

MINUTES
October 19, 2010 TELECONFERENCE
1400 West Washington, Basement Conference Room B-1

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Munden, Secretary
Phyllis Rowe, Member
Samuel Bueler, Member
James Ahearne, Member

TELECONFERENCE: Martin Crist, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Reverend Shindel, President
Monsignor O'Keefe, Member

STAFF PRESENT: Rodolfo Thomas, Executive Director
Alex Estrada, Licensing Administrator
Patricia Keith, Programs & Project Specialist

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:
Keely Versteegen, Asst. Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER
John Munden called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

II. MINUTES
James Ahearne motioned to approve the minutes of September 21, 2010. Phyllis Rowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0).

III. LICENSING
By motion and second, and motion carrying, the following actions occurred relative to applications for licensure subject to the conditions noted:

NAME	TYPE OF LICENSE	ACTION	MOTION BY	SECOND BY
*William E. Pineres	Funeral Director, Embalmer	Approved 5-0	Bueler	Rowe
*Paul S. Damron	Reinstate Funeral Director, Embalmer	Approved 5-0	Bueler	Crist
*Karen I. Rickson	Intern	Approved 5-0	Rowe	Bueler
*Monica H. Torres	Intern	Approved 5-0	Bueler	Crist
*Vickie L. Roper	Intern	Approved 5-0	Bueler	Ahearne
*Cassandra A. Casey-Khneiger	Cremationist	Approved 5-0	Crist	Bueler

- * William E. Pineres appeared before the Board.
- * Paul S. Damron appeared before the Board.
- * Karen I. Rickson did not attend the Board meeting.
- * Monica H. Torres appeared before the Board.
- * Vickie L. Roper appeared before the Board.
- *Cassandra A. Casey-Khneiger appeared before the Board.

IV. GENERAL

Executive Director Thomas discussed a policy memorandum prepared by the Department of Health Services (DHS) concerning dispositions handled by someone other than a funeral establishment. The Memorandum was initially completed without feedback from critical stakeholders such as the Medical Examiners Office, County Vital Offices and the Funeral Board. After being contacted by Michele Martinez, Administrator for Maricopa Vital Records, Executive Thomas was requested to attend to voice the concerns of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers. The purpose of this memo was in response to Green Burials and the increase in requests to handle final dispositions by residents based upon the economy and rising funeral costs. Executive Thomas recommendations to be noted in the memorandums were (1) The problems with storage of remains after the 24 hour period. (2) The possibility of persons making funeral arranging and directing for compensation in violation of current statutes. (3) To advise those who choose to handle final disposition that the cremation of remains through a licensed crematory must be arranged by a funeral establishment and remains being handled by someone other than a funeral establishment cannot be taken directly to a crematory. Executive Thomas further stated that modifications in the initial memorandum will be made and if there were any other concerns by Board members to inform him now. Executive Thomas will share all activities in this matter with the Board as soon as he receives additional information.

IV. ADJOURN

There being no other business, Sam Bueler moved to adjourn at 9:25 a.m. Phyllis Rowe seconded the motion (5-0).

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Rodolfo Thomas
Executive Director

APPROVED BY:

Phyllis Rowe, Member

John Munden, Secretary

James Ahearne, Member

Samuel Bueler, Member

Martin Crist, Member