

**DISTRICTS 5, 6 & 8
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 37 persons were in attendance:

James H. Augustine, American Board of Funeral Service Education and Milwaukee Area Technical College; Eddie Hawkins, Effie Y. Clay, Gary D. Anderson, Rachel McGrew, and Tony Smith, Arkansas State Board; Steve Gordon, Arts Exam Committee; Ron Schofield, Arkansas State University at Mountain Home; Jerry Griffin, District 5 Director; Bruce English; Ed Robertson and John L. Buck, Idaho State Board; Cathy Denison, Indiana State Board; Ella Mae Baird, Iowa State Board; Mack Smith, Kansas State Board; Wiley Wright, Kansas City Kansas Community College; Dennis Bozul, John Braboy, Loren Carmichael, and Michael O'Bryan, Mid-America College; David Benke and Timothy Koch, Minnesota State Board; Becky Dunn and Kenneth G. McGhee, Missouri State Board; Jered Scherer and R. J. "Dick" Brown, Montana State Board; Randal Bangert, Nebraska State Board; John Runsvold, North Dakota State Board; Jay Seibel North Dakota State Board and Arts Exam Committee; Carol Tellinghuisen, South Dakota State Board; Steve Spann' Tennessee State Board; Karen Davis, University of Arkansas Community College at Hope; Michael Mathews, University of Minnesota; Gary L. Clark, Kathy Mathews and Dennis McPhee, Washington State Board; and J. C. Frazier, Wisconsin State Board.

II. Discussion/Reports

A. Disciplinary Database – District 7 has set up the database as a pilot program. The Conference will maintain the database which will eventually live on their Web site.

B. Computerized Testing – Issues with security and the need for additional testing sites were discussed.

C. Expansion of Services of Conference – Input is welcomed.

D. Testing Vendor Review – Feedback from states is requested in 30 to 60 days. More respect and customer service is needed.

E. Concerns from Accredited Schools – Some schools are concerned that their students are completing their program but not taking the national board exam until much later. When these students do eventually take the exam they often do not pass, which affects the school's pass rate.

F. Announcement – The next scheduled District Meeting will be a 4-District Meeting (Districts 5, 7, 8 & 9) held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, sometime in September.

G. Promoting The Conference – District Directors have committed to attend more of the

State Board Meetings from their Districts to encourage increased participation and interaction with The Conference and a better understanding of the benefits of Conference membership. District Directors are also planning to attend NFDA meetings to promote The Conference and the services it provides.

III. Election of District Directors

District 6 elected Randal Bangert of Lincoln, Nebraska, to serve as their representative on The Conference Board of Directors for a three-year term (first term, expires 2009).

District 8 elected Kathy Nolan Mathews of Centralia, Washington, to serve as their representative on The Conference Board of Directors for a three-year term (first term, expires 2009).

Submitted by Bee Crandall on behalf of Districts, 5, 6 and 8