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ICFSEB Welcomes You to the Ozarks



*Pictured Above: The International Conference
Headquarters, Fayetteville, AR.*

It's convention time again and The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc. is pleased to host the 101st annual convention in beautiful Northwest Arkansas. The Ozark Mountains provide a backdrop for the University of Arkansas, home of the Arkansas Razorbacks. The quad-city area of Bentonville, Rogers, Springdale, and Fayetteville is home to the corporate headquarters of Wal-Mart, Tyson Foods, and J.B. Hunt Transport as well as ICFSEB's office. The Embassy Suites, headquarter hotel for the convention, is centrally located for easy access to many wonderful restaurants and shopping areas.

This year's convention will feature speakers as well as panel discussions and open forums to discuss areas of interest to the attendees. The final agenda for the meeting will be available on our website by early February. District 6 (Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Ontario) will hold elections to the board of directors to fill the seat vacated by Patrick Obarzanek in April. Anyone interested in the position should plan to attend the district meeting on Saturday. A highlight of this year's convention will be the reception and tour of ICFSEB's office hosted by the Board of Directors on Friday afternoon.

The Association of Executives of Funeral Service Boards will meet on Friday and is open to executive directors of funeral service regulatory jurisdictions that are members of The International Conference. This meeting provides a valuable forum for idea sharing as well as the opportunity to increase communication between jurisdictions. Thanks to the efforts of Paul Brush and Joe Richer, past Presidents of AEFSEB, this group has grown each year and has become an invaluable part of our convention program. Anyone interested in this organization should contact the current President Cheryl Smith at cheryls@state.mt.us for more information.

Please contact the ICFSEB office at 479-442-7076 for more information regarding the convention. We look forward to seeing you April 9th and 10th when the Board of Directors of The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc. welcomes you to the Ozarks!

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101st Annual Convention Agenda

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Board of Directors Luncheon

Atrium

1:00 p.m.-Open Board of Directors Meeting
Trammel Boardroom

Thursday, April 7, 2005

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Examination Committee
Arts - Pinnacle Ballroom VII
Sciences - Pinnacle Ballroom VIII

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. National Exam
Liaison Committee
(See ABFSE Agenda)

1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. ABFSE Executive Committee
Meeting
(See ABFSE Agenda)

4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. ABFSE, ICFSEB,
NFDA, & NFDMA,
Officers Meeting
Commerce Room C

Friday, April 8, 2005

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Examination Committee
Arts - Pinnacle Ballroom VII
Sciences - Pinnacle Ballroom VIII

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Association of Executives
of Funeral Service Boards Meeting
Razorback Room

7:30 a.m.-9:25 a.m. University Mortuary Science
Education Association
(Executive Session)
See ABFSE Agenda

7:30 a.m.-9:25 a.m. National Association, Colleges
of Mortuary Science
(Executive Session)
See ABFSE Agenda

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. College and University
Council (Executive Session)
(See ABFSE Agenda)

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. ABFSE Awards Luncheon
(See ABFSE Agenda)

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ABFSE Annual Meeting
(See ABFSE Agenda)

4:30 p.m.-Open Load Buses for trip to
ICFSEB Office and Reception

Saturday, April 9, 2005

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ABFSE Program
See ABFSE Agenda

Opening Session of the 101st Annual Convention

12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Luncheon
Welcome & Call to Order
Mr. John J. Michelotti, President
The International Conference of
Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc.
Commerce Rooms A & B
Convention Committee Appointments
Credentials Committee
Audit Committee

Roll Call and Credentials Committee Report
Mr. Paul C. Brush, Secretary
The International Conference of
Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc.

Introduction of the Board of Directors,
Past Presidents, and Special Guests
Mr. John D. Runsvold, Vice-President
The International Conference of
Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc.

Prayer of Remembrance

Greetings to Convention Delegates
ABFSE, NFDA, NFDMA

1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. President's Address
to the Convention
Mr. John J. Michelotti, President
The International Conference of
Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc.

101st Annual Convention Agenda

Saturday, April 9, 2005, continued

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. *"Current Operations"*
Douglas Howard, Deputy Director
U.S. Army Mortuary Affairs Center

4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. *District Meetings &*
Elections to the Board of Directors
For Districts 2, 4, 7

Districts 2 & 5 (Brush & Griffin) - Razorback Room
Districts 3 & 6 (Kenney & Runsvold) - Bentonville Room
Districts 7 & 8 (Robbins & Michelotti) - Arkansas Room
Districts 1, 4, & 9 (Kazlauskas, Obarzanek, & Whitney) -
Rogers Room

5:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. *Board of Directors Meeting*
Trammell Boardroom

6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. *Board of Directors Photos*
Room TBA

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. *The Vice President's Reception*
In honor of John D. Runsvold
& the 2004-2005 Committee Members
Commerce Room A

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. *President's Banquet*
In Honor of John J. Michelotti
Installation of Officers
Distinguished Service Award
Distinguished Academic Achievements
Commerce Rooms B & C

Sunday, April 10, 2005

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. *Past President's*
Meeting & Breakfast
Rogers Room

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. *Current Regulatory Cases*
& Attorney General Opinions
Dale Atkinson, Executive Director,
Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards
Pinnacle Ballroom V

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. *Panel Discussion &*
Open Microphone
"Regulatory Issues"

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. *"Are You Tuned In?"*
Todd Van Beck, President
Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. *Task Analysis Update*
John D. Runsvold, Chairman
Task Analysis Committee
The International Conference of
Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc.

