

Open Minutes: Illinois Cemetery Oversight Board
 Date: December 14, 2011
 Time: 2:13 pm
 Location: Chicago Office Room 9-375/Springfield Office Room 258

Board Members Present:
 LuAnn Johnson, Member
 Roman F. Szabelski, Member
 Gregory M. Vogeles, Member
 Willie E. Carter, Member
 Antoinette D. Wright, Member

Board Members Absent:
 Brent E. Adams, Chair
 The Honorable Patricia Brown Holmes, Member
 Zenobia Johnson-Black, Member
 Patrick Keenan-Devlin, Member

The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Guests Present:
 Mark Rizzo, Member Funeral Director and Embalmer Licensing & Disciplinary Board
 Susan Dyer, Public
 Ryan Cattoni, Funeral Director and Embalmer
 Sam Wilson, Bio-Response Solutions
 Joe Wilson, Bio-Response Solutions
 Frank Troost, Peter Troost Monument Company/Troost Cemeteries

Staff Present:
 David Evans, Deputy Director Cemetery Oversight & Funeral
 Jim Carlson, Assistant Deputy Director Cemetery Oversight & Funeral
 Mark Thompson, General Counsel
 Jerry R. Miller, Board Liaison

Topic	Discussion	Action
I. GUESTS, COMMENTS:	Motion was made and seconded (Szabelski/Carter) with a consensus from the Board for David Evans, Deputy Director, to serve as Chair for the meeting in the absence of Brent Adams, Secretary. Antoinette D. Wright, Member, arrived during the meeting.	Meeting called to order at 2:13 pm.
II. ANNOUNCEMENTS,	The new amendment of the Cemetery	

CORRESPONDENCE:	Oversight Act was approved by the Senate on December 13, 2011. The Amendment will be going to the Governor's office for signature.	
III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OPEN MINUTES: August 24, 2011		Motion was made, seconded (Szabelski/Wright) and passed to accept the August 24, 2011 Open Meeting minutes.
IV. OLD BUSINESS: Cemetery Hotline Database	<p>David Evans, Deputy Director, stated that the Cemetery Hotline has taken in 827 calls since its inception on March 1, 2010. These calls are from consumers and the industry.</p> <p>David Evans, Deputy Director, stated that the Cemetery Oversight Database has been very successful. Since its inception on December 1, 2010 the database has had 1091 cemeteries register and there have been 40,033 registered burials in Illinois. The registered burials are about 65% to 75% of the applicable burials that should be in the database.</p> <p>The Department also receives an unusual activity report from the database that can be used to monitor activity and detect problems.</p>	
V. NEW BUSINESS: Legislative Issues	<p>David Evans, Deputy Director, gave an overview of the passage of SB1830 and summarized the changes to the trailer amendment.</p> <p>Mark Thompson, General Counsel, discussed the Administrative Rules. JCAR issued an objection and the Department will proceed with the Rules with some</p>	

<p>Alkaline Hydrolysis</p>	<p>modifications. The next step will be to get the Rules in place. The Department's internal processes will need to be addressed as well.</p> <p>Ryan Cattoni, Funeral Director and Embalmer, gave a presentation on alkaline hydrolysis. He supports alkaline hydrolysis as an alternative for consumers but also recommends regulation.</p> <p>Mark Rizzo, Funeral Director and Embalmer, commented on the alkaline hydrolysis process. He stated that the process needs separate definition outside of where it sits right now in the Act, and there needs to be a licensed funeral director involved in the process.</p>	
<p>Motion to go into Closed Session</p>	<p>Roll Call:</p> <p>LuAnn Johnson - aye Roman F. Szabelski - aye Gregory M. Vogele – aye Willie E. Carter – aye Antoinette D. Wright - aye</p>	<p>Motion was made, seconded (Wright/Szabelski) and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act at 2:56 pm</p>
<p>VI. CLOSED SESSION:</p> <p>A. Review of Closed Minutes</p>	<p>The Board reviewed the August 24, 2011 Closed Meeting Minutes.</p>	<p>Motion was made, seconded (Johnson/Vogele) and passed to accept the August 24, 2011 Closed Minutes.</p>
<p>Motion to go into Open Session</p>		<p>Motion was made, seconded (Vogele/Carter) and passed to go into Open Session at 3:08 pm.</p>
<p>VII. APPLICATION REVIEW:</p>		

<p>VIII. BOARD CHAIRMAN TIME:</p>	<p>David Evans, Deputy Director, stated the Department was glad the trailer amendment was moving forward. He also stated that the certifiers for the certification of the managers and customer service representatives addressed in the Act will be brought before the Board for discussion and recommendation.</p> <p>Applications will need to be received by the Department within 6 months from the effective date of the Rules. He projected that by the end of 2012, the Department could have the applications for licensure.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Board will be determined and the members notified.</p>	
<p>IX. BOARD LIAISON TIME:</p>	<p>Jerry R. Miller, Board Liaison, had nothing to add.</p>	
<p>X. ADJOURNMENT</p>		<p>Motion was made, seconded (Szabelski/Carter) and passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:11 pm.</p>