



AFCCA Board of Directors Meeting
Zoom

Thursday, July 9, 2020
10:30 AM – 11:30 PM

In attendance:

Board of Directors

Ethan Bueler, President
Joseph Stone, Vice President
Dan Salter, Secretary
Hallie Lang
Renee Corbelli
Don Runyon
Steve Handley

Absent

Steve Palmer, Treasurer
Hillary Adair
Patricia Rodriguez
Greg Coury
Russell Persinger
Donna Backhaus
Stephanie McNaughton

Guests

Amie Gazda
Judith Stapley

Staff

Heather Long, Executive Director

Call to Order

Meeting Called to order at 10:05 AM by President, Ethan Bueler

Reports

1. Secretary’s Report

Daniel Salter presented the May 2020 and the Annual Members Meeting Minutes to the board.

A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from May 2020 was made by Joseph Stone. A second was made by Renee Corbelli. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the June 18 Member’s Meeting was made by Joseph Stone. A second was made by Renee Corbelli. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer’s Report

Heather Long presented the financial reports for last fiscal year.

A motion was made to accept the 2019-2020 Fiscal year Financials was made by Joseph Stone. A second was made by Daniel Salter. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Legislative Report

- a. Responsible Funeral Director (RFD) – Whether an RFD should hold both a Funeral Director and Embalmer license pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1382 (A) (3)

Currently the way the statute is written, it states that an RFD only needs to hold a Funeral Director license, without an embalmer license. This issue has arisen due to licensing

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reciprocity as well as the dual licensing legislation that went into effect last year. Essentially, the person in charge of your funeral home does not have to be a licensed embalmer or could have limited education depending on the state they came from.

Changes to the below statutes to include "and licensed embalmer" will need to be submitted.

- 32-1301
- 32-1382 (A) (3)

SCI's lobbyist has agreed to support with rewriting the legislation.

A motion was made to have John Mangum and Trish Hart to act on our behalf to change the legislature was made by Joseph Stone. A second was made by Don Runyon. The motion carried unanimously.

4. National Updates

NFDA – Leadership Summit has been moved to virtual. The International Conference has also been moved virtual

CANA – Crematory Operators Training/Certification Virtual – AFCCA Members receive \$100 off registration

5. Supplier Representative Report

Nothing new to report

6. Foundation for Children Report

Not much to report. Kids have not been in school, so no requests have been coming in. We are looking at ways to help at a state level.

Fundraiser in August has been postponed.

7. Education Report

Possible 2020 Graduation off campus in November, but nothing official yet.

Business Items

1. 2020 Virtual Conference Recap

Overall, we had 22 members attend all or some of the webinars. We had 13 vendors participate in the virtual expo. Overall feedback was that this was well received. Most importantly, it was profitable.

Heather's take away was that we should offer more online courses/webinars and offer virtual options for in person meetings as well.



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2. Board Seats

Russ Persinger is in the crematory seat on the board and is no longer employed at a crematory. Don Runyon is in a Funeral seat, but also works at a firm with a crematory and he was willing to swap seats with Russel. Both have matching board terms.

A motion was made to swap board chair seats between Russell Persinger, putting him in a Funeral Seat and Don Runyon, putting him the crematory seat was made by Dan Salter. A second was made by Joseph Stone. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Other Business

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 PM by President, Ethan Bueler.

Next Board Meeting – August 13, 2020, Location TBD