

**American Board of Funeral Service Education**

**55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

**Monday, April 17 – Saturday, April 22, 2017**

**DoubleTree Hotel (aka Springmaid Beach Resort), Myrtle Beach SC**

**Preliminary Schedule (January 26, 2017)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Function Description</b>	<b>Start-End Time</b>
<b>Monday 4/17/2017</b>	<b>COA Team Chair Dinner (Closed)</b>	<b>5:30 – 8:30 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday 4/18/2017</b>	<b>COA Meeting (Closed)</b>	<b>8:00 AM – 5:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday 4/19/2017</b>	<b>COA meeting (Closed)</b>	<b>8:00 AM – 5:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday 4/19/2017</b>	<b>Strategic Planning Session (Open to ALL)</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday 4/19/2017</b>	<b>Buffet Lunch for Committees</b>	<b>12:00 – 1:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday 4/19/2017</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>12:00 – 4:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday 4/19/2017</b>	<b>Scholarship Committee (Closed)</b>	<b>1:00 – 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday 4/19/2017</b>	<b>Constitution &amp; By-Laws Committee</b>	<b>1:00 – 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday 4/19/2017</b>	<b>Program Committee</b>	<b>1:00 – 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday 4/19/2017</b>	<b>NBE Liaison Committee</b>	<b>1:00 – 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday 4/19/2017</b>	<b>Curriculum Committee</b>	<b>1:00 – 5:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday 4/19/2017</b>	<b>COA Liaison Committee</b>	<b>1:00 – 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday 4/19/2017</b>	<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>3:00 – 6:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday 4/19/2017</b>	<b>Sponsored (SCI) Reception</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:30 PM</b>
<b>Thursday 4/20/2017</b>	<b>Exhibition/Trade Show</b>	<b>9:00 AM – 1:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday 4/20/2017</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>9:00 AM – 4:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday 4/20/2017</b>	<b>New Member Orientation</b>	<b>11:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday 4/20/2017</b>	<b>Boxed Lunch</b>	<b>12:00 – 1:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday 4/20/2017</b>	<b>Mentoring (bring your boxed lunch)</b>	<b>12:30 – 1:15 PM</b>
<b>Thursday 4/20/2017</b>	<b>Professional Development: NBE and ICFSEB</b>	<b>1:15 – 2:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday 4/20/2017</b>	<b>Professional Development: Smart Phone Applications</b>	<b>2:10 – 3:10 PM</b>
<b>Thursday 4/20/2017</b>	<b>Professional Development: Best Practices for Teaching</b>	<b>3:20 – 4:30 PM</b>
<b>Thursday 4/20/2017</b>	<b>Hotel Sponsored Welcome Reception</b>	<b>5:00 – 6:00 PM</b>

<b>Thursday 4/20/2017</b>	<b>Dinner Buffet (UMSEA/NACMS)</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday 4/20/2017</b>	<b>UMSEA Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 – 9:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday 4/20/2017</b>	<b>NACMS Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 – 9:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday 4/21/2017</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>	<b>7:30 – 8:30 AM</b>
<b>Friday 4/21/2017</b>	<b>College and Univ. Council (Educators Only)</b>	<b>8:00 – 10:00 AM</b>
<b>Friday 4/21/2017</b>	<b>ABFSE Annual Meeting (Open to ALL)</b>	<b>10:30 AM – 1:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday 4/21/2017</b>	<b>ABFSE Annual Awards Luncheon</b>	<b>1:15 – 2:45 PM</b>
<b>Friday 4/21/2017</b>	<b>Professional Development: Arranger Training (NFDA)</b>	<b>3:00 – 4:30 PM</b>
<b>Friday 4/21/2017</b>	<b>Piedmont Barbeque/Reception (Open to ALL)</b>	<b>TBD ***</b>
<b>Saturday 4/22/2017</b>	<b>Self-Study Workshop (Registration Required)</b>	<b>8:30 – 11:30 AM</b>
<b>Saturday 4/22/2017</b>	<b>Site Visitor Workshop (Registration Required)</b>	<b>8:30 – 11:30 AM</b>

\*\*\*Host school activity at the Double Tree.

Professional Development schedule

Thursday 3:20 – 4:30 Best Practices for teaching  
(break-out sessions for Chemistry, Ethics, Merchandising)

Other notable activities:

*Embalming* textbook update by Martha Thayer - during Awards Luncheon

RA demos - during Exhibits

On-line Self Study preview - during Executive Director's Report

Q & A with the COA – during College and University Council meeting