

STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS/EMBALMERS

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 26, 2006

Open Session

The Open Session of the State Board of Funeral Directors/Embalmers (Board) was called to order at 2:00 pm on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

Raymond Butterfield

Elizabeth Feid

Edward Murphy

Board members not in attendance:

Robert T. Jones

Joan Retsinas

Staff members in attendance:

Donna Dickerman

Gregory Madoian, Esq., Legal Services

Others in attendance:

Robert Barnes, International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc.

The minutes of the Open Meeting held on May 22, 2006 were presented. On motion of Edward Murphy, seconded by Elizabeth Feid, the board unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

Business

On the matter (previously tabled) of the Rhode Island Funeral Directors Association requesting Board's position on the pending sale of the Roger Williams Park Mausoleum to Michael Beraducci. Mr. Madoian informed the Board the offer to purchase the Mausoleum has been withdrawn; no sale is pending.

On the matter of a request from the American Funeral Cemetery Trust Services for clarification of Rhode Island law with respect to pre-needs, Mr. Madoian presented the Board with a draft letter of response. On a motion by Edward Murphy, seconded by Elizabeth Feid, the Board unanimously approved the letter as drafted.

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Members requested William McGrath, Inspector, be invited to meet with the Board to discuss the process/procedures of inspecting pre-need contracts and arrangements during his inspection of funeral establishments.

Robert Barnes, of the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc. (Conference) met with the Board. He provided an orientation and information presentation on the mission and activities of the Conference. The Conference is comprised of 50 state licensing boards and 57 mortuary service programs. In addition to offering the national board exams required for licensure, the Conference fosters communication within the funeral director/embalming profession, offers scholarships, study guides and conducts studies of interest.

Adjournment

On motion of Edward Murphy, seconded by Raymond Butterfield, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 3:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Dickerman

Board Administrator

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