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Just a reminder all Owners, Funeral Directors, Embalmers and Salesperson License Renewals are now done on line. Should you wish a paper copy please contact Council office.

FCSCS News and Updates

Licensees are reminded Council's website is updated continually and is available 24/7. We encourage you to visit our website regularly.

2010 Spring Symposium

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The 2010 Spring Symposium was a great success with 99 licensees, guests, council members and staff in attendance at the AGM. One hundred and three attended the Saturday afternoon continuing education sessions and 111 people attended the Saturday evening banquet dinner. Sunday morning continuing education sessions had 99 people in attendance.

A special thanks to all the presenters, Jeff Chancellor, Dr. James Pappas, Phil Fredette, Ronald Leibel and Bill Edwards, for sharing their expertise and insight.

The Symposium was well received and many favorable comments were received:

Licensee/owner comments:

"Always being present is always better than watching a video. The interaction with peers is so valuable for my business and for me personally, networking."

"Very informative and good for networking."

"This year, in my opinion was the best symposium yet!"

From a newly licensed individual the following comment was made:

"This was my first year attending the Symposium and look forward to next year, to sitting in on all sessions."

From a student:

"I feel strongly professional gatherings like this should be attended by all members-the nature of the business does not make this possible, perhaps a higher cost for those who don't see the value of personally attending would 'encourage' higher participation. Perhaps 'more effort' and confirmation of watching the DVD could be considered. This is for 'our' education perhaps if the DVD option is chosen a member should be required to write a paper as to what they gained from the program. No paper (essay) no credits. Objective, professional accountability."

2011 Spring Symposium Change of Venue and Dates

The 2011 Spring Symposium will be held on May 13th, 14th and 15th, 2011 at the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon. FSAC has announced their 2012 FSAC Convention will be held in Regina, Saskatchewan from June 6th to 9th, 2012, and it is planned to co-ordinate our 2012 AGM with the FSAC Convention.



Long Term Service Award Recipients

Left to Right: Terry Zip, Chairperson Council; David McCaw (45 years); Randy Pshebylo (25 years); Kenneth Scheirich (25 years); Earl Mosewich (25 years); Todd Lumbard, Vice Chairperson Council



Photo courtesy of Harald Gunderson of Gunderson's Funeral Journal.

2010/2011 FCSCS Council Members and Staff

Left to Right: Back row: Phil Fredette, Allan Higgs, Betty Anne Stevenson, Jerry Borkowsky. Third row: David Grambo, Jeff Ofstie. Second row: Sally Nameth; Resource & Compliance Officer, Kim Stewart; Administrative Assistant, Basil Forsberg. Front row: Sandy Mahon; Registrar, Terry Zip; Chairperson, Todd Lumbard; Vice Chairperson. Missing from picture Marlene Nedelcov.

Compliance Update

As of September 30th, 2010 there have been 33 compliance reviews completed. Twelve complaints have been received with 6 from licensees and 6 from consumers.

Submissions for this newsletter are invited. The views expressed are those of the contributor and are not necessarily endorsed by, or are the policy of, The Funeral and Cremation Services Council of Saskatchewan.

2011 License Renewal

Just a reminder the 2011 license renewals are due to Council office no later than the close of business on Tuesday, November 30, 2010.

In order to renew your license, please visit our website at www.fcscs.ca and log in. Once you are logged in please click on Submission Forms, Renewal Forms and click on the form you wish to submit.



Legislative Committee News

The Legislative Committee met in May and recommended significant changes to part II of the bylaws, which deals with licenses. The result is a consolidation of the existing bylaws which makes for ease of reference and uses consistent language. In addition, a schedule of fees now is found in bylaw 9000 and this new bylaw provides a list of all fees of Council at a glance.

At the 2010 Annual General Meeting, a motion was passed to strike amendments to Bylaw 2061 (Salesperson's license) and return the bylaw to Council for further relevant rationale. A motion was also passed to strike bylaw 5030 (posting of Discipline Orders). The Legislative Committee met with legal counsel over the summer, reviewed both bylaws and made recommendations to Council. All conditions of a salesperson's license are now found in bylaw 2050 and Council's rationale for this revision has been explained in Advisory 18. Bylaw 5030 has also been revised in accordance with the motion.



Working with Legislation

Answer to trivia question from April 2010 edition: The partner is the ADM

Did you know?

As a result of the number of inquiries received at Council office, a recent revision to bylaw 2080 -Regulatory Fees - clarifies the fact that stillbirths are not subject to the regulatory fee.