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President's Message

David J. Boyle



Dear NECA Cemeterians & Suppliers Happy New Year!

As we begin 2024, I'd like to take a moment to reflect back on 2023 and say Thank You to all our Cemeterians and Suppliers who supported the association throughout 2023, be it our 120th Annual Meeting & Conference, in Concord, MA or the 53rd Annual Frederick R. Laffond Management Seminar, in Sturbridge, MA.

Since being installed as President in June, I attended Fall Field Day, hosted by the Mass Cemetery Association in September, the Connecticut Cemetery Association Annual Meeting in October, and the Rhode Island Cemetery Association December meeting at Swan Point. It was great to see old & new faces, it was also nice to see great attendance at all the meetings.

We are working to put together the **121st Annual Meeting & Conference, June 17 – 18 at the Hawthorne Hotel in Salem, MA.** Please watch your email and the website for updates and registration when it becomes available. On Monday afternoon June 17th we will be offering 3 different networking opportunities, the Annual Nick Pahoulis Memorial Golf Classic, Skeet Shooting with Gene Kinnel and since we will be in Salem, MA we will be offering a tour of the "Witch City". On June 18th the Annual Meeting & Conference will take place throughout the day and conclude with the Presidents Dinner. We look forward to seeing you all in June!

2024 Cemetery & Suppliers Membership Renewals have been sent out. If you haven't renewed yet, please go to our website www.newenglandcemetery.org and download the forms.

Dave Boyle

State News

Connecticut Cemetery Association



Please save the date for our annual Suppliers Expo on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at Casa Mia in Berlin, Connecticut. Sign up forms will be on our website by the end of January.

Our Vice President Torrance Downes is currently gathering burial vs. cremation statistics data for 2023. If you oversee a Connecticut cemetery and haven't already done so, please send the information on your cemetery to Torrance at jhtdownes@gmail.com.

Lisa Vaeth
President
Connecticut Cemetery Association



New Hampshire Cemetery Association

The Board of Directors will be meeting late January to plan the NHCA Spring meeting held in April.

NHCA has two membership meetings a year - April and Oct.

The CY2024 membership drive is underway. Cemeterians interested in joining NHCA can find the membership form on the website: <https://www.nhcmemetery.org/>

The NH legislature (House) has proposed legislation relative to green burials and authorizing the natural organic reduction of human remains. NH House Bill HB-1324-FN. https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/billinfo.aspx?id=1514&inflect=2

NHCA is following this legislation closely.

Submitted by Mike Horne
Secretary/ Treasurer
NH Cemetery Association (NHCA)



Cemetery Turf Management Seminar



WHEN

March 5th
2024

8 am - 5 pm

WHERE

Rhode Island
Convention Center
Providence, RI

JOIN US

1-401-841-5490
<https://www.nertf.org/>



Technology

Research

Innovation

Mission

- To Raise awareness of the latest research and maintenance advances
- To build on the professionalism of cemetery operations management
- To foster new avenues of communication for cemetery management professional

CALLING ALL ACTIVE NECA MEMBERS!!!

