



# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## *Please Pardon our Progress*

Some features on the Board's website have been disabled since October 1, 2019. Features, such as the license verification link and the "Online Services" link, have been disabled due to the installation of a new licensure system. The new system will allow for licensees to renew, monitor continuing educations, update profiles, it will also allow for all forms (including first time applications) to be entered directly into the system from an applicant or licensee's profile page, and communicate the status of an application and/or form.

The Board would like to thank all new applicants, licensees, and continuing education providers who have attempted to conduct business with the Board, for being patient with us through this process. User instruction will be emailed to all licensees in the coming weeks.

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## *Board Meeting*

The Board will hold its Second regular meeting of fiscal year 2020 on **January 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** in Room 304 of the Alabama State House. Matters or subjects not on the agenda are not guaranteed for discussion at the meeting. **Licensees who attend the quarterly board meeting will receive hour for hour CE Credits for attending.**

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## *Board of Directors*

Mark N. Craddock, Chair  
*District One*

Lorenzo Wright, Treasurer  
*District Two*

Lance Brooks  
*District 3*

Bart Kirtland  
*District Four*

John C. Rudder, Secretary  
*District Five*

Calvin Meadows, Vice-Chair  
*District Six*

Annie Bushelon-Holt  
*District Seven*

Ed Hines  
*Consumer Member*

Bobby Burt  
*Consumer Member*

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## *Examination*

The Alabama Board of Funeral Service has certified the following individuals with The Conference as having met the qualifications to take the Alabama State Law Exam and the Alabama Funeral Director and/or Embalmer Exam:

*Rachell S. Cotton*

*Constance S. Hendricks*

*Lacey G. Bovaird*

*Sherica B. Hatcher*

*Malcom D. Vincent**Amy M. Steltenpohl**Jimmy T. Kimbrough**Larry W. Livingston*

Steps to taking the Alabama State Art, Science, or Law exam:

1. Submit application to the Board office for permanent license.
2. Eligibility will be verified and sent to The Conference by the Board staff.
3. Applicants must then go to The Conference website at [www.theconferenceonline.org](http://www.theconferenceonline.org) to submit their exam application and payment.
4. Please keep in mind, processing takes anywhere from 2-3 business days. The Conference must have your eligibility, application, and payment to schedule. You will be notified through email once you have been processed and you are able to schedule.

## *The Conference*

The Funeral Director and Embalmer's exams are given by The Conference through Pearson VUE testing centers at five locations statewide. The exam fees and applications are to be submitted by the applicant to The Conference. The state license fees, applications, and affidavits shall be submitted to the Board office.

The Conference: [www.theconferenceonline.org](http://www.theconferenceonline.org)

Phone: 479-442-7076

Pearson VUE:      Birmingham              Decatur              Dothan              Mobile              Montgomery  
                                  205-982-2063      256-552-0667      334-671-7007      251-343-2601      334-409-9355

## *State Law Exam*

The 2020 dates for the LRR Exam and the deadline for registration are as follows:

<b>Alabama State Laws, Rules, and Regulations (LRR) Exam Schedule</b>	
<b>Deadline to Qualify</b>	<b>Exam Date</b>
January 7, 2020	January 14, 2020
February 3, 2020	February 10, 2020
March 2, 2020	March 9, 2020
April 7, 2020	April 14, 2020
May 4, 2020	May 11, 2020
June 2, 2020	June 8, 2020
July 2, 2020	July 9, 2020
August 3, 2020	August 10, 2020
September 2, 2020	September 9, 2020
October 2, 2020	October 9, 2020
November 2, 2020	November 9, 2020
December 1, 2020	December 8, 2020

**\*Funeral Director/Embalmer LRR Exam Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**\*Cremationist Exam Time: 10:30 a.m.**

**\*The candidate must arrive at the exam location no later than 30 minutes prior to the exam.**



At the last meeting, the Board approved the following for licensure:

**Funeral Director**

Dantez Robinson

Matthew A. Ledbetter

Alexandria K. Fowler

Tiffany S. Button

Richard A. Handley

Samuel W. Napier

**Embalmer**

Aubrey L. Larkin, Jr.

