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*Move Forward and Open New Doors*

*The 110th Annual Meeting to be Held in Orlando, Florida*

**A**s we near the end of 2013, The Conference is pleased to invite you to *Move Forward and Open New Doors* in regulation at the 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. This year’s meeting promises to be an informative and productive event and will take place February 26 and 27, 2014 at the Caribe Royale All Suites Hotel.

Located on 53 lush, tropical acres, the Caribe Royale provides numerous amenities to make your business travel a



The Caribe Royale

pleasurable stay. Less than 20 miles from the Orlando International Airport, this luxurious property offers five diverse dining options including the elegant AAA Four Diamond, fine dining restaurant, The Venetian Room, and complimentary shuttle service to all four Walt Disney World theme parks as well as Downtown Disney in the evening and Orlando Premium Outlets. A special hotel room rate of \$159 per night with no resort fees and complimentary in-suite wireless has been arranged for The Conference meeting attendees.



Caribe Royale Guestroom

In response to the 2014 Annual Meeting topic survey, an outstanding array of subjects and presentations have been planned based on your recommendations. The two-day meeting will feature keynote speaker, Susan Meyerle, Ph.D., and her presentation on “*The Motivated Regulator.*” Other presentations include: a model practice act discussion, unlicensed activity, alkaline hydrolysis regulation, legislative updates and licensure portability. Please see page 4 for the full Annual Meeting agenda.

Attendees will not want to miss the extended networking reception on Wednesday evening, which will feature a

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Orlando, Florida

# The Conference Continues Popular Programs

## Board Member Training Program Set

The Conference is pleased to provide the board member training program again this year in conjunction with the 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. The seminar will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and continue through Wednesday morning, February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Caribe Royale All Suites Hotel in Orlando, Florida.

The Board Member Training Program is designed to help new members of regulatory boards become familiar with the roles and responsibilities of serving on a funeral service regulatory board. The training program is open to any member of any board regardless of how many years served. The overall goal of the Board Member Training Program is to educate funeral service regulatory board members in becoming an informed regulatory assembly of leaders with a public-protection mindset. The attendees will be provided with interactive scenarios that highlight the day-to-day complications regulatory boards are faced with. Participants will be asked to assess the situation, determine a cause of action, and make recommendations to the entire group on what should be done.

Richard Dugger, President of the Oklahoma Funeral Board and graduate

of the 2013 board training seminar in Henderson, NV, stated that “the board training and interaction with fellow regulatory board members from around the country was great. The training provided valuable insight that every board member needs to be a better educated and prepared board member.” The Oklahoma Funeral Board was one of 10 jurisdictions represented at the training seminars held in Henderson, NV and Arlington, VA in February and July this year.

There are limited spots available! Please visit the board member training page at [www.theconferenceonline.org/events](http://www.theconferenceonline.org/events) for more information and the registration form or contact the office at 479-442-7076.



(Left to right) Victor March of Maryland, Mack Smith of Kansas, John Evans of Kentucky, and Collin Follis of Missouri at the Board Member Training Seminar in Arlington.

## 2013 Graduates of The Conference's Board Member Training Program:

Peter Burke, *North Carolina*  
Robert Burns, *Arkansas*  
Gary Clark, *Washington*  
Kevin Cyrus, *District of Columbia*  
Richard Dugger, *Oklahoma*  
John Evans, *Kentucky*  
Harry Fletcher, *Delaware*  
Collin Follis, *Missouri*  
Eddie Hawkins, *Arkansas*  
Hank Kerns, *Washington*  
Cindy Longanacre, *Oklahoma*  
Victor March, *Maryland*  
Ron Messenger, *Washington*  
Mike Phenix, *Oklahoma*  
Diane Shaffer, *Nevada*  
Mark Temple, *Oklahoma*  
Bobby Thurman, *Arkansas*  
James "Terry" Woodard, *Arkansas*

## Now Accepting Delegate Grant Program Applications

The Delegate Grant Program for the upcoming Annual Meeting will be available for the second year. The Board of Directors is dedicated to the goal of full participation by the member boards in the Annual Meeting of the delegate assembly. Through the program, The Conference provides the opportunity to apply for assistance to attend the Annual Meeting.

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## Examination Fee Reminder

As a reminder to our member boards and to the accredited mortuary science education programs, as of January 1, 2014, examination fees are as follows:

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| -National Board Examination (Full) - \$500  | -State Board Examination Arts - \$200              |
| -National Board Examination Arts - \$250    | -State Board Examination Science - \$200           |
| -National Board Examination Science - \$250 | -Laws, Rules & Regulations - please check by state |

For applicants who submitted examination fees before January 1, 2014, but are scheduled to take the exam after that date, the remainder of the fee can be submitted via order form or cashier's check/money order.