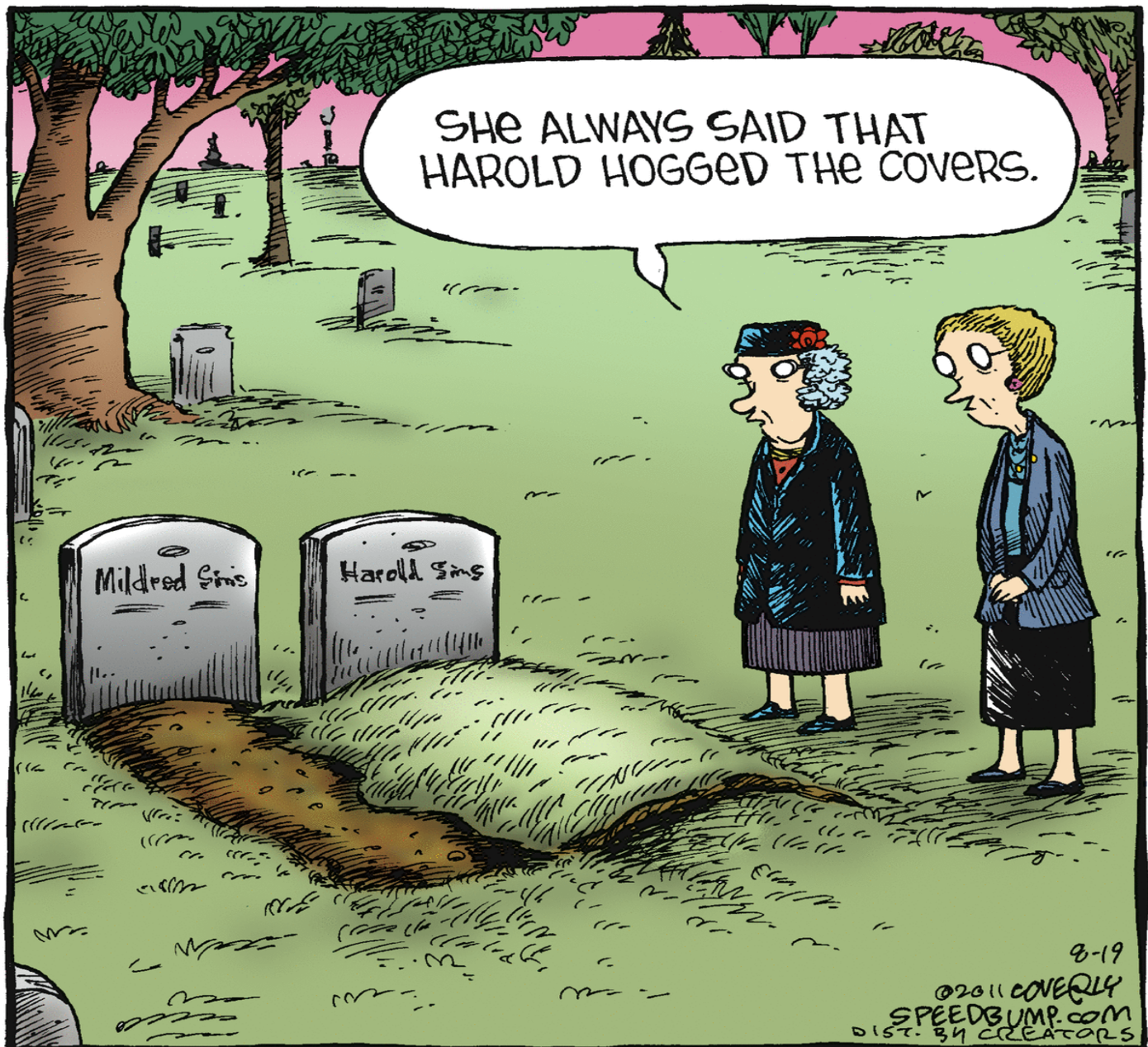
Have you ever considered serving on the Board of Directors of
The New England Cemetery Association?

If so, now is your chance to let us know if you are interested in getting involved in
the future!

Please contact Nominations Chair

Kelly Perry

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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 Mary Anne Hawthorne NECA Membership Chair—send her an email at mhawthorne@cedarhillcemetery.org

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.

