



OKLAHOMA FUNERAL BOARD



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From the Executive Director

- One or more hours of C.E. can be attained by attending a Funeral Board meeting. The next meeting will be **July 11, 2013 in the Oklahoma State Capitol, Room 412C**

Changes to the Board

Mr. Chad Vice of Norman was recently appointed to the Oklahoma Funeral Board by Gov. Fallin. He will serve on the Board until July, 2018, subject to reappointment. Mr. Vice was appointed to the position formerly held by Mark Temple. Please join the Board in welcoming Mr. Vice and extending special thanks to Mr. Temple, a third generation Board member, for his dedicated service.

Please allow me to share the Oklahoma Funeral Board's success this past legislative session. Included in these victories are many provisions that can benefit the operations of both rural and metropolitan funeral homes as well as offering higher levels of consumer protection for client families. The Rules of the Board were signed by Governor Mary Fallin on May 29, 2013 with an effective date of July 11, 2013. As a licensed Funeral Director it is important to review the new Rules on the Board web site but more importantly print off a copy and review with your staff. The changes to the rules are at-

tached with this newsletter. The Board does require you to have a printed copy on hand for inspection. One of the more popular changes this



The rule and statute changes can provide positive economic impact to funeral home operations.

year concerns the point in the process where a funeral director is required to be present. You will want to make sure that when you renew the funeral establishment li-

censed in December that each employee that could potentially be supervising a cemetery interment is listed on the renewal form as an employee. In closing, I would also like to mention the new Statute changes. They have an effective date of November 1, 2013. We will communicate to the industry the changes sometime in late October. As always, if you have any question or concerns regarding the Oklahoma Funeral Board office or operations please don't hesitate to call or email. Thank You, Mark Riley, Director.

Committee Updates

*During the June 13, 2013 Board meeting the Board discussed many items of potential change. Please see the notes on the web site for more information.

*A committee has been put together chaired by Richard Dugger to look into the long

discussed Funeral Director Only proposals. This committee will look to see if a need exists to change the licensing requirements.

*The Board also voted to continue with the Funeral Director and Embalmer

Committee that often make suggestions to the full Funeral Board. Please look for their suggestions in the notes of our monthly meetings.