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Don't forget if you still need to get your 6 continuing education credits for the 2012 licensing year the 2011 Spring Symposium DVD is now available for purchase.

FCSCS News and Update

2012 On-line License Renewal Update

Council administration is pleased to advise changes are now complete to the on-line license renewal forms and licensee profiles.

When you log onto the secure portion of Council's website and click on "Administer Account" you will now notice a new field named "Primary Employer."

The administrative staff have reviewed all licensee profiles and updated them with the personal and employee information we currently have on file. We invite you to maintain any changes to your personal and employee information through Council website. Any changes you make on the website will automatically result in an email to Council admin indicating the changed fields, which in turn we will update on our records accordingly.

What do these upgrades mean to you? Now when you renew your license on-line all fields will automatically populate within the renewal form, even your employers contact information. This means less keying for you.

Should you realize there are areas on your license renewal form that are incorrect, a quick change in the Administer Account field will correct this.

Council administration would once again like to thank the licensees for their input which has helped to make these changes possible. Your continued input is appreciated and welcomed.

Items of Interest

- 2012 On-line License Renewal Update
- Compliance Update
- 2012 FSAC Convention
- Spring Symposium Update

Funeral Service Association of Canada (FSAC) – 2012 Annual Convention - Regina

FSAC will be holding its annual convention in Regina from June 6th to 9th, 2012, at the Delta Hotel and it is planned to hold Council's annual general meeting in conjunction with the convention. This will be an excellent opportunity for licensees to attend the usual line-up of top quality presentations to complete continuing education credits and to meet exhibitors from across the country.

Saskatchewan licensees who attended this year's conference in Saint John can attest to the benefit of attending a national convention and of the networking opportunities that are created.

Compliance Update

As of June 16th, 2011 there have been 62 compliance reviews completed since January 1st, 2011. Three complaints have been received since January 1st, with one from a consumer and two from other sources.

2011 Spring Symposium Update

The 2011 FCSCS Spring Symposium held at the Radisson Hotel Saskatoon was a great success. Re-elected to Council for his second term was Todd Lumbard of Speers Funeral Chapel and Crematorium of Regina and newly elected member was Raymond Bailey of Bailey's Funeral Home in Yorkton.

All continuing education sessions were well received by licensees and many favourable comments were received:

"Alan Creedy's presentation - common sense, industry needs to work together and reduce fighting each other. Think outside the box and put more emphasis back into the families we serve and the profit will follow."

"I really enjoyed Saul Jacobson's presentation and what he had to say. It opened my eyes, my thinking and changed my life. I am so glad I came to hear him speak."

"Statistics on social media surprised me."

"Saul Jacobson's presentation on social media - website design as we are in the process of updating our website and this information was invaluable as it confirmed some things we knew and gave us some things to think about."

"Very timely and informative sessions, all of them."

"Alan Creedy's presentation on ethics in the workplace was humorous and fun, semi informative although highly controversial."

Saturday evening's banquet dinner included the presentation of license certificates to those individuals who received their practicing license during the previous year as well as the Embalmer and Funeral Director Intern Awards. Receiving the Embalmer Intern Award was Colette Kadziolka who achieved a mark of 100% on her Practical Embalming Final examination. Receiving the Funeral Director Intern Award was Edward Grondin who achieved a mark of 99% on his Jurisprudence Licensing Examination for a Funeral Director/Embalmer. In addition, the long term service awards were presented to five individuals.

The lifetime (45 year) service award recipients were Donald Jones of W.J. Jones & Son in Moose Jaw and Terry Michayliuk.

Receiving the 35 year long term service award was Bryan Funk of Funk's Funeral Home in Rosthern.

Receiving the 25 year long term service award were Phil Fredette, CFSP of River Park Memorial Chapel in Prince Albert and Harold Narfason of Narfason's Funeral Chapel and Crematorium in Wadena.



**Left to Right: Lifetime Award Recipients
Donald Jones, Terry Michayliuk**



**Left to Right: Phil Fredette, CFSP, Donald Jones,
Terry Michayliuk, Bryan Funk, Harold Narfason**

At the conclusion of the banquet, past Chairperson, Terry Zip was thanked by the licensees for his dedication and commitment to Council over the past six years. We wish Terry the best and welcome Todd Lumbard to his new position as Council Chairperson.