



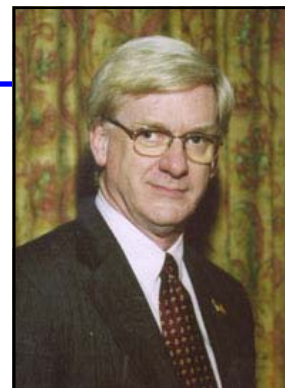
# The Conference Report

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## From the President



January 1st has come and gone, CBT is a reality and going well! Candidates taking the exam, both passing and failing, are very positive about the experience, simply knowing their score immediately is of paramount importance to one and all. Comments from a candidate who unfortunately failed the exam are quite positive, about the whole experience. A statement from this same candidate regarding the ease of taking this examination online, for someone with very little computer experience, were very positive.

It is a user friendly experience. Will there be bumps in the road? There will most certainly be a few, but none should be overwhelming, and all will most certainly be resolvable. CBT is here to stay and the future of funeral service entry-level professionals will indeed be better for it.

As I approach the three quarter mark on my Presidency, with only a few months to go, and as I reflect on what has been accomplished during "YOUR" Conference year, I am truly proud to have had some input into these accomplishments. The people who deserve the credit more than any ceremonial leader are the Board Members who bring with them to the table many years of experience that is willingly shared, discussed and ultimately result in policies to better serve our profession. Is there always agreement? It would be naive to expect any group with such divergent professional and cultural differences to all agree without debate, this dialogue conducted at a Board Meeting, really does give all present the opportunity to be heard, representing their constituent issues. When all is said and done, it isn't this or any one President, but more accurately the Executive Director who has the responsibility of implementing the Board's Policies. My sincere thanks to Dalene Paull, and her office staff for the incredible service they provide, and to you the members of the Conference for your support. This group is much larger than any one member, director or officer.

April in St. Louis will soon be upon us and we will celebrate 100 years of service. I would like to extend a special invitation to each and everyone of you to attend this wonderful event. What an exciting time, as we reflect on the accomplishments and development of the last 100 years with a convention theme of "Celebrating 100 Years of Regulatory Excellence!" Let's make it a year long celebration of where we have been, where we are now and where we will go in the next 100 years. Anyone interested in running for a seat on the Board of Directors as a District Governor, please step up and begin the process. Anyone within that group should also give thought to running for office as a member of The Executive Committee. Run for the roses, you'll be glad you did, there are among you people with incredible talent. Please accept my invitation to participate. *New Blood + New Ideas = Passion for the future of your Conference.*

Sincerely,  
**John J. Kazlauskas Sr., CFSP**  
President 2003-2004

# Website News at [www.cfseb.org](http://www.cfseb.org)

The Conference website, [www.cfseb.org](http://www.cfseb.org) has recently undergone several revisions. Several new services are now available online! Below is a listing of the services and items of special interest now available on-line! We encourage everyone to utilize this website as a tool and contact to The Conference! Please keep an eye on the website as it evolves with the future of The Conference!

## Online Services

- ◆ Register for the National Board Examination
- ◆ Locate a Computerized Testing Center for the NBE
- ◆ Purchase the Practice National Board Exam (Arts and/or Sciences)
- ◆ Request a Certified Transcript of NBE Scores
- ◆ Order the NBE Study Guide
- ◆ Sample Questions for the NBE



## Items of Interest

- ◆ NBE Statistical Report
- ◆ ICFSEB News and Publications
- ◆ Board of Directors & Staff
- ◆ Funeral Service Regulatory Boards
- ◆ ICFSEB Annual Convention (Agenda & Registration Information)
- ◆ National Board Examination General Information
- ◆ NBE Application Brochure
- ◆ Frequently Asked Questions

**REMINDER: NBE Passing Requirements Change 2004 !!**

During the 99th Annual Convention of The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc. the Board of Directors approved a change in the scoring procedures for the National Board Examination. Beginning January 2004 a candidate must obtain a scaled score of 75 on both the Arts and Science sections of the NBE, in order to successfully pass the NBE. This rule will apply to all candidates sitting for the NBE after January 1, 2004 and will present a more uniform code of scoring for the NBE as has been recommended by our psychometrician. ***Remember to look for this important change as you begin receiving score reports in 2004!***

