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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear NECA Cemeterians,

We, at the New England Cemetery Association hope all of you are well. As all of our New England states begin to reopen slowly, our cemeteries will once again be adjusting to the regulations put forth by each state.

As cemeterians we need to continue to take all the necessary precautions to limit the possibility of being exposed to the virus. Each state association is working in conjunction and in regular contact with their state and local agencies, along with following all guidelines set by the CDC. The NECA will continue to monitor all Federal, State, and Local guidance and will update our membership as necessary.

Our Membership Directory & Resource Guide should be arriving soon, I'd like to thank Jim Holman, who has put a lot of time and effort in to getting this years guide out to our membership.

As I write this message, I am cautiously optimistic the 51st Annual Frederick R. Lafond Management Seminar will take place as scheduled. The dates of this years seminar are December 7 – 9 at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA.

Next years Annual Meeting & Conference will be held at the Inn at Mill Falls on Lake Winnepesaukee in Meredith, NH June 21 – 24. I have reached out to the speakers lined for this Annual Meeting and they have all committed to our 2021 meeting.

A reminder for everyone, NECA memberships will be renewing on a calendar basis as of 2021, renewals will be going out in December

I wish all of you an enjoyable and safe summer

Stay Well

Dave Boyle



CONNECTICUT CEMETERY ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Nothing to report---

NEW HAMPSHIRE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Thanks for your follow-up to get information from the state associations.

Not much is happening here in NH but here's something from NH Cemetery Association:

The NH Cemetery Association (NHCA) recently took part in a remote training session of NH cemetery trustees conducted on June 11th by the NH Municipal Association.

Prior to a couple of years ago, the State of NH (Dept of Justice, Corporate Trusts) used to conduct very detailed annual training of NH cemetery trustees on the State laws and good practices. That annual training stopped 3-4 years ago when NH's "cemetery expert" in Corporate Trusts, Terry Knowles, retired and the State decided to stop providing training of cemetery trustees. NHCA knows how important training is and reached out to the NH Municipal Association to help them with the training that they provide.

Any questions, please let me know.

Best regards,

Mike Horne

NHCA Secretary/Treasurer

MAINE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION NEWS

Nothing to report

RHODE ISLAND CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

No news to report

**Link to a You-Tube Video re: The Death Care Industry– recommended
by our Secretary Dan Krueger**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2G27FQHJIA>

Also an article in the latest Issue of Time Magazine- Entitled Duty for the Dead- June 1-8, 2020 Edition-

NECA Membership Benefits

Professional Recognition— —Shared Knowledge— —Answers to Questions

Broader Access to Resources— — Industry Links to Vendors & Cemeterians

Added Value to your Board of Trustees & Cemetery Associations

Opens Doors to National & International Cemetery Associations

Know a New England Cemeterian who isn't a NECA member? Have them

Get in touch with Robbin Kelly, NECA Membership Chair

rkelly@town.harwich.ma.us or call Robbin at 508-430-7549



PLEASE NOTE: Based on feedback from our members, the NECA Board of Directors made a change to member benefits. A member who is unable to attend either the Laffond Seminar or Summer Conference may send another individual from the cemetery in their place, without incurring the non-member fees.

VERMONT CEMETERY ASSOCIATION NEWS

Vermont Cemetery Association is working on a new website, our present one has been shut down.

Green Mount Cemetery is in the development/use phase of a "green hybrid section" which will be called the "Orchard" 80 natural burials with apple trees and wildflowers growing. No Monuments will be allowed just mandatory flush markers. The only mowing will occur in late fall after all the pollinators have gone. Sales in this section have been brisk

Many Vermont Cemeteries use the Dept of Corrections for mowing. But due to Covid - 19, no inmate work crews are allowed outside yet. Green Mount has put up its' own signs explaining this. Green Mount has two employees and not their usual 8-10 inmate crew. We are only mowing about 20 % of the grounds and we have received lots of compliments for allowing the grasses, dandelions, etc to grow.

Thank you,

Patrick Healy



MASSACHUSETTS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

MCA had to postpone their Annual Meeting in April due to the pandemic. The Board members have stayed on in their current roles at this time. The Consumer Affairs committee under the leadership of Tom Daly has been following the guidance from the state for cemeteries and crematories and helping members interpret the information.

Ed Butland, Treasurer will be retiring from the board and we thank him for his leadership and experience over the past year with our financial records.

MCA new website coming! We are working with Gravoc to design a new website for our association. Stayed tuned for the unveiling.

Massachusetts Cemetery Association- Angela Snell President.

Comment from the Editor

If you have *interesting facts* about your cemetery that you would like to share with other NECA Cemeterians, please send those to me, and I will add those into the newsletter accordingly. We all find it very interesting to learn about other cemeteries and their residents, and any tricks to the trade you have found through your experiences. You can send to dhemmann@cedarhillcemetery.org

New England Cemetery Association College Scholarship Program

In 2015 The New England Cemetery Association established a College Scholarship Program. In the first year scholarships were awarded to four very deserving students. With this success it was determined that the program would be continued as an ongoing opportunity for our members' qualified dependents (cemetery members and suppliers alike). A qualified dependent is a child, step child, or grandchild of an active member in good standing in NECA. The student must be accepted to or presently attending a four year accredited institution of higher learning.

This year the association has awarded scholarships to 5 students.

Brandon Hooper (Wentworth Institute of Technology, Civil Engineering), son of Lincoln Hooper, Town of Harwich, MA Cemeteries.

Myalia Durno (University of Hartford, Psychology), daughter of Seth Durno, Lowell Cemetery, Lowell, MA.

Nicholas Piscitelli (University of Hartford, Finance), son of Paul Piscitelli, St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain, CT.

Isabella Rossetti (Stonehill College, Chemistry), granddaughter of Ronald Sill, Saint Michael Cemetery, Derby, CT

Trevor Brown (University of Connecticut, Music/Voice Performance), Son of Pamela Brown, Hillside Cemetery, Wilton, CT.

Please join us in congratulating these deserving, successful students.

For more information and an application please email [Dan Krueger](mailto:Dan.Krueger@cedarhillcemetery.org) or mail the application to:

Deadline is May 1st

Dan Krueger
Beaverdale Memorial Park
90 Pine Rock Avenue
New Haven, CT 06515

NECA Balance Sheet 12-31-2019

NECA
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2019

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash Checking	\$ 28,425.22	
Investment Portfolio	92,792.49	
Inventory Logo Items	215.32	
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Total Current Assets		121,433.03
Property and Equipment		
Equipment	190.59	
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Total Property and Equipment		190.59
Other Assets		
Prepaid Conference Expense	1,995.00	
PrePaid Seminar Expense	400.00	
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Total Other Assets		2,395.00
Total Assets	\$	<u>124,018.62</u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities		
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Total Current Liabilities		0.00
Long-Term Liabilities		
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Total Long-Term Liabilities		0.00
Total Liabilities		0.00
Capital		
Fund Balance	\$ 35,527.01	
Adj to prior year	(1,206.00)	
Beginning Bal Equity	2,417.93	
Retained Earnings	70,400.39	
Equity Acct Family Services	2,839.11	
Net Income	14,040.18	
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Total Capital		124,018.62
Total Liabilities & Capital	\$	<u>124,018.62</u>

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Save the Dates !!!!!

51st Annual Frederick R. Laffond
Management Seminar
Dec 7-9, 2020
Publick House
Sturbridge, MA.



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