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# FCSCS Newsletter

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**2017 Spring Symposium**

Just a reminder that the 2017 Spring Symposium will be held in Saskatoon at the Radisson Hotel Thursday May 25th and Friday May 26th, 2017. This year's presenters will be Pamela Moss, Karl Wenzel and Allan Cole.

The Saskatchewan Board of Funeral Homes will once again be holding a Tradeshow on the Pre- Function level of the hotel. Anyone interested in participating in the Trade Show may contact Council administration for more details.



Karl Wenzel, CFSP, MBIE has been the Coordinator of Technical Education and Training The Dodge Company since September 2013. Prior to that, Karl worked for the Arbor Group for 6 years as their Manager of Decedent Care and Preparational Development. Karl has been a licensed embalmer since 1997 and is licensed in Ontario. Karl specializes in difficult techniques and advanced reconstruction of difficult cases and is a consultant for the Ontario Board of Funeral Services regarding embalming issues. In addition, Karl has provided hands on training for the United States Air Force port authority in Dover, Delaware on reconstructive techniques for trauma victims. Karl has many articles published in The Embalmer, Canadian Funeral News, Cemetery and Funeral News, NFDA's The Director Magazine, the American Funeral Director and is a frequent contributor in The Dodge Magazine.



Pam Moss is a coach, communicator and celebrant. Whether in a room of a thousand, or one on one, her love of people, zest for life and outgoing personality allow her to engage and inspire in a way that has significant impact.

Her wholehearted approach to life and living flows from her years of experience leading, coaching and journeying alongside hundreds of others as well as from her own story of *burnout to engagement*.

A Life Coach at Meadowbrook Counseling Associates, a Part time Instructor in the Funeral Services Program at Humber College, a Funeral Celebrant throughout the Greater Toronto Area, and wife to Trevor, but her greatest passion is being a mom to her eight year daughter Lauren.



Allan Cole is the President and Owner of MacKinnon & Bowes. He started with the firm in 1975 and was licensed as a funeral director in 1978 as he followed in his grandfather's footsteps and entered funeral service. Allan has the distinction as Canada's first civilian contractor for Mortuary Affairs for the Government of Canada and has lectured throughout Canada concerning the care and handling of remains of those that have died with an infectious disease.

## Did You Know?

The 2016 Statistics are in!!! There were a total of 9382 deaths registered in the Province of Saskatchewan for 2016 with 5927 of those choosing cremation over traditional burial. Based on those statistics Saskatchewan now has a cremation rate of 63%.

## Compliance Update

During 2016 one hundred and nine compliance reviews were conducted and five written complaints were received by Resource & Compliance. Four of the complaints were received from consumers with one received from other sources.

### Canadian College of Funeral Services

A motion was passed at the December 8, 2016 Council meeting to approve the Canadian College of Funeral Services (CCFS) as a recognized funeral educational program in Saskatchewan in addition to previously approved educational providers, SaskPolyTechnic and Mount Royal University.

The CCFS is already recognized as a funeral service training provider in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador. The program is based on an apprenticeship model of training and requires students to be employed in a funeral home and sponsored by a licensed funeral director and embalmer during the training.

The CCFS educational component of the program is delivered through a distance on-line format which allows students to study learning material while simultaneously training in their respective funeral homes. The CCFS is not intended to replace the two current funeral service training providers but to be an alternative option for students obtaining their funeral directing/embalming education. The CCFS will accept students transferring from other schools and will recognize prior learning credit with the submission of proper proof (transcripts and learning outcomes).

CCFS is a privately owned educational institution that has been providing funeral service education for over 30 years. The instructors are licensed funeral directors and embalmers with a solid background in funeral service education and with significant experience in the funeral service profession.

Should you be interested in obtaining any further information with regards to the CCFS please feel free to visit their website at [www.ccfs.ca](http://www.ccfs.ca)

## Student Status in Saskatchewan



If you employ or are planning on employing a student from the SaskPolyTech or Mount Royal University funeral service education program, the following requirements must be maintained in order to be considered a student.

1. The individual must be enrolled and actively taking classes.
2. They must complete and submit Form 20 to council administration.
3. They must keep council administration apprised of the classes they are enrolled in throughout their schooling.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that once a class has been completed they forward documentation of the next class/classes in which they are enrolled. This can be done either by email or fax.