NBE SCORE REPORT	
EXAM TYPE	SCORE
ARTS	75
SCIENCE	<u>75</u>
<b>PASS!</b>	

# Convention Guest Speakers

***Pam Brinegar*** is the Executive Director of the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation - an international association of regulatory officials and others involved with professional licensing issues. Ms. Brinegar's background includes serving as a Senior Health Policy Analyst with The Council of State Governments and as the first Director of the National Association of State Controlled Substance Authorities. She is the co-author of *Telepractice and Professional Licensing: A Guide for Legislators* and author of numerous articles and chapters dealing with North American and international professional regulatory issues.



***Dr. Andrew Falcone*** is the Director of Research and Development for Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc. (AMP), and has served as the Program Director for the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards examination program since 1994. He has been with AMP since 1992, and holds a PhD in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from the Illinois Institute of Technology-Chicago. Dr. Falcone has recently co-authored a chapter on setting examination cut scores, is a member of the American Psychological Association, the Society for Industrial/Organizational Psychologists, Inc., and is a licensed Psychologist in the State of Missouri.

***Peter H. Drumm***



# 100th Annual Convention - Tentative

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

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

1:00 p.m.-Open Board of Directors Meeting  
Room TBA

Thursday, April 22, 2004

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Examination Committee  
Arts - Room TBA  
Sciences - Room TBA

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. National Exam  
Liaison Committee  
Room TBA( Adams Mark Hotel)

1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. ABFSE Executive Committee  
Meeting  
Room TBA (Adams Mark Hotel)

4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. ABFSE, ICFSEB,  
NFDA, & NFDMA,  
Officers Meeting  
Room TBA (Adams Mark Hotel)

Friday, April 23, 2004

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Examination Committee  
Arts - Room TBA  
Sciences - Room TBA

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

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

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

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

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. ABFSE Awards Luncheon  
See ABFSE Agenda - Adams Mark Hotel

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ABFSE Annual Meeting  
See ABFSE Agenda - Adams Mark Hotel

3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Tour of St. Louis Community  
College @ Forest Park

6:00 p.m. ABFSE Reception

Saturday, April 24, 2004

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

*Opening Session of the 100th Annual Convention*

12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Luncheon  
Welcome & Call to Order  
Mr. John J. Kazlauskas President  
The International Conference of  
Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc  
Room TBA

Convention Committee Appointments  
Credentials Committee  
Audit Committee

Roll Call and Credentials Committee Report  
Mr. John D. Runsvold, Secretary  
The International Conference of  
Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc.

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

Prayer of Remembrance

Greetings to Convention Delegates  
ABFSE, NFDA, NFDMA, MO State Board

1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. President's Address to the  
Convention  
Mr. John J. Kazlauskas, President  
The International Conference of  
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Saturday, April 24, 2004, continued

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pam Brinegar, Exec. Director  
Council on Licensure Enforcement & Regulation

3:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Update on CBT  
Dalene Paull, Executive Director  
The International Conference of  
Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc.

4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. District Meetings &  
Elections to the Board of Directors  
For Districts 3, 5, and 9

Districts 1 & 3 (Kazlauskas & Kenney) - Room TBA  
Districts 2 & 4 (Brush & Obarzanek) - Room TBA  
Districts 5 & 7 (Woodard & Muhleisen) - Room  
TBA  
Districts 6, 8, & 9 (Runsvold, Michelotti, &  
Whitney) - Room TBA

5:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting  
Room TBA

6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Board of Directors  
Photographs  
President's Suite

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The Vice President's Reception  
In honor of John J. Michelotti  
& the 2003-2004 Committee Members  
Room TBA

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. President's Banquet  
In Honor of John J. Kazlauskas  
Installation of Officers  
Distinguished Service Award  
Distinguished Academic Achievements  
Room TBA

**Sunday, April 25, 2004**

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Past President's Meeting  
Room TBA

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Current Regulatory Cases  
& Attorney General Opinions  
Peter H. Drumm, Legal Counsel  
The International Conference of  
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Room TBA

