Agency Decision that revoked the firm's funeral establishment permit. Mr. Gunn was placed on three (3) years' probation and assessed a \$1,000.00 fine.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 8, 2014.

CASE FILE NUMBERS: M09-001; M10-001; M12-001; C13-017; C13-045.

LICENSEES: Wilson Funeral Directors (FE #695; PNE #825). Paul E. Wilson (FD #1657).

SUMMARY: Mr. Wilson failed to make reasonable efforts to cremate a deceased he removed but left at the crematory for approximately one year. Mr. Wilson failed to file two preneed annual reports while on probation. Mr. Wilson also failed to comply with the time requirements for preneed funds and contract filing for one contract.

BOARD ACTION: The Board adopted a Final Agency Decision revoking all licenses and permits of Mr. Wilson and the firm.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 8, 2014.

CASE FILE NUMBER: M13-023.

LICENSEES: Ashelawn Memorial Chapel & Gardens & Mausoleum (FE #13).

SUMMARY: During a recent inspection, a Board inspector found several violations of the Funeral Rule, which the firm did not correct within the required time. The firm also violated a previous consent order that prohibited the firm from advertising that it was locally owned and operated.

BOARD ACTION: The Board adopted a consent order placing the firm on three (3) years' probation, assessing a \$3,000.00 civil penalty, and requiring continuing education.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 20, 2014.

CASE FILE NUMBER: M13-024.

LICENSEES: Colored Unity Mutual Burial Association.

SUMMARY: During a recent audit, the Board's auditor found that the burial association had a cash shortage. The firm did not replace the funds within a reasonable amount of time.

BOARD ACTION: The Board adopted the consent order accepting the voluntarily dissolution of the burial association within 90 days.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 20, 2014.

