

## **Crematory Review Board Annual Meeting (Tuesday, November 18, 2014)**

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### **1. Convening of the Board - Vanessa Niekamp**

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#### 1.01 Calling of the Roll

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Representative from Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission Present:

1. Jack Lee-Harris
2. James P. Wright
3. Rufus Slade

Representatives from the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors Present:

1. Thomas T. Fleming
2. Robert Wasko
3. Greg Boyer

Others present:

1. Vanessa Niekamp
2. Laura Monick
3. Eric Anderson
4. Troy Seehase

### **2. Designation of a Chairperson - Vanessa Niekamp**

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#### 2.01 Chairperson

Motion by Robert Wasko to nominate Thomas Fleming to serve as

Chairperson of the Crematory Review Board, seconded by Greg Boyer.  
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion approved.

## 2.02 Seventh Member

Motion by Greg Boyer to nominate R. Grant Williams to serve as the seventh Board Member who is experienced in the operation of a crematory facility and who is not affiliated with a cemetery or a funeral home, seconded by Robert Wasko. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion approved.

## **3. New Items - Chairperson**

### 3.01 Discussion Items

Alkaline Hydrolysis - Ohio still does not recognize alkaline hydrolysis as an authorized form of disposition.

Floral Hills Cemetery - The cemetery is unregistered and should not be operating without registration. The cemetery is not able to provide the affidavits necessary to become registered, and the case has been referred to the local prosecutors office for trust violations.

Crematory Inspections - The Board of Embalmer and Funeral Director Inspectors conduct 760 inspections of funeral homes, embalming facilities and crematories each fiscal year. Ohio currently licenses 116 crematories.

New Legislation - A new crematory operator permit has been discussed, but not picked-up in legislation yet.

The next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, in the Riffe Tower, 31st Floor Boardroom.

## **4. Adjournment - Chairperson**

#### 4.01 Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.