12:15 p.m.-2:00 p.m. *Luncheon & General Business*
(Buffett Luncheon in Pinnacle Ballroom VI)
Report of the Examination Committee
Patrick Obarzanek, Chairman
John Chew, Co- Chairman
Report of the Finance and Audit Committee
Paul C. Brush, Chairman

Report of the Education & Accreditation Committee
John J. Michelotti Chairman

Report of Resolutions and By-Laws Committee
John D. Runsvold, Chairman

Report of Professional Policy Committee
Paul C. Brush, Chairman

District Reports
District Representatives

Report of the Association of
Executives of Funeral Service Boards
Cheryl Smith, President

Report of the International Task Force
John J. Michelotti

Closing Remarks & Adjournment
of the 101st Annual Convention
Mr. John J. Michelotti, Past President
The International Conference
of Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc.

Proposed Changes to By-Laws

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

The By-Laws Committee has recommended the following change in the by-laws to the Board of Directors:

1. The Conference Board of Directors proposes that the by-laws be amended so as to provide that the Immediate Past President of the Conference shall serve on the Board of Directors but shall not have a vote on that board unless the Immediate Past President is also an elected member of the Board of Directors and then currently representing one of the 9 Districts of the Conference. The proposed change is as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article VII, Section (A)(1) of the by-laws of the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, titled Control and Management", shall be amended by adding the words ...in the capacity of Immediate Past President, but shall not have a vote unless such Immediate Past President is also currently one of the nine elected members of the Board of Directors.. after the words who may serve on the board for one additional year, and by then striking all the other words in that paragraph so that the paragraph reads:

The control and management of the Conference shall be vested in the Board of Directors which shall consist of the nine members elected in the manner specified below and the Immediate Past President of the Board of Directors, who may serve on the Board for one additional year, in the capacity of Immediate Past

The proposed By-Law change will be voted on at the 101st Annual Convention in April 2005.

2004 NBE Statistics

January - December 2004

National Board - Arts Examination (NBA)

	Total Tested	Pass #	Pass %	Fail #	Fail %	Absent #	Absent %	Total Number
First Time	1,330	1,131	85.0%	199	15.0%	8	0.6%	1,338
Repeater	215	110	51.2%	105	48.8%	2	0.9%	217
Total	1,545	1,241	80.3%	304	19.7%	10	0.6%	1,555

National Board - Science Examination (NBS)

	Total Tested	Pass #	Pass %	Fail #	Fail %	Absent #	Absent %	Total Number
First Time	1,312	1,001	76.3%	311	23.7%	7	0.5%	1,319
Repeater	399	137	34.3%	262	65.7%	9	2.2%	408
Total	1,711	1,138	66.5%	573	33.5%	16	0.9%	1,727



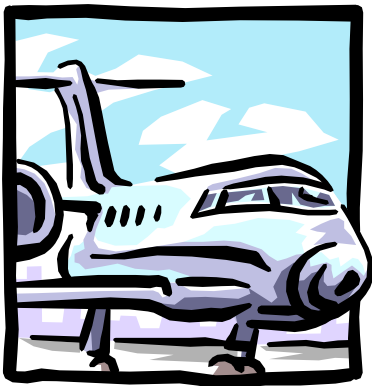
101st Annual Convention

April 9-10, 2005

held at the Embassy Suites, NorthWest Arkansas
3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway
Rogers, AR 72758

Reservations must be made by March 6, 2005.
Reservations can be made by calling
1-800- EMBASSY or by visiting the website
www.embassysuites.nwa.com
Code: *IFB* Rate: \$121.00 Single or Double Occupancy

Centrally located to all of Northwest Arkansas and minutes away from the NWA Regional Airport the Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas provides it's guests with 248 spacious two-room guest suites. Each suite is beautifully decorated with a private bedroom and spacious living room. All of the suites are equipped with a queen size sleeper sofa, two televisions, a refrigerator, microwave oven, coffee maker, two telephones with data ports and a well-lit dining/work table. The Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas also provides it's guests with a Conference Center, Business Center, Onsite Catering, Convenient Complimentary Parking, and Health Club.



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Highfill, Arkansas
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