

Thank you for giving everyone the opportunity for input.

Consider offering CEU's for these meetings, board members give out excellent information

I've learned a great deal from reading the current regulations, perhaps the CEU educators could offer a course on Massachusetts Funeral Regulations

Please consider a Facebook page, something the chairman could manage for communications and timely input from licensees and the citizenry

Providing food and beverages, we love the coffee, Massachusetts's Keurig Corporation must be happy too. I understand many of my colleagues dislike the food and beverage option because their clients are questioning why don't you have coffee and it can get messy but overall keeping it simple has worked well. People have been bringing their own coffee or soda for generations. To suggest more restaurant grade equipment will only push funeral service more into the restaurant business and push the restaurants into funeral service

Advertising insisting the funeral director's license number appear in non-obituary advertising is a must, consider effective measures to keep non licensed operations from advertising such as national/global disposition companies and negotiators regulated.

Management of pre needs, consider showcasing what you expect to see in your reports, in a way you can understand it, my board experience shows me when we have a new manager, bookkeeping looks different. A synopsis of what disclosures are might be helpful even a youtube to help people understand disclosures. It's important that people know where their money is, and what will happen to it, but it's just as important that the client is not confused. A good sized loophole is funeral home owned life insurance policies, very often people will make the funeral home the owner of a whole life policy, use of the preneed asset is not against your regulations, it is difficult to know how many life insurance policies a funeral home owns, enabling the funeral home to cash in or borrow on the policy and nobody knows.

Funeral home closure, a large tarp covering the funeral home sign so you cannot read it the funeral home sign is a magnet for business, can't blame someone for going in and pre paying their funeral off, better still take down the sign, put a yellow bumper sticker on all entrances, funeral home closed with a phone number for questions or issues, the department of revenue requires posts on buildings. Or perhaps the state board should contact the town/city manager of a loss of licensure of an establishment, how else would City or Town Hall know a community funeral home was shut down.

can we get a copy of the draft of the preneed report before it becomes finalized

Apprentice Embalmer – means any individual engaged in learning the practice of embalming under the instruction and personal supervision of a duly registered embalmer; provided that no individual shall serve as an apprentice embalmer until he has been registered as such by the Board pursuant to 239 CMR 3.02. An apprentice embalmer registration shall not be renewed after six years from the date the registration was initially granted. Individuals who were registered prior to the effective date of these regulations shall be permitted to renew registrations in excess of six years up until Nov. 1, 2014.

of care, after talking to a few cemetery superintendents and they have no oversight other than their once a year board meeting if they even have a board.

Consider regulating crematories, how do we know the cremated remains we are getting back are of those we entrusted to their care, why can't a funeral home operate their own crematory.

We need a Board of Funeral Directors and Citizens, we appreciate the countless hours and dedication to our profession you give us. We need regulations to keep funeral professionals on an honorable course, and the keep dishonest people out of our profession.

If I can help you in any way or if you have a question please call my cell phone 677-
Thank you for your service to the public and our profession

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