

ASSOCIATION OF EXECUTIVES OF FUNERAL SERVICE BOARDS

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Hello regulatory colleagues! I wanted to get a note out to all of you before the summer months approach any further.

The Executive Committee has started planning for next year's annual meeting. The meeting format seems to be quite popular with the membership, so we will maintain the same format going forward, as we do take your comments to heart.

I am seeking a member that would be willing to present a topic at the annual meeting. Do you have any new trends or issues you would be willing to share? Forms and applications were a suggested topic at the last annual meeting. Please give it some thought, then send me an e-mail (dmcphee@dol.wa.gov) if you are interested. Your discussion should last approximately thirty minutes. Meeting participants will roundtable the topic following the presentation. We educate ourselves by learning how other jurisdictions conduct business, handle similar issues, or try a new approach to something. I have offered to give a presentation concerning funeral establishment inspections. I would like to have at least one more presentation.

I plan to host several roundtable conference calls again this year. I believe that staying engaged throughout the year through conference calls or news memo's does have its merits. If you have a conference call topic to share or a question to ask, please let me know. I will keep you posted as to the conference call dates.

The location of the annual meeting has yet to be determined. Several options are being discussed by The Conference (ICFSEB). My hope is to have our (AEFSB) agenda finalized and presented to The Conference by mid August of this year. I will keep you posted as things develop. Remember, this is your organization and your conference. We benefit from what we invest in it. I'll do my best to accommodate you.

Warm Regards and thanks for your vote of confidence, again, for the upcoming year.

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