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The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards

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Photo Included: Joseph G. Richer (.jpg)

## **Joseph G. Richer Elected Secretary/Treasurer of The Conference**

Orange, CA – Joseph G. Richer was elected Secretary and Treasurer 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. Richer was sworn in at the conclusion of the second day alongside his peers, President Robert Barnes, and Vice President Randal Bangert. Mr. Richer also received the President's Distinguished Service Award from outgoing president Lisa Moore, for his outstanding contributions to the advancement of the funeral service profession.

Mr. Richer was elected in 2005 to The Conference Board of Directors as the Director of District 4, representing Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Ontario. He was elected to a second term in 2008.

Mr. Richer developed his knowledge of the complexities of the funeral service profession during his five years as an inspector for the Ontario Board of Funeral Services. He was appointed registrar of the board in 1998. A position he has held since.

Born in Chatham, Ontario, he holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario. Mr. Richer, his wife Susan Ratkai, and their two children live in Toronto.

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](http://www.theconferenceonline.org).

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