

MINUTES
April 19, 2011 Committee
1400 West Washington, Basement Conference Room B-1

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reverend Shindel, President
Samuel Bueler, Member
James Ahearne, Member
Phyllis Rowe, Member

TELECONFERENCE: Melinda Ellsworth, Science Care

STAFF PRESENT: Rodolfo Thomas, Executive Director
Alex Estrada, Licensing Administrator
Patricia Keith, Programs & Project Specialist

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Changes for the rules of the AZ State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers:

1. Definition:

- a. **Anatomical Human Remains:** Residual human remains that include organs tissue, bone or combination thereof to include whole body that were intended for or used in medical education and research.

2. New Cremation Rules:

- a. All cremations of human remains and anatomical human remains must be performed in accordance with the expressed wishes contained within the lawfully executed cremation authorization and must be performed in accordance with all state laws.
- b. A copy of a lawfully executed cremation authorization and a copy of a state authorized transit permit must accompany each individual set of human remains and anatomical human remains remitted to the licensed funeral establishment for processing and to the licensed crematory for cremation. Anatomical human remains may be accompanied by the transit permit number rather than the permit itself.

- c. Anatomical human remains destined for cremation may be commingled if they are not to be returned to the legal next of kin or designated authorizing agent.

B. Rule change for the anatomical gift organizations: Identify required elements of an organizations's authorization form to include sufficient information to ensure consumer protection and compliance with existing state and local laws.

- 1. The person making and authorizing the initial donation of the human remains hereby agrees to and irrevocably authorizes a commingled cremation of the anatomical human remains to be performed by a funeral home or crematory duly licensed by the state in which it operates. To comply with Arizona State law, the donor hereby authorizes the medical education and research agency to serve as the authorizing agent for cremation.

ADJOURN: The Committee adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Rodolfo Thomas
Executive Director

APPROVED BY:

Reverend Shindel, Member

Phyllis Rowe, Member

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