

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Quarterly Examination

The Alabama Board of Funeral Service will administer its quarterly state law examinations on **Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**, in Room P-103 of the Gordon Person Building, 50 N. Ripley St., Montgomery, Alabama. Those who applied by the deadline and will be admitted to the exam are the following:

Rochelle L. McRand, Julie A. Curts, Deacquernita Davidson-Melton, Cody Nugent, Cleophus M. King, Sarah S. Chappell, Dagmar G. Kyburz, Serigo S. Andrews, Mary L. Sowell, Jeremy E. Bass, Beverly B. Baker, Jerry W. Edgil, Maurice M. Sconiers, Marion K. Stancil, Tyrone J.S. Barrow, Regena A. Glasgow, Billy R. Dobbins, Monte D. Maddox, Kimberly A. Dowdy, James D. Wilson, Andre C. Russell, Willie Calhoun Jr., Matt A. Mauldin, Doris J.W. Brown, Lydia S. Crenshaw, Jimmy Prince, Bernard C. Calhoun, Daisy C. White, Steven R. Jones, Roger A. Newman, Charlie D. Nelson, Alice S. Rodgers, Lonnie D. Mitchell, Carlos D. Dixon, Keith A. Ellis, Christopher Whitted, Otis N. Edwards, Brittany D. Boozer, April C. Long, Faye L. McCorkle-Mills, Ronnie L. Jones, Michael K. Davis, Sean W. O'Neill, Van S. Moore, Jerald S. Mitchell, William M. Grayson Jr., William D. Simmons, Jessica Martin, Katherine A. Hanner, Lashari A. Scott, Veronica J. Croone, Shane R. Carlisle, Rodney T. Massey, Justin R. Harvest

The Conference

As stated in previous notices, the funeral director and embalmer exams will be given by The Conference through Pearson VUE testing centers at five locations statewide. All applications may be obtained from our office but exam fees and applications will be submitted to The Conference, while the license fees, applications, and affidavits will be submitted to the Board office. Each applicant still must pass the state law exams given by the Board quarterly in Montgomery before being approved for licensing.

The Conference: www.theconferenceonline.org

Phone: 479-442-7076

Pearson VUE:

Birmingham: 205-982-2063

Decatur: 256-552-0667

Dothan: 334-671-7007

Mobile: 251-343-2601

Montgomery: 334-271-8995



The Board

The Board will hold its first regular meeting of fiscal year 2012 at 11a.m. in Room P-103 of the Gordon Person Building. Anyone who would like to appear before the Board or have matters discussed should notify the Board office by October 19, 2011, in order to be placed on the agenda. Matters or subjects not on agenda are not guaranteed for discussion at the meeting.

***** PLEASE MAKE NOTICE AVAILABLE TO ALL EMPLOYEES.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

On October 26, 2011, at 11 a.m., in Room P-103 of the Gordon Person Building, 50 N. Ripley St., Montgomery, Alabama, the Board will take its annual nominations for the Board districts that term expires December 31, 2011. Those districts are three, four, six and seven. To check your exact district, you may go to www.house.gov and type in your zip code under 'Find Your Representative'. To be eligible to serve on the Board:

- a person must either be a licensed funeral director and embalmer who has been licensed as an embalmer or a funeral director for at least ten consecutive years.
- who is currently a funeral home operator.
- who has been actively practicing funeral directing for at least ten consecutive years.

Those in attendance must select three nominees from each district and those nominees will be submitted to the governor for appointment. You do not have to be present to be nominated, but you must be in attendance to place a nomination. Also, only one funeral director from each establishment may vote. Should a company own multiple establishments, they may have one funeral director vote for each establishment. If anyone has questions about the nomination process or districts, please contact the Board office.

License Renewals

License renewal applications for fiscal year 2011-12 were mailed in July to the last known address of the licensee. The deadline to renew without penalty was October 1, 2011. Failure to receive a notice does not excuse anyone from renewing by the deadline. If you failed to submit your paperwork for renewal by the October 1st deadline, an additional \$25 late penalty has been applied.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board office at (334) 242-4049 and will be happy to assist you.



