

North Carolina Board of Funeral Service

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

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Effective December 26, 2013, the United States Postal Service (USPS) revised its policy pertaining to the shipment of cremated remains. Cremated remains may no longer be sent domestically or internationally via Registered Mail Service. *Priority Mail Express is the only option for sending cremated remains via the USPS.*

In 2013, the NC General Assembly (H.B. 589) added G.S. § 90-210.25C, which encouraged funeral directors or funeral service licensees to make forms available to near relatives of deceased voters whereby the relative could notify the appropriate county board of elections of the death of a voter. The State Board of Elections is asking for your help in providing forms to the families you serve. A copy of the form is included with this newsletter... .

Reminder: The new death certificate form is required as of January 1, 2014.

TRAINEE CORNER

Effective immediately, trainee supervisors will be required to initial specific tasks and sign a form indicating their understanding of their responsibility as supervisors when registering a new trainee. Forms will be included in the trainee packet for new trainees as they are registering with the Board. Supervisors of currently-registered trainees will not have to complete the form.

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:

Cyrus L. Brooks, Sr., father of Cyrus L. Brooks, Jr. of Cumby Family Funeral Service, High Point, who died on January 1, 2014.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

CASE FILE NUMBER: C13-024.

LICENSEES: Coats Funeral Home & Crematory (FE #104; CR #10).

SUMMARY: The crematory did not have proper authorizations needed to cremate a deceased and did not make reasonable efforts to obtain them before performing the cremation.

BOARD ACTION: The Board adopted a consent order accepting a \$1,000.00 civil penalty.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 8, 2014.

CASE FILE NUMBER: C13-052.

LICENSEES: Mark D. Odom (FDL #3616).

SUMMARY: During a recent examination, a Board inspector found that Mr. Odom did not deposit funds into an insurance policy within five (5) business days of receipt for several preneed contracts.

BOARD ACTION: The Board accepted the voluntary surrender of Mr. Odom's licenses in a consent order. Mr. Odom is required to make restitution before he can be considered for reinstatement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 8, 2014.

CASE FILE NUMBER: C13-074.

LICENSEES: Boris G. Barrett, Sr. (FSL #1732).

SUMMARY: Mr. Barrett signed the name of the purchaser to obtain funds from an insurance finance company. Mr. Barrett also did not provide a general price list at the start of the arrangements conference.

BOARD ACTION: The Board adopted a consent order placing Mr. Barrett on probation for two (2) years and assessing a \$1,000.00 penalty.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 8, 2014.



