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The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards

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

Williamsburg, VA– Robert N. Barnes, CFSP, was elected Vice President of The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards at the 105th annual convention held February 26-27, 2009, in Williamsburg, Virginia.

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. In 2008, Barnes was elected to serve as Secretary/Treasurer of The Conference.

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 35 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 10 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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