# 2014 Registration Form - 110th Annual Meeting

Caribe Royale—Orlando, FL - February 26-27, 2014

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Your contact information will be shared with other attendees. If you do NOT want your contact information shared, please contact The Conference staff.**

## BOARD MEMBER TRAINING PROGRAM:

2/25/14 2:00—6:00 PM & 2/26/14 8:00—11:30 AM

Yes, register me for the board member training session.

*Note: You will also need to submit the separate board member training registration form.*

**Pre-conference session on Wednesday morning, February 26, 2014. Please select if you plan on attending:**

Funeral Service Administrators Forum (7:30—11:30 AM)  
(Association of Executives of Funeral Service Boards)

Examination Services Forum (10:30—11:30 AM)

**Please remember you are responsible for making your own hotel reservations.**

Contact the **Caribe Royale** no later than **January 24, 2014** at **888-258-7501**

Mention that you are with **The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards** to ensure the guestroom rate of \$159 (plus tax & fees).

## 2014 REGISTRATION FEES:

*Early Bird Fees: Through December 31, 2013*  
(\$25 addition to each registration after 12/31/13)

ICFSEB Member: \$ 300.00  
*(includes Associate Members)*

Additional Member Registrations: \$ 275.00  
*(\$275 for each additional)*

Non-Member: \$ 400.00

Board Member Training: \$ 100.00

## GUEST FEES:

### FUNCTION:

2/26 — Opening Session & Luncheon \$30.00/person

2/26 — Networking Reception \$40.00/person

2/27 — Awards Luncheon \$30.00/person

Guest(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Total Guest Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2014 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## METHOD OF PAYMENT:

Check (Make payable to "The Conference")

Visa  MasterCard  Discover

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (mm/yy) CSC \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Registration forms SUBMITTED TOGETHER from the same regulatory board or school will qualify for a discount. The first registration is \$300, All additional registrations will be \$275. Early Bird Registration Form & Payment must be received by **12/31/2013**.

Are you a licensed Funeral Service Practitioner subject to Continuing Education Requirements?  Yes  No

Please list state(s) you are licensed in:

# 110th Annual Convention Agenda

## *Caribe Royale—Orlando, Florida*

### *Tuesday, February 25, 2014*

2:00 pm–6:00 pm Board Member Training

### *Wednesday, February 26, 2014*

7:30 am–10:00 am Convention Registration

7:30 am–11:30 am Funeral Service  
Administrators Forum (AEFSB)

8:00 am–11:30 am Board Member Training

10:30 am–11:30 am Examination Services Forum  
*Sarah Gill, Examination Services  
The Conference*

11:45 am–12:30 pm The Motivated Regulator  
*Susan Meyerle, Ph.D.  
Personal Effectiveness Professional*

12:30 pm–1:45 pm Business Meeting  
& Luncheon of the  
110th Annual Convention  
(Welcome, Roll-call, & Intros)

2:00 pm–3:00 pm Model Practice Act Discussion

3:00 pm–3:50 pm Unlicensed Activity  
*Robert Carter, Board Member  
Ohio Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors*

4:00 pm–5:00 pm Recent Cases & What  
We Need to Learn From Them  
*Dale Atkinson, Atkinson & Atkinson*

5:30 pm–7:00 pm Networking Reception

### *Thursday, February 27, 2014*

7:00 am–8:00 am Past Presidents Breakfast

8:15 am–9:15 am Alkaline Hydrolysis Regulation  
*Sandy Mahon, Registrar  
Funeral & Cremation Services Council of Saskatchewan*

9:15 am–10:15 am Legislative Updates  
*Dale Atkinson, Atkinson & Atkinson*

10:30 am–12:00 pm District Meetings

12:00 pm–12:30 pm Board of Directors  
Meeting and Photos

12:30 pm–2:00 pm Awards Luncheon  
& Reports

*District Reports  
AEFSB Report  
Current Issues in Mortuary Education Report  
President's Distinguished Service Award  
Recognition of Board members  
Recognition of President  
Installation of Board of Directors  
Installation of Officers for 2014–2015  
Presentation of Gavel*

2:00 pm–2:15 pm Break

2:15 pm–3:15 pm Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC)  
*Jim Puente, Associate  
National Council of State Boards of Nursing*

3:15 pm–3:45 pm Licensure Portability  
*Deborah Orecki, Director  
New York Dept. of Health, Bureau of Funeral Directing*

3:45 pm–5:15 pm Group Exercise  
*Dinner on your own*

## Annual Meeting *Continued*

unique opportunity to get to know their colleagues.

More information on the upcoming meeting is available on our website, including hotel reservation and registration details, the tentative agenda, and important deadlines. Please visit [www.theconferenceonline.org](http://www.theconferenceonline.org), and click on “Annual Meeting” under “Events” for more information. An early bird registration fee of \$300 is available for attendees who register before December 31, 2013. Additional attendees can register for \$275 each. Registrations received after that date will be charged the on-site fee of \$325. For more information regarding the meeting, contact Lauren Thomas at [services@theconferenceonline.org](mailto:services@theconferenceonline.org) or 479-442-7076 Ext. 6.

