



THE FUNERAL BOARD OF MANITOBA

NEWSLETTER

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Please note that newsletters are sent via email only but are also available on our website at www.gov.mb.ca/funeraldirectorsboard/index.html.

Board Resignation

The Funeral Board of Manitoba recently received a notice of resignation from one of its board members, Tracy Wevursky. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

The government will appoint someone new in the near future.

Training program launch date

In partnership with Red River College, the Funeral Board of Manitoba is excited to announce the official start of the new Funeral Director and Embalmer Certificate program. On April 8, 2013 the program will launch into its first year of educating future Manitoba Funeral Directors and Embalmers. Please contact Red River College's School of Continuing Education at 204-694-1789 or 1-866-242-7079, or via email to cde@rrc.ca for more details about the program.

Complaints

There are three complaints that remain open from 2012. In 2013, the office has received three complaints, all of which are still open.

Hearings

As was posted on our website, the Board held four hearings March 25, 2013. Files numbered AI2012-01, 2012-26, AI2013-01

and AI2013-02 were heard. The Panel has 60 days to give its decision to the licensees. Final outcomes will be posted on our website along with copies of the dispositions from each hearing.

Education Committee

The Education Committee held its first meeting on March 7; it was the first of many productive meetings to come.

Currently the Committee consists of Jo-Anne Shay (Red River College), Owen McKenzie (MFSA), Darin Hoffman, Bob Clarke (Registrar), and Denise Carrière.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter the Board is seeking additional interested parties to participate on this committee. If interested, please send us a letter outlining how you would provide positive contributions to this committee.

Labour Mobility

Labour Mobility allows qualified, practicing professionals who want to practice in Manitoba to apply to receive a Certificate of Qualification and licensure.

Section 11(1)(a) explains that "the board may issue a certificate of qualification to any person who has complied with the regulations and has satisfied the board that he is a fit and proper person to be the

holder of a certificate of qualification, and, ... (iii) satisfied the board that for a period of not less than five years he held a licence and was engaged as an embalmer in a jurisdiction designated by the regulations". Additionally, in section 7(d) of *The Funeral Directors and Embalmers Act* regulation states "For the purpose of clause 11(1)(a) of the Act a person must...submit proof that he or she graduated from the educational program offered by an approved school".

Please be aware that any person wanting to come to Manitoba from another jurisdiction to work as a funeral director or embalmer must apply to the Board to become licenced in this province. Professionals must have a valid licence and have practiced in another jurisdiction to qualify. The application form can be found on our website and includes information on all additional documentation required.

Guide when Dealing with a Death

As you know, the Funeral Board of Manitoba publishes a brochure entitled "Guide When Dealing with a Death". Section 14.6(1) of the regulation states, it is mandatory that the brochure be given to all clients before the end of the first meeting with anyone who requests the services of your funeral home. The Board provides these brochures free of charge and can be ordered in the quantity you need. Please email our office at funeralboard@gov.mb.ca any time you need additional brochures.

The Last Post Fund (correction)

All **eligible** veterans will now receive the proper services for their sacrifices thanks to the new Federal Budget.

Recently, a large increase in the Veteran's Affairs Funeral and Burial Program was announced; the rate has risen from \$3,600 to \$7,376.

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