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OREGON MORTUARY & CEMETERY BOARD NEWS

OMCB MISSION:

The mission of the Board is to protect public health, safety and welfare by fairly and efficiently performing its licensing, inspection and enforcement duties; by promoting professional behavior and standards in all facets of the Oregon death care industry; and, by maintaining constructive relationships with licensees, those they serve and others with an interest in the Board's activities. In order to protect the public, it is the Board's responsibility to insure that all of Oregon's death care facilities are properly licensed. The Board is self-supporting and derives its financing from licensing, examination, and a portion of the death certificate filing fee (not the fees derived from the purchase of a certified copy of a death certificate).

What's Happening at OMCB...

As many of you are already aware, OMCB has recently encountered a great deal of change. Following that theme, our newsletter has a new look and some new features. We aim to continue facilitating engagement and communication with licensees and the public. The newsletter will be emailed to licensees and interested parties and will also be made available on our website. We welcome suggestions and questions & if you have information, updates, and/or stories you would like to be included in a future publication, please email mortuary.board@state.or.us.

On a bittersweet note, Carla Knapp, OMCB's Office and Licensing Manager, has retired after 21 years of service. Her impact on our office and the industry will be felt for a long time to come. Carla's dedication and remarkable service over the years is greatly appreciated. And congratulations on a well-deserved retirement. We wish her well on her next adventure.

We are extremely happy to report that all OMCB staff positions are now filled and are eager to effectively serve our licensees and the public.

2020 Board Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, January 14th
(PSOB, Portland, OR)
Tuesday, April 14th
(Seaside, OR)
Tuesday, July 14th
(PSOB, Portland, OR)
Tuesday, October 13th
(PSOB, Portland, OR)

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OMCB STAFF

- **Chad Dresselhaus, Executive Director**
- **Pete Burns, Education and Compliance Program Manager**
- **Ryan Christopher, Office & Licensing Manager**
- **Marianne Itkin, Investigator**
- **Gregory Brown, Compliance Specialist/Inspector**
- **James Liddle, Compliance Specialist/Inspector**
- **Kate Robertson, Program Administrator (Indigent Disposition Fund)**



General Price List Review Service Available

To ensure your General Price List (GPL) is compliant with the Federal Trade Commission Funeral Rule, NFDA offers a comprehensive GPL Review Service.

For \$400, (NFDA members receive a 45% discount of only \$225), you will receive a thorough analysis of your current General Price List by NFDA's general counsel, specializing in the legal format and content of funeral service general price lists and the disclosure requirements of the Federal Trade Commission Funeral Rule.

This offer includes:

A thorough legal analysis of your current GPL including

General Price List

Casket Price List

Outer Burial Container Price List

Statement of Funeral Goods and Services Selected

Recommended improvements (if necessary).

A legal guarantee. If you're audited by the Federal Trade Commission, NFDA counsel will back your GPL free of charge.

A prompt response (within 30 days).

Download General Price List Review Request Form - PDF

For more information, please contact an NFDA Member Services Representative at

800-228-6332.

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REMINDER...

A Reminder About Reporting Requirements: ORS 676.150(3)

A licensee who is convicted of a misdemeanor or felony or who is arrested for a felony crime shall report the conviction or arrest to the licensee's board within 10 days after the conviction or arrest.



Licensing Updates



All Facilities and Pre-Need Licenses are due for renewal this year!

For more information and to complete the renewal process online, please visit the Board's website: www.oregon.gov/OMCB and click on License Renewal.

You may complete and pay for your renewal online or renew online and pay by check.

COMING UP: Preneed Salesperson registrations will expire on February 29, 2020. All Preneed Salespersons must renew their registration and pay the renewal fee before this date or their licenses will lapse.

If you have any questions about the renewal process, please call 971-673-1507.

PLEASE NOTE: Facility licenses do not expire until the end of 2020 and can be renewed starting in November 2020. We will send out a reminder closer to this date.

Compliance Updates

Inspections are Getting Underway

Recently OMCB hired a second inspector as part of our goal to meet our regulatory requirements regarding inspections (ORS 692.320 (2) (A)). This means OMCB licensees will be seeing more of our inspectors. However, there is no reason to fret. We engage in a cooperative role with licensees. The OMCB Education and Compliance Division has worked closely with Executive Director Chad Dresselhaus and industry leaders to review and update inspection checklists and procedures. These are fully available for review on our website: <https://www.oregon.gov/omcb> Under Facility Inspections. Licensees are always welcome to reach out to Education and Compliance Manager, Pete Burns at 971-673-1503 or by email at pete.burns@state.or.us We look forward to continuing to work together.