**Cremationist**

Anthony Kelsey

Derek L. Wright

Edward M. Ayres

Steven J. O'Connor

Brooke E. Camp

Brian O. Carr

**Funeral Director & Embalmer**

Mark A. Povey, Jr

Jason C. Cagle

Charles Walton

Arthur Holley

Allison Lesley

Jasmine Y. McRoy

Wilburn L. Lawson

Elizabeth A. Stephens

William D. Taylor

Rhett G. Morrison

**Reactivation**

Funeral Director & Embalmer: 1

**Establishments**

Saints Funeral Home

New

Florence

Divine Memorial Mortuary

New

Ozark

Luverne Mortuary

New

Luverne

Wright's Funeral Home &  
Crematory

New

Headland

Nichols Funeral Home	Buyout	Double Springs
Nichols Funeral Home and Hillcrest Crematory	Buyout	Addison
Nichols Funeral Home	Buyout	Haleyville
Hayes Funeral Home	Buyout	Elba
Blountsville Funeral Home	Buyout	Blountsville

**Laws, Rules, and Regulations Exam**  
**(September 1, 2019 – December 1, 2019)**

**Background Checks**  
**FY20 as of December 1, 2019**      **YTD**

Given: 32 Passed: 28 Failed: 4

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<i>Active Licenses as of November 1, 2019</i>						
<i>Establishments</i>	<i>Mortuary Service</i>	<i>Funeral Directors</i>	<i>Embalmers</i>	<i>Practical Embalmers</i>	<i>Apprentice Funeral Directors</i>	<i>Apprentice Embalmers</i>
466	2	1517	838	50	159	97
<i>Crematory</i>	<i>Cremationist</i>					
60	190					

## Continuing Education Providers

### Onsite Providers

**Academy of Graduate Embalmers**

P.O. Box 1248  
Dallas, GA 30132  
770.445.3180  
staff@ageg.org

**Alabama Funeral Directors Association**

#7 Clayton St. #200  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
334.956.8000  
alabamafda.org

**Funeral Directors Life Insurance Company**

6550 Directors Parkway  
Abilene, TX 79606  
678.522.1845  
terri.bannister@funeraldirectorslife.com

**International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association**

107 Carpenter Dr. Suite 100  
Sterling, VA 20164  
703.391.8400  
danielo@iccfa.com

**Jefferson County Funeral Directors and Mortician Association**

115 62<sup>nd</sup> St  
Fairfield, AL 35064  
205.746.4153  
Fredrickscott131@bellsouth.net

**Life Celebration**

125 Hartman Road  
North Wales, PA 19454  
888.887.3782  
bgivnish@lifecelebration.com

**National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, Inc.**

6290 Shannon Parkway  
Union City, GA 30291  
770.969.0064  
membership@nfda.com

**Smalls Mortuary Inc. and Cremation Services**

8822 County Rd 64  
Daphne, AL 36526  
251.990.3929  
smallsmortuary.com

**The Independent Funeral Group**

503 National Drive  
Maryville, TN 37804  
865.997.0027  
info@theindependentfuneralgroup.com

**Alabama Board of Funeral Service**

P O Box 309522  
Montgomery, AL 36130  
334.242.4070  
denise.grogan@fsb.alabama.gov

**Environmental Biological Services, LLC**

3813 4<sup>th</sup> Terrace North  
Birmingham AL 35222  
205.445.1037  
johnf@ebsalabama.com