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Standardized Examinations,  
Development, Legal Validity, & Scoring  
Dr. Andrew Falcone,  
Applied Measurement Professionals

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Examination Security,  
Intellectual Property Interests,  
Examples of Breaches  
Peter H. Drumm, Legal Counsel  
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of Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. TBA  
Room TBA

12:15 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Luncheon & General Business  
Report of the Examination Committee  
Patrick Obarzanek, Chairman  
John Chew, Co- Chairman  
Report of the Finance and Audit Committee  
John D. Runsvold, Chairman

Report of the Education Committee  
John J. Kazlauskas, Chairman

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

Report of Professional Policy Committee  
Louis Muhleisen, Chairman

Report of the Strategic Planning Committee  
David J. Benke, Chairman

District Reports  
District Representatives

Report of the Association of  
Executives of Funeral Service Boards  
Joseph Richer, President

Report of the International Task Force  
John J. Kazluaksas

Closing Remarks & Adjournment  
of the 100th Annual Convention  
Mr. John J. Kazlauskas, Past President  
The International Conference  
of Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc.



## The National Board Examination (NBE) Performance Data 3rd Trimester Results (September 2003 - December 2003)

\* All scores (except KR20) are reported as scaled scores.  
KR20 adjusted for 150-item test using the Spearman-Brown Prophecy Formula.

<i>ARTS N=618</i>	<i>ARTS TOTAL</i>	<i>SOCIO/ FUN SER HIST</i>	<i>PSYCH</i>	<i>FUNER DIR</i>	<i>BUS LAW</i>	<i>FUNER SER LAW</i>	<i>FUNER SER MER</i>	<i>ACCT/ COMP</i>
No. of Items	150	21	21	27	24	21	21	15
Mean	78.32	76.95	84.74	76.12	78.07	74.43	76.84	83.01
Median	78.87	75.93	85.70	76.54	76.57	74.28	77.01	85.36
Stand. Dev.	7.23	10.05	8.67	9.00	8.58	10.95	11.16	10.57
Stand. Error of Meas.	2.53	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Minimum	54.04	48.50	57.13	47.28	50.32	41.28	42.29	45.89
Maximum	95.59	99.93	99.98	99.95	96.98	99.95	100.00	100.00
KR20	.88	.58	.55	.48	.51	.58	.55	**
KR20*	NA	.91	.90	.84	.87	.91	.90	**

<i>SCIENCES N=683</i>	<i>SCIENCES TOTAL</i>	<i>EMBAL</i>	<i>REST ART</i>	<i>MICRO</i>	<i>PATH</i>	<i>CHEM</i>	<i>ANAT</i>	<i>ARTS &amp; SCIENCES N=574</i>
No. of Items	150	36	36	18	24	18	18	300
Mean	75.92	77.72	80.58	69.81	76.23	72.68	76.86	77.87
Median	76.72	78.90	82.57	68.56	75.59	74.44	73.48	79.00
Stand. Dev.	9.04	12.00	8.96	12.96	11.05	11.49	12.97	7.73
Stand. Error of Meas.	2.71	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Minimum	46.84	36.68	40.88	28.06	37.09	40.21	37.92	50.50
Maximum	96.64	100.00	97.94	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	96.50
KR20	.91	.74	.68	**	.65	**	**	NA
KR20*	NA	.92	.90	**	.92	**	**	NA

<i>EXAMINEE STATUS</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>PASS</i>	<i>FAIL</i>
<i>FIRST-TIME</i>			
Arts	491	79.23% (389)	20.77% (102)
Sciences	489	73.01% (357)	26.99% (132)
Arts & Sciences	485	77.11% (374)	22.89% (111)
<i>RETAKE</i>			
Arts	127	29.92% (38)	70.08% (89)
Sciences	194	17.01% (33)	82.99% (161)
Arts & Sciences	89	19.10% (17)	80.90% (72)
<i>FIRST-TIME and RETAKE COMBINED</i>			
Arts	618	69.09% (427)	30.91% (191)
Sciences	683	57.10% (390)	42.90% (293)
Arts & Sciences	574	68.12% (391)	31.88% (183)



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