

**DISTRICTS 3 & 4  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
OF FUNERAL SERVICE EXAMINING BOARDS, INC.**

**Meeting of Districts  
The Brown Hotel  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Saturday, April 8, 2006, 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**I. Attendance**

A total of \_\_\_ persons were in attendance:

District 3 representatives included Dolores Kenney, Mississippi State Board; Mark Blake, Jack Briggs and Paul Harris, North Carolina State Board; and \_\_\_\_\_, South Carolina State Board. Also attending were Bill Counce and Venus Smith, Jefferson State Community College, Alabama; Patty Hutcheson, Gupton-Jones College and Jarvis Barnes, Ogeechee Technical Institute, Georgia; and Mike Landon, Fayetteville Technical Community College, North Carolina.

District 4 representatives included \_\_\_\_\_ Michigan State Board, Ann Cunningham, Pernel Jones, Frank Savage, Robert Shank and Chuck Wisby, Ohio; Rene Brakel, Karie Draper and Joseph Richer, Ontario Board. Also attending were Bruce Campbell, Loren Carmichael, Cathy Denison, and Richard Nelson, 0Mid-America College, Indiana.

**II. Discussion/Reports**

- A. Discussion revolved around washing rooms in places of worship and regulations around them. There is a broad spectrum of approaches to dealing with this issue. Some jurisdictions require that any preparation of the body be carried out only at a funeral home or mortuary while others have no restrictions on religious rights or rituals performed at a place of worship and allow family members to carry out funeral services (except embalming) for a member of their family.
- B. The funeral director only educational requirements were also discussed. Again, a wide range of approaches is in place. Some regulators have a funeral director only license with no educational requirements where others have much higher standards of training.
- C. The exam services offered by the Conference were discussed and regulators were encouraged to discuss the suite of options directly with the Executive Director of the Conference.
- D. Concern was expressed about the potential for increasing exam fees when the Conference was in a very strong financial position. The Conference

representatives acknowledged that this is a serious concern and would ensure the matter was considered when fees were revisited in the future.

E. Two recommendations were made to the Conference:

1. The pre-need information previously compiled and distributed to the membership should be updated and recirculated. (Fall 2006)
2. Links to every jurisdiction's web site and laws should be available on the Conference's web site for those looking to conduct research.

Submitted by Joseph Richer on behalf of Districts 3 and 4.