**Georgia Funeral Directors Association**

P O Box 1865  
Roswell, GA 3007  
770.592.8002  
christie@gfda.org

**International Order of the Golden Rule**

9101 Burnet Road  
Suite 120  
Austin, TX 78758  
512.334.5504  
jridlesperger@org.org

**Jefferson State Community College**

2601 Carson Road  
Birmingham, AL 35215  
205.856.7847  
vriley@jeffersonstate.edu

**Matthews Aurora Funeral Solutions**

10944 Marsh Road  
Aurora IN 47001  
812.926.5684  
mrussell@matw.com

**National Funeral Directors Association**

13625 Bishop's Drive  
Brookfield, WI 53005  
800.228.6332  
nfda.org

**Stericycle, Inc.**

342 Robin Hill Drive  
Williamsville, NY 14221-1638  
716.435.8179  
RLBestNY@gmail.com

**Alabama Funeral Directors & Morticians Association, Inc.**

PO Box 2687  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403

**Funeral Compliance, LLC**

P O Box 20818  
Knoxville, TN 37940  
865.405.7085  
brad@365osha.com

**Homesteaders Life Company**

5700 Westown Pkwy  
West DesMoines, IA 50266  
515.440.7739  
wsizemore@homesteaderslife.com

**Dr. Jason Troyer**

865.748.0582  
DrJasonTroyer@gmail.com

**Kates-Boylston Publications**

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Wall, NJ 07719  
732.746.0201  
tparmalee@katesboylston.com

**Memoriams, by Ancestry**

391 Inverness Parkway Ste. 100  
Denver, CO 80112  
720.863.3811  
sheintz@memoriams.com

**Selected Independent Funeral Homes**

500 Lake cook Road Ste 205  
Deerfield, IL 60015  
847.236.9401  
stefanief@selectedfuneralhomes.org

**The Dodge Company, Inc.**

9 Progress Road  
Billerica, MA 01821  
800.443-6343  
www.dodgeco.com

**Online Providers****APEX (Continuing Education Solutions)**

4520 S. 1st Street  
Austin, TX 78745  
800.769.8996  
[www.apexces.com](http://www.apexces.com)

**Dignity University**

1929 Allen Parkway  
Houston, TX 77019  
844.431.4357  
Dignity.university@Sci-us.com

**Funeral Continuing Education**

45 Page Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10309  
718.608.6000  
[www.funeralcontinuingeducation.com](http://www.funeralcontinuingeducation.com)

**International Order of the Golden Rule**

9101 Burnet Road  
Suite 120  
Austin, TX 78758  
512.334.5504  
[www.ogr.org](http://www.ogr.org)

**Batesville Casket Company**

One Batesville Blvd  
Batesville, IN 47006  
812.934.6751  
[www.batesville.com](http://www.batesville.com)

**Elite Professional Education, LLC**

26 N. Beach Street, Ste. A  
Ormond Beach, FL 32174  
888.857.6920  
[www.elitecme.com](http://www.elitecme.com)

**Funeral Direct Ed**

2054 Brian Ave  
South Dayton, FL 32119  
727.505.8746  
[www.Funeraldirected.com](http://www.Funeraldirected.com)

**National Funeral Directors Association**

13625 Bishop's Drive  
Brookfield, WI 53005  
800.228.6332  
[www.nfda.org](http://www.nfda.org)

**Cremation Association of North America**

499 Northgate Parkway  
Wheeling, IL 60090  
312.245.1077  
[www.cremationassociation.org](http://www.cremationassociation.org)

**Funeral CE (a service of Web CE)**

12222 Merit Drive  
Dallas, TX 75251  
877.332.8480  
[www.funeralce.com](http://www.funeralce.com)

**Funeral Service Academy**

P O Box 449  
Pewaukee, WI 53072  
888.909.5906  
[www.pdhacademy.com](http://www.pdhacademy.com)

**Practicum Strategies**

11 Erindale Drive  
Marlton, N.J. 08053  
800.731.4714  
[www.pshomestudy.com](http://www.pshomestudy.com)

**Cremation Training****American Crematory Equipment Company**

14530 Anson Ave.  
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670  
562.926.2876  
david@americancrematory.com

**National Funeral Directors Association**

13625 Bishop's Drive  
Brookfield, WI 53005  
800.228.6332  
nfda.org

**B & L Cremation Systems**

7205 114<sup>th</sup> Ave North  
Largo, FL 33773  
727.541.4666  
epazos@blcremationsystems.com

**Matthews Environmental Solutions**

2045 Sprint Blvd.  
Apopka, FL 32703  
800.327.2831  
cmorales@matw.com

**Cremation Association of North America**

499 Northgate Parkway  
Wheeling, IL 60090  
312.245.1077  
[www.cremationassociation.org](http://www.cremationassociation.org)

**US Cremation Equipment**

528 Northlake Blvd. Ste. 1040  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701  
321.282.7357  
llorens@americanincinerators.com

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