Visit our website for more information: <https://www.oregon.gov/omcb/>

DEQ and Crematories

OARs regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) do not allow a crematory incinerator to be used for the incineration of biological/medical waste.

OAR 340-230-0210(3) As defined in OAR 340-230-0030(10), crematory incinerators may only be used for incineration of human and animal bodies, and appropriate containers. No waste, including infectious waste as defined in OAR 340-230-0030, may be incinerated unless specifically authorized in the Department's Air Contaminant Discharge Permit.

OAR 340-230-0030(5) "Crematory Incinerator" means an incinerator used solely for the cremation of human and animal bodies.

OAR 340-230-0030(9) "Infectious Waste" means waste as defined in ORS Chapter 763, Oregon Laws 1989, that contains or may contain any disease producing microorganism or material, and includes, but is not limited to the following:

(a) "Biological waste", which includes blood and blood products, and body fluids that cannot be directly discarded into a municipal sewer system, and waste materials saturated with blood or body fluids, but does not include soiled diapers;

(b) "Cultures and stocks", which includes etiologic agents and associated biologicals; including specimen cultures and dishes, devices used to transfer, inoculate and mix cultures, wastes from production of biologicals, and serums and discarded live and attenuated vaccines. "Cultures" does not include throat and urine cultures;

(c) "Pathological waste", which includes biopsy materials and all human tissues, anatomical parts that emanate from surgery, obstetrical procedures, autopsy and laboratory procedures and animal carcasses exposed to pathogens in research and the bedding and other waste from such animals. "Pathological wastes" does not include teeth or formaldehyde or other preservative agents;

OAR 340-230-0020 (2) OAR 340-230-0200 through 340-230-0230 apply to all new and existing crematory incinerators.

2019 Board Members

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Embalmer

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Funeral Service Practitioner /
Embalmer

Members are volunteers serving 4 year terms. Members are appointed by the Governor & confirmed by the Senate.



More Reminders...

What are the three signature lines on the Final Disposition Authorization for? Per ORS 432.158 (3)

Top signature line (Authorization) is for the medical certifier to authorize disposition.

2nd signature line (Alternative Authorization) is the FSP attesting to the date and time when they acquired verbal authorization for disposition from the medical certifier. Per OAR 830-030-0000(6)

Bottom signature line is Crematory Authority or Cemetery Authority attesting they have verified the identifying metal disc is properly secured to each receptacle containing human remains, or, when no receptacle is used, to the remains, when remains are delivered to the facility and that the number on the identifying metal disc is the number recorded on the final disposition permit.

No 3rd signature is required if final disposition is removal from state. Date of disposition is date of removal or donation.

What are the two dates on the bottom third of the Final Disposition Authorization for?

The first date is labeled Date of Disposition, which is self-explanatory.

The 2nd date, next to the Sexton's signature, is the date on which the Crematory or Cemetery Authority (Sexton) who signed and printed their name, verified the number on the identifying metal disc was the same number recorded on the final disposition permit by the FSP or person acting as an FSP. These may be the same date, or the verification may happen earlier than the burial or cremation, if that is when the remains were accepted.

Legislative Updates

SB 298 Changes the Eligibility Requirements and 2-year Limitation for Funeral Directors



Senate Bill 298 passed in the last legislative session. This law went into effect January 1, 2020. The law changes the eligibility of customers who order certified copies of death records with cause of death information and the 2-year limitation on ordering for funeral directors.

Currently, the law does not let grandparents, grandchildren or siblings order a death record with cause or manner of death information, also known as a long form death record.

Currently, the law does not let funeral directors order copies more than 2 years past the date of the event.

Changes Effective January 1, 2020

Grandparents, grandchildren and siblings can order death records with cause or manner of death information. Documents showing proof of eligibility or relationship must still be provided.

The 2-year limitation has been eliminated.

The law applies to orders received after January 1, 2020.

As always, funeral directors may only give records to those persons eligible to receive one.

