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FCSCS News and Updates

Welcome to the first edition of the FCSCS Newsletter. We hope you find the newsletter informative and worthwhile to read! Your comments, ideas or submissions for future newsletters are always welcomed. Please review our editorial policy on our website at www.fcscs.ca

ISC – Vital Statistics

In October 2008, the Vital Statistics Registry transferred from the Ministry of Health to Information Service Corporation (ISC) of Saskatchewan.

The Vital Statistics Act, 2009 was proclaimed in March 2010 and has replaced *The Vital Statistics Act, 1995*.

This new Act has now set the stage for the transformation of Vital Statistics. It will discontinue the role of division registrars in the registration of births, stillbirths, deaths and the issuing of burial permits. This legislation will provide the authority for the electronic issuing of burial permits by Vital Statistics. The end result is that funeral directors will be able to submit registrations directly and receive burial permits from Vital Statistics.

In order to ensure a successful transition to the on-line registration application, notice will be provided to all funeral directors employed at a Saskatchewan licensed funeral home once a launch date has been selected. ISC remains committed to assisting funeral directors and staff through the transition and will provide support in obtaining sign-in privileges to ISC's website. The transition plan will also include a trial period for the on-line service before officially discontinuing registrations through division registrars.

Please note, if you require more information on the use of this on-line application ISC will be one of the presenters at the Round Table sessions at the 2010 Spring Symposium on Sunday, May 30, 2010 at the Radisson Hotel Saskatoon.

Items of Interest

- ISC Vital Statistics
- FCSCS Council Administration Update
- What's your Legislative Committee up to?
- Long Term Service Award Recipients
- New Owner's Licenses



Top: Sandy (Left) & Kim
Bottom: Jennifer (Left) & Tanya

FCSCS Council Administration Update

2009 was a busy year with Kim Stewart returning from her maternity leave and Tanya Chernick-Aldridge announcing the upcoming arrival of baby number two for her and husband Jeremy in early April 2010.

2010 is becoming a year of change with Sandy Mahon accepting the position of Registrar and Kim Stewart offering administrative support to the Resource and Compliance position.

New to the front end administrative desk is Jennifer Benning who started with us February 16, 2010 in the role of Administrative Assistant during Tanya's maternity leave. Jennifer comes to us with retail background and we welcome her to our administrative team.

Long Term Service Award Recipients

Last year Council initiated a recognition program for those licensees with 25, 35 and 45 (Lifetime) years of funeral service in Saskatchewan.

We are pleased to congratulate the following recipients who will be receiving their long term service award at the 2010 Spring Symposium Banquet Dinner.

Twenty Five Years

- Douglas B. Cooper EFD 392
- Darrel W. Kinar EFDS 396
- Earl R. Mosewich EFDS 398
- Lynn P. Needham EFD 402
- Randall W. Pshebylo EFDS 400
- Laurie D. Rey EFDS 393
- Kenneth J. Scheirich EFD 391
- Allan J. Styre EFD 395

Thirty Five Years

- Bill W. Forsberg EFD 314

Forty Five Years (Lifetime)

- Theodore L. Anderson LEFD 252 (45 years)
- David L. McCaw FD 210 (46 years)



What's your Legislative Committee up to?

The challenging and constant updating of the FCSCS Bylaws is an important role for our Legislative Committee. The 2009/2010 Legislative committee is chaired by Allan Higgs and the committee consists of Doug Busby, Lorne Puffalt, Norma Wilson, Resource and Compliance Officer and the Registrar.

Over the summer the committee has looked at all our schedule of forms and made a number of changes. Please check the new website to ensure that your current forms comply.

Over the past year there have been a number of Bylaw changes which will be ratified at the 2010 Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday, May 29, 2010 at the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon. Hope to see you all there!

New Owner's Licenses

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| Moose Jaw Crematorium & Columbarium | OC 7656 |
| Mourning Glory Cremation Centre Inc. | OC 7655 |
| Wolkowski Funeral Service Ltd. | OFS 7657 |



Working with Legislation

Who is the Authorized Decision Maker?

Same sex couple-not married, but living common-law for several years. One partner deceased.

No will

Surviving partner and parents of the deceased cannot agree on funeral arrangements.

(answer in next edition)