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FCSCS News and Update

REMINDER: Our forms are revised periodically. Be sure to check out the Council website to ensure you are using the most current

Preceptor Training Course

The January 11, 2012 Preceptor Training Course held in Regina was a great success!

Fourteen licensees from different areas of the province were in attendance for this revised course. All feedback received was very positive and the overall consensus was the content of the course was excellent and was relevant to anyone both on a personal and professional level.

Another Preceptor Training Course was held in Saskatoon on May 14, 2012. Due to the overwhelming interest, additional Preceptor Training Courses have been scheduled in Saskatoon on September 24, 2012 and Regina on October 15, 2012. As of this date, both training courses are full.

Regional Forums

The first Regional Forum of 2012 was held in Saskatoon on April 18, 2012 with 23 licensees in attendance. A second Regional Forum is being held on Tuesday May 29, 2012 in Yorkton.

Stay tuned for further updates announcing upcoming Regional Forum dates and locations throughout the province.

Attendees at a Regional Forum receive 3 credits towards continuing education.

Items of Interest

- Preceptor Training Course
- Regional Forums
- Compliance Update
- FCSCS Radio Campaign Information Update
- 2012 AGM
- Nominations for Council
- One Day Student Salesperson Workshop

Compliance Update

As of May 22, 2012, there have been 49 compliance reviews completed since January 1st, 2012. Four complaints have been received since January 1st, one from a consumer and three from other sources.

FCSCS Radio Campaign

As of February 2012, we have embarked on an awareness campaign for the Funeral and Cremation Services Council of Saskatchewan.

This campaign is designed to create public awareness of Council's function. Listen for the Council's advertisement on News Talk 650 CKOM and News Talk 980 CJME over the upcoming months!

Information Updates

Just a reminder to all licensees that Council's website is continually updated to keep you informed of current information in relation to the funeral profession.

Of special note is the most recent update in April to bylaw 2014 - Continuing Education - which stipulates that effective December 1, 2012 to November 30, 2013 all licensees shall require a minimum of 4 continuing education credits per designation. This would mean any licensee carrying the designation of EFDS would be required to have 8 continuing education credits in order to obtain their 2014 license. An FDS or single designation of S would require 4 continuing education credits. Effective immediately, all licensees are now able to carry forward a maximum of 4 continuing education credits into the next year.

A number of inquiries have been received by Council administration in relation to obtaining continuing education credits for the 2013 licensing year. We are currently developing a listing of current educational courses/seminars that have been approved by Council for continuing education credits. This will be forwarded to all licensees and owners upon completion and will also be found on Council's website.

In addition, Advisory 20 was forwarded electronically to all licensees and owners on Friday May 18, 2012 regarding the elimination of levies on prepaid contracts. As a result of new methodology which was adopted, it was the recommendation of the actuary that the Assurance Fund could be capped at \$1,000,000. As this has now been achieved a motion was passed at the May 17, 2012 Council meeting to repeal bylaws 7020 and 7030 and Form 5. As of this date, levies are now eliminated. For more information, please refer to Advisory 20, which can be found on Council's website.

2012 Annual General Meeting

The FCSCS 2012 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 7, 2012 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Delta Hotel Regina. Those wishing to attend, please contact Council administration.

As noted in the January 2012 Newsletter, there will not be a Spring Symposium Continuing Education component this year as we are holding our AGM in conjunction with the 2012 FSAC Convention in Regina. If you wish to obtain your six continuing education credits by attending the FSAC Convention, please register with FSAC by visiting their website at www.fsac.ca

Nominations for Council

Those licensees wishing to let their name stand for a position on Council can do so by contacting the nominating committee comprised of:

Raymond Bailey at (306) 753-7552 or email yorktonmemorialgardens@sasktel.net

or

Jeff Ofstie at (306) 693-4550 or email mjffhome@sasktel.net

One Day Student Salesperson Workshop

A one day Student Salesperson Workshop, instructed by Lyle Burkell, EFDS 428, is scheduled for Wednesday June 20, 2012 at the SIAST Wascana Campus in Regina from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you have a person who is in your employ (who is currently not a licensed funeral director) and is interested in attending, please complete and forward Form 23 - License Application for a Salesperson along with the applicable fees stipulated in bylaw 9000 by Monday June 4, 2012 to Council administration.