

## Town Hall Notes

80 people registered; 73 participated in some manner

(42 schools were represented, 3 associations, 2 ABFSE public members, ICFSEB representative, 2 staff, 2 guests)

- **Professional Development** – 2 sessions approved for APFSP credit.  
See website for description and registration.
- **Curriculum comments** by October 1 (copies of summer workshop product were emailed August 24, 2021)
- **Curriculum Committee** meets October 8 via Zoom. Open meeting. Registration link on website.
- **NFDA Convention.**

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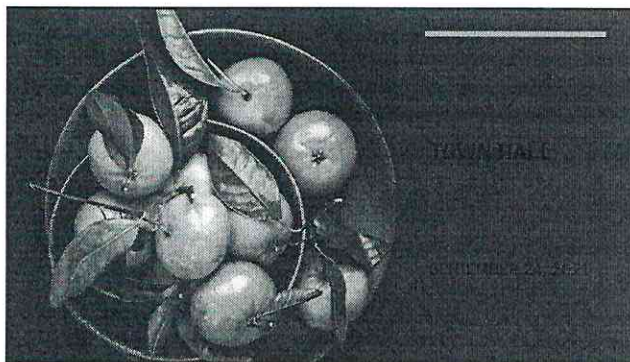
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If attending, be sure to request the free educator registration.

- Use **For Educators** page
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  - curriculum outlines (password only to PD)
  - assessment ideas
  - and more*
- **Embalming textbook** – ABFSE owns rights. 6<sup>th</sup> edition due in January. Will be promoted by McGraw-Hill @ NFDA Convention.
- **Textbooks** – difference between ‘references’ in curriculum outlines and Conference textbook list.
- COA review of **program webpages** looking for current Directory data.  
necessary for CHEA review.  
If not updated by October meeting of COA expect negative action.
- **Annual Report** with cohort tracking is postponed till 2022 data.
- **New website** is planned – after the CHEA review is finished.
- **Standard 10** – new approach to NBE pass rate, grad rate and employment rate info was discussed. COA will evaluate during October meeting.
- **Impact of Test taking anxiety** was discussed
  
- **COA Liaison Committee Meeting** (with COA)  
Is it necessary after Town Hall?  
Comments/question should go to Venus R. Smith at Jefferson State CC

**ABFSE website** – “See Something / Say Something”

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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Expectations of Funeral Service Students vs. Employers: Strategies to Bridge the Gap.

October 7, 2021 — November 18, 2021

Cremation is \_\_\_\_?: Understanding cremation motivations

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**CURRICULUM COMMENTS**  
**FUNERAL DIRECTING, EMBALMING,**  
**PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS**

- Due by October 1
- Send to Cody Lopasky – Curriculum Committee Chair  
c.lopasky@commonwealth.edu
- Or to ABFSE Office

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**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

meets October 8 via Zoom

Open meeting

Registration link on Meetings page of ABFSE website.  
<https://www.abfse.org/html/meeting.html>

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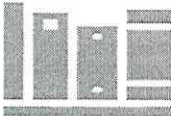
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**STANDARD 10**

COA is considering new approach to NBE pass rate, grad rate and job placement/employment rate info

1. USDE/NACIQ/CHEA question the use of 60% as representative of program quality
2. CHEA questions the manner in which graduation rate is reported
3. USDE wants verification of job placement data
  - *Reminder:* USDE and CHEA expect that at least the above 3 are used in accreditation.

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**QUESTIONS/CONCERNS/ISSUES**

- What is standard deviation?
- Use of SD creates a *moving target*
- Impact of 'outlier' averages? / use of weighted averages?
- Info to be reported in Directory & on website v. used in COA decisions
- Use consistent language in final proposal
- Info shared today is starting point for discussion

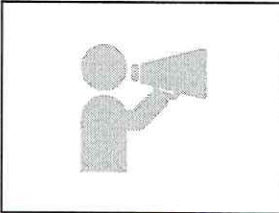
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