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## Delegate Grant *Continued*

The number of grants are limited and will be awarded by the Board of Directors. The delegate(s) accepted must adhere to the policies and procedures of the Delegate Grant Program.

More information on the Delegate Grant Program including the policies and procedures of the program, and the formal application can be found on the Annual Meeting page on The Conference’s website. All applications are due by December 31, 2013.

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## Continuing Education Credits

The Conference is an approved provider of continuing education credits for many of our member jurisdictions. This year, The Conference will host the 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida on February 26 -27, 2014, at The Caribe Royale. As an added service to our attendees, we provide continuing education credits/units for the programs included in the convention agenda (see the 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting agenda on page 4).

The upcoming meeting will provide a thought-provoking, educational environment to attendees that will feature speakers, presentations, and seminars focusing on funeral service regulation. In addition, district meetings and open forums will also be held, giving attendees the opportunity to discuss regulatory issues, trends, and areas of interest in funeral service.

### *This and That*

#### *38th Annual FARB Forum*

The 38th Annual FARB Forum will be held Friday, January 24, 2014 through Sunday, January 26, 2014 at the Omni Austin Downtown, in Austin, Texas.

It is FARB’s 40th Anniversary! In celebration of the FARB mission of promoting excellence in regulation, the 2014 FARB Forum Friday Focus will take an in-depth look at the future of regulation. Sessions will address the past, present, and future of the regulatory community; focusing on regulatory structure, self-evaluation tools, sunset review, legislative perspectives and a capstone session addressing portability.

The Forum Saturday Focus will reveal what is new in qualifications for licensure. Attendees will explore education admissions, online approaches to education, what is new in accreditation and new assessment mechanisms for examinations.

In addition, the Forum Sunday will include the popular annual presentations of New Legislation Affecting the Regulatory Community and Top Recent Regulatory Cases. For more information on the 38th Annual FARB Forum, including registration details, please visit [www.farb.org](http://www.farb.org).

#### *Disney World Ticket Discount*

Planning on visiting one of the Disney parks, but don’t want to pay the full rate for a half day? Disney offers exclusive afternoon (*After 2pm & After 4pm*) tickets and special discounted multi-day tickets to meeting & convention groups that are not available at the ticket windows. For special offers, please visit [www.mydisneymeetings.com/caribe](http://www.mydisneymeetings.com/caribe). As Walt Disney would say, this offer provides you with the opportunity to “whistle while you work.”

If you are a regulatory board and would like to accept continuing education credits from The Conference, please submit the appropriate documentation. Jurisdictions that previously accepted CEU’s from the Annual Meeting include:

Arizona	Kansas	New Mexico
Arkansas	Kentucky	North Carolina
Florida	Louisiana	Oklahoma
Illinois	Minnesota	Virginia
Indiana	Nebraska	Washington

Our goal is to be as inclusive as possible and provide a program that exceeds the standards of your jurisdiction. For more information, please contact The Conference office at 479-442-7076.

# NBE Quarterly Statistics

*January 1, 2013 - September 30, 2013*

## National Board Arts Examination

	Total Tested	Pass #	Pass %	Fail #	Fail %	Absent #
First Time	1364	999	72%	365	27%	16
Repeater	433	166	38%	267	62%	19
Total	1797	1165	65%	632	35%	35

## National Board Science Examination

	Total Tested	Pass #	Pass %	Fail #	Fail %	Absent #
First Time	1345	1027	78%	318	24%	12
Repeater	359	143	40%	216	60%	23
Total	1704	1170	69%	534	31%	35

For a full listing of quarterly stats, please visit  
[www.theconferenceonline.org/resources/nbe-statistics](http://www.theconferenceonline.org/resources/nbe-statistics)

**Please Take the Customer Satisfaction Survey**

**Online at:**

<http://theconferenceonline.org/Survey.shtml>

**Thank You!**



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## Upcoming Jurisdiction Board Meetings

- Arizona - 11/19, 12/12
- Delaware - 12/31
- Florida - 12/5
- Washington D.C. - 11/7, 12/5
- Georgia - 11/12, 12/10
- Idaho - 1/14-1/15/2014
- Illinois - 12/20
- Iowa - 12/12
- Kentucky - 11/5, 12/10
- Maine - 11/12
- Massachusetts - 11/5, 11/26, 12/3, 12/17
- Montana - 11/13
- Nebraska - 11/18
- New Jersey - 12/3
- Ohio - 11/18-11/19, 12/16-12/17, 1/13-1/14/2014
- Oklahoma - 11/14, 12/12
- Oregon - 11/19
- Rhode Island - 12/10
- South Carolina - 12/12
- Tennessee - 11/21, 12/11
- Vermont - 11/12, 12/10
- Wisconsin - 11/5
- Washington - 12/11
- Saskatchewan - 11/28, 12/19

\* The Conference welcomes any contributions you might share from your jurisdictions. Please submit items to [info@theconferenceonline.org](mailto:info@theconferenceonline.org).