NECA is guided by a Board of Directors which is elected every year at the Annual Meeting and Conference. Serving on the current Board are:

President: David Boyle, Chelmsford Cemeteries, Chelmsford, MA

First Vice President: Gregory Howard, River Bend Cemetery, Westerly, RI

Second Vice President: Maureen Crick Owen, Newtown Village Cemetery, Newtown, CT

Treasurer: Joseph Swift, Highland Memorial Park, Johnston, RI

Secretary: Dan Krueger, Beaverdale Memorial Park, New Haven, CT

Director: Mary Anne Hawthorne, Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford, CT (3 year term)

Director: David Raposa, Jr., Fall River Catholic Cemeteries, Fall River, MA (3 year term)

Continuing to serve will be –

Immediate Past President: Kelly Perry, Swan Point Cemetery, Providence, RI

Director: Pamela Brown, Hillside Cemetery, Wilton, CT (1 year)

Director: Annalisa Heppner, North Burial Ground, Providence, RI (1 year)

Past President Director: Robbin Kelley, Town of Harwich, Harwich, MA (1 year)

Past President Director: Patrick Healy, Green Mount Cemetery, Montpelier, VT (2 years)

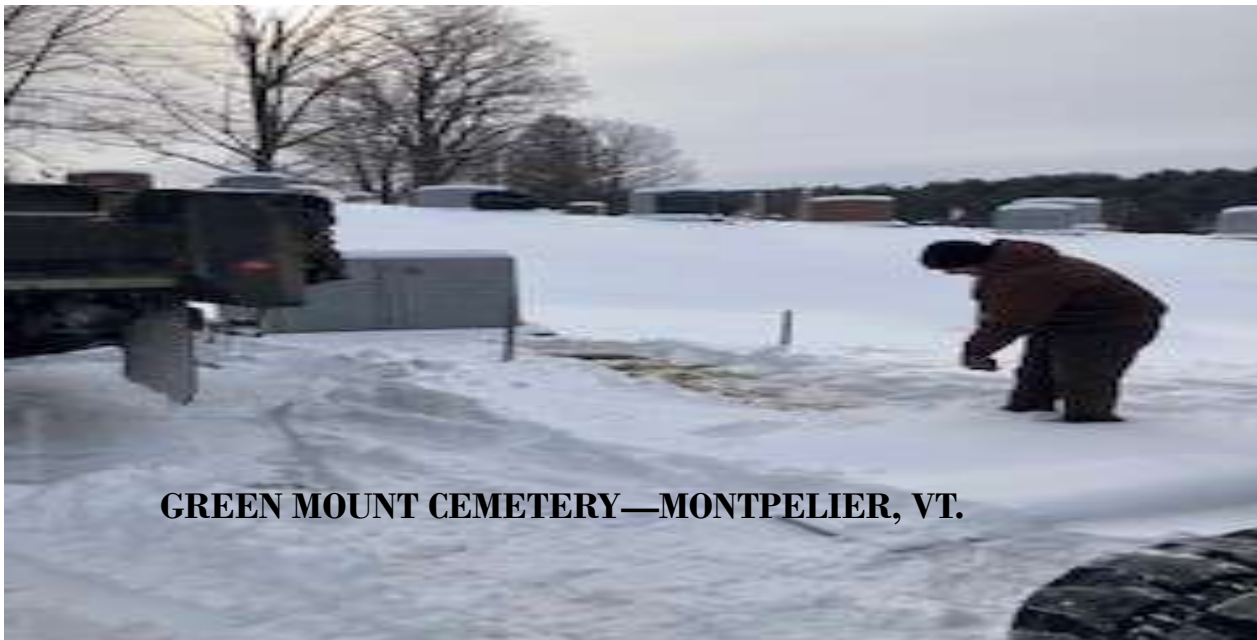
If anyone has something they would like to share, please email me at Rescholl627@gmail.com

It could be an event, project, a new piece of equipment, Vandalism, storm damage an unusual memorial, or a seasonal view of your grounds, Etc.



As Cemeterians, we are privileged to see first hand the beauty mother nature has to offer throughout the four seasons in New England.

Here are some Winter season cemetery photos from our fellow members



GREEN MOUNT CEMETERY—MONTPELIER, VT.



NORTH BURIAL GROUNDS—PROVIDENCE, R.I.



HAWTHORNE HOTEL
EST. 1925 in Salem, Massachusetts



Save the Date

June 17 – 18th 2024

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