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The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards

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Robert N. Barnes, CFSP, Elected President of The Conference

Orange, CA – Robert N. Barnes, CFSP, was elected President of The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards at the 106th annual convention held February 25-26, 2010, in Southern California at the Doubletree Hotel Anaheim/Orange County.

Mr. Barnes was sworn into office at the conclusion of the second day along side his peers, Vice President Randal Bangert, and Secretary/Treasurer Joseph Richer. Speaking to the assembly, Mr. Barnes laid a path for the future of The Conference quoting Vince Lombardi, "the achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual."

Mr. Barnes was elected in 2005 to serve on The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards as Director of District 1, representing Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. He was elected to serve as Secretary/Treasurer of The Conference in 2008, and was elected Vice President in 2009.

He is a graduate of Westminster High School in Westminster, MD, and Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, MA, with an A.A. degree in Business. He earned an A.S. degree in Funeral Service from New England Institute in Boston, MA, in 1973.

He has been a licensed funeral practitioner for 36 years with Jones, Rich, & Hutchins Funeral Home in Portland, Maine and is currently the Director of Business and Employee Development for SCI Maine/New Hampshire. He is the past president of the Maine Funeral Directors Association.

Mr. Barnes has been a member of the Maine State Board of Funeral Service since 1994. He currently serves as chairman of the board, a position he has held for 11 years. He also is the former chairman of the visiting committee at NEI-Mt. Ida College. In 1998 Mr. Barnes received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Mt. Ida College. He resides in Cape Elizabeth, ME, with his wife Debbie and their two children Matthew and Megan.

The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards is headquartered in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Founded in 1904, the membership of The Conference is composed of funeral service licensing and regulatory agencies throughout the United States and Canada. For more information on The Conference, visit www.theconferenceonline.org.

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