



# BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!

from **THE FUNERAL BOARD OF MANITOBA**

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## REMINDER

**All licences expire on December 31, 2013.** You should have received your renewal packages by now. If you haven't, you can either print the application form located on the website or contact the Board directly.

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## New Minister

The Funeral Board of Manitoba is now a part of the newly created Department of Tourism, Culture, Heritage, Sport and Consumer Protection, which is under the direction of Minister Ron Lemieux.

We look forward to a long and healthy working relationship. Welcome aboard Minister Lemieux!

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## *The Cemeteries Act*

Changes to *The Cemeteries Act* received Royal Assent last week to transfer administration of this Act to the Funeral Board of Manitoba.

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## *The Prearranged Funeral Services Act*

Changes to these regulations are still being drafted. Consultations with the profession will occur in the near future.

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## Welcome

The Funeral Board of Manitoba welcomes Ljuba Keenan as Finance Officer and Kathryn Bartmanovich as Administrative Clerk.

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## Policy & Procedure

Effective January 1, 2014, the Continuing Education Policy & Procedure will be implemented. The Board has sent copies of this policy, its supporting forms and the Application for Course Accreditation to you with your 2014 licences. It has also been posted in the "Policies" and "Continuing Education" sections of the Board's website.

The policy & procedure was created to provide clarification of the entire approval process, from submission to response by the Board.

The Board **strongly** urges you to read this document.

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## Meeting minutes

The Board's meeting minutes are now posted on the website. You will find the August, September and October minutes. The November and December meetings were combined. Those minutes will be posted after approval.

Next meeting is currently scheduled for January 17, 2014.

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### **Continuing Education**

The list of approved Continuing Education sessions is posted on the Board's website at

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/funeraldirectorsboard/index.html> and will continuously be updated as courses are approved.

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### **Event Registrars**

The Director of Vital Statistics Agency has recently sent a letter to all Manitoba Event Registrars regarding the completion of Registrations of Death. Please notify Vital Statistics Agency should you have issues with health care facilities not completing the top portion of the Registration.

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For more information regarding current events please visit our website at

[www.funeraldirectorsboard.mb.ca](http://www.funeraldirectorsboard.mb.ca).

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