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President 2026—2028

Interview Questions:

1. What year did you begin working at a cemetery and where was it?

I was hired as a Regional Superintendent for the Diocese of Providence Catholic Cemeteries in June of 2014.

2. Have you been employed at any other cemetery (s)?

I am currently the Director of Diocesan Cemeteries for the Diocese of Fall River, MA. I started here in June of 2020.

3. What positions have you held during your time at the cemetery?

I have held a few positions in my tenure including Regional Superintendent, Superintendent of Cemetery Administration Management, Assistant Director, and now Director of Cemeteries in my current role.

4. How long have been employed in this type of business?

I have been in the cemetery industry for 13 years.

5. How long have you been involved with NECA?

I have been involved with NECA for the past 11 years.

6. What year did you join the NECA Board of Directors

I believe I joined the Board of Directors in June of 2021.

7. Are there any changes / improvements you would like to administer now that you have become president?

We as a board and the officers have made a few important changes to the organization and the By-Laws over the past couple of years, so at this point I don't feel any changes need to be made at this time. The organization seems to be going in the right direction.

Additional comments:

Thank you for instilling your confidence in me as President of the New England Cemetery Association for a two-year term.

I look forward to working with the Board of Directors, Officers, Vendors, and membership over the next 2 years to continue to lead this organization as well as past administrations have set the bar very high. I look forward to a fun, rewarding, and education packed 2 years.



EVENT PAGE

SAVE THE DATE

56th Annual

Frederick R. Laffond Cemetery Management Seminar

Monday, December 7 through Wednesday December 9, 2026

The Publick House Historic Inn

277 Main Street

Sturbridge. Massachusetts

Please join seminar chair David Raposa Jr. for two days of education, experience, networking, and laughs at this wonderful event.

Speaker information to follow at a later date.

Go to WWW.NEWENGLANDCEMETERY.ORG for updates



Past President's Message

Greetings fellow Cemeterians and Suppliers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July, and that your summer's are all off to a great start. By now, I am sure many of you are growing tired of hearing from me, but I wanted to thank everyone that was able to attend N.E.C.A.'s 123rd Annual Meeting & Conference at the Hilton in Mystic, CT back in June. Overall, I thought it was a wonderful gathering of some truly amazing people. The hotel, food, and staff were great, everyone really seemed to enjoy the President's Reception at Dog Watch Mystic, and our speakers Dallin Cooper, John Rudolph, and Analisa Heppner were tremendous! We have received a lot of positive feedback from everyone. I also want to especially recognize the support our organization receives from all of our suppliers, which continues to be such an integral part of our events and our entire organization as a whole. Not only do they attend all of our events, bringing their seemingly endless warmth, knowledge, and enthusiasm, they have also consistently provided additional financial support through donations and sponsorships, which allows us to make these events special. It is so very much appreciated.

We were also able to take care of a few important matters of business. Over the last few years, a select few of our suppliers have volunteered their time to serve on the Board. First, as Supplier Liaisons without voting privileges, and now, as full Supplier Directors, after our membership voted to ratify proposed changes to the By-Laws and Constitution at the Annual Meeting, granting them their well-deserved title and voting privileges. Secondly, as all of you know, we recently lost our longtime Treasurer, Past-President, colleague, and friend, Joe Swift, and I am proud to announce the creation of the Joseph R. Swift NECA Family Services Program. Family Services was a particular passion of Joe's, and we all believe this was a wonderful way to honor his legacy. Last but not least, I want to thank and congratulate our new slate of Officers and Directors, especially our incoming President David Raposa, Jr., Vice-President Pamela Brown, Treasurer Mary Anne Hawthorne, our newest Director Bill Efthimiades. I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Greg Howard, Immediate Past President
N.E.C.A.





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.

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

Past President: David Boyle

dboyle@chelmsfordma.gov

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM 2026

I hereby apply for active membership in the New England Cemetery Association and agree to abide by the
Constitution, Rules and By-Laws of the Association
Annual Dues: \$50.00

Name: _____ Title: _____

Name of Cemetery: _____

Cemetery Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Type of Cemetery (check all that apply)

Non-Profit: _____ For Profit: _____ Municipal: _____ Private: _____ Mutual: _____ Fraternal: _____ Church/Religious: _____
Single Owner: _____ Partnership: _____ Incorporated: _____ Non-Sectarian: _____ Crematory: _____ Columbarium: _____
Mausoleum: _____

CHECK WITH YOUR STATE ASSOCIATION REGARDING NECA MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Applicants must be a member in good standing of a cemetery association from their respective state.
Please indicate below the name of that association of which you are a current member.

CT: _____ MA: _____ ME: _____ NH: _____ RI: _____ VT: _____

Other: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

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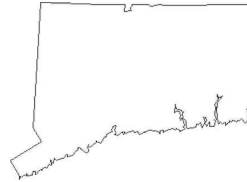
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Connecticut



Catholic Cemeteries of Hartford - Skilled Union Position

Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford - Operations Manager

Massachusetts



Jewish Cemetery Association (JCAM) Cemetery Sales Associate

**Knollwood Cemetery, Sharon –
Memorial Plaque & Unveiling Coordinator**

St. Michael Cemetery Boston - Crematory Operatort

Woodlawn Cemetery , Everett – Cemetery Laborer

**Further Information for applying for these positions is available on
our website.**

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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 Raposa, Jr., Fall River Catholic Cemeteries, Fall River, MA

Vice President – Pamela Brown, Hillside Cemetery, Wilton, CT

Treasurer – Mary Anne Hawthorne, Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford, CT

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Director – Robbin Kelley, Town of Harwich, Harwich, MA

Continuing to serve will be Immediate Past President—
Gregory Howard, River Bend Cemetery , Westerly, R.I.



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