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

Funeral Director:

- Shelia A. Walker
- Glenn J. Davis
- John C. Rodgers
- William T. Wilson
- Eston D. Gant
- Cody M. Burns
- Edward E. Luker
- Charles M. Cummings
- Taylor H.W. Hodge, III
- Micah L. Hohenberger
- Sharon A. Ross
- Donald W. Demarco
- Kenny A. Abercrombie

Carla H. Melonas

Embalmer:

- Terry W. Murdock
- Arillian K. Bushelon
- Ashley S. Bellard

Funeral Director & Embalmer:

- Tracy L. Charles
- Carole A. Burnett
- Tyler H. Berryhill
- Benjamin D. Simpson
- Sean B. Perry
- Todd W. Van Beck
- William L. Reed

Establishment:

- Crossville Memorial Chapel
- Albertville Memorial Chapel
- Etowah Memorial Chapel
- Boaz Carr Funeral Home
- Brindlee Mountain Chapel
- Arab Heritage
- Guntersville Memorial Chapel
- Prattville Memorial
- New Horizon Memorial
- Gober Funeral Home
- Ervin Funeral Home
- Hampton Cove Funeral Home
- Adams Brown-Service
- Grant Memorial Chapel
- Southern Memorial
- Carr Funeral Home

*"When work,
commitment, and
pleasure all become
one and you reach that
deep well where
passion lies, nothing is
impossible."
~Unknown*

New Laws Effective October 1, 2011

Act 2011-623 (Senate Bill 94) took effect October 1, 2011. Please review the new laws and make sure everyone at your establishments is in compliance. The Board is in the process of amending the administrative rules and will hold an administrative rulemaking hearing at a date yet to be set. **You may view Senate Bill 94 in its entirety by going online to www.fsb.alabama.gov and under "What's New" on the home page click Senate Bill 94.** The following are just some of the changes to the Alabama Funeral Law as a result of Senate Bill 94:

§34-13-9 - Funeral service, cemetery service and funeral merchandise pricing shall conform to rules established by the Federal Trade Commission. (Link to the Federal Trade Commission Funeral Rule - <http://business.ftc.gov/documents/bus05-complying-funeral-rule>)

§34-13-11 - Revise who may serve as an authorizing agent for purpose of directing disposition and arranging for funeral service.

§34-13-26 - Provides a procedure for filing a complaint and procedure for conducting a hearing.

§34-13-51 - Allows the Board to issue a special work permit to an individual who qualifies for a license through reciprocity.

§34-13-52 - Requires all license to be on public display and the name of the managing funeral director, managing embalmer and the establishments Certificate of Authority number to be printed on the establishment license. Requires a licensee to carry their pocket licenses on them or be able to promptly produce their pocket licenses when performing the duties of funeral directing and/or embalming.

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§34-13-50 and §34-13-72 - Requires an individual seeking a funeral director's license to have completed a course and receive a certificate of graduation from an accredited mortuary or funeral service school.

§34-13-73 and §34-13-94 - Increases the passing score on the state funeral director and embalmer's exam to 75%.

§34-13-113 – Makes provision for the operation of a mortuary service.

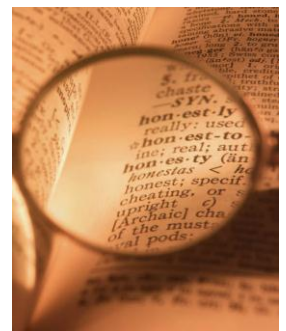
Senate Bill 94 also increased the maximum that can be charged by the Board on all fees and fines.

New Cremation Identification Form

At the last board meeting, the Board approved an amended Cremation Identification Form. The new form contains a section for the funeral home to document notification of the coroner when performing or arranging a cremation.

The reason for this addition was due to **some** county coroners who are now requiring funeral homes to notify them of all cremations in their county. If you operate in a county that the coroner does not require you to notify them of a cremation, just leave that section of the form blank.

You may print a copy of the new form by going to our website at www.fsb.alabama.gov, click on the forms tab and then on the link for "Cremation Identification".



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