



Member Newsletter

Winter 2019

Dear Colleagues,

Firstly, I'd like to thank our past president, Bob Huskey, for his diligent work over the last two years. He brought an enthusiastic attitude along with years of experience to our association, while providing thoughtful insight to our decision-making process. Thank you, Bob!

Secondly, I'd like to introduce myself. I grew up in Portland and Milwaukie, but moved around quite a bit in my twenties. After living abroad for a few years, I begrudgingly came to the decision that I should get a "grown-up" job. In 2003, I moved back home to Portland and started my career in funeral service. I began working at Peake Funeral Chapel doing first calls and after the first year, I was offered an apprenticeship. After promising myself I would never live in Milwaukie again, I moved into the funeral home's apartment and started my apprenticeship. I finished my apprenticeship at Mt. Scott Funeral Home and then became Office Manager. After five years at Mt. Scott, I was offered a position at Metro in their historic cemeteries program. I have been at Metro going on nine years, where we operate and maintain 14 historic cemeteries.

I've been a CAO board member for two years and I'm excited to take on role as President. I look forward to working more with cemeteries in our state. I especially have a soft spot in my heart for historic cemeteries who need a little extra help.

I'm excited about our next conference. While we have a rough outline of topics for this year's conference, I would love to hear your ideas about what would benefit you the most. One of my goals this year is to have even more members participate, so please let us know how our conference can be most relevant to you.

And finally, we've enclosed a membership renewal form for 2019. Please fill out and send back to us via email at cemeteryassociationoforegon@gmail.com. You are also welcome to mail or fax your form. We greatly appreciate your membership and the opportunity to support and serve our colleagues. Please meet the 2019 board in the following pages.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,



Noel Seats, President
Cemetery Association of Oregon

Upcoming Events

SOLVE

**May 11
Oregon**

Historic Cemetery Clean-Up Day
Register your property at:
www.SolveOregon.org

**Oregon Commission On
Historic Cemeteries
Workshop: How To Run a
Cemetery Clean-Up Day**

March 14 // Webinar
March 15 // Webinar and in Salem
More information at:

www.oregon.gov/OPRD/HCD/pages/calendar.aspx

Legislative Corner

By Ty Cochrane

Senate Bill 227 - Hearing Scheduled for Feb. 12

Authorizes cemetery authority, or person with authority to determine disposition of human remains, to move, temporarily store or reinter human remains dislodged from original cemetery plot by natural disaster or other similar emergency. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

House Bill 2088 - Passed

Referred to Senate Business and General

Government on Feb. 6

Allows Department of Consumer and Business Services to restrict or suspend operations of

endowment care cemetery for specified reasons.

Authorizes specified parties to petition for appointment of receiver for endowment care cemetery for specified reasons. Authorizes specified parties to petition circuit court to require cemetery authority to expend endowment care funds. Authorizes department, in collaboration with State Mortuary and Cemetery Board, to adopt rules related to endowment care cemeteries.

Meet the Board

JC Aubry was born and raised in France in a small village of 650 people east of Paris. He went to school in France and graduated with a Masters in Operation Management from the ISERPA in Angers. He studied in San Diego, CA in 1997 and served in the French Air Force, based in Paris, Air Force Headquarters. In 1999, he moved back to the US and graduated from University of Dallas with a Masters in Business Administration in Engineering and Technology. He moved to Oregon in 2002 and married Jennifer (Dallas, Oregon native). JC started work in the funeral profession in 2002 and became manager of several locations after a few months. After 15 years with Alderwoods and Service Corporation International, JC has joined Stonemor as the General Manager for the Salem and Roseburg areas that includes Restlawn Memorial Gardens and Mortuary, Farnstrom Mortuary, Keizer Chapel, Roseburg Memorial Gardens, Wilson Chapel, Sutherlin Chapel and Valley View. He serves on several advisory boards including Mount Hood Community College Funeral Service Education, Cemetery Association of Oregon, Portland Veterans Day Parade, Salvation Army Metro Division, as well as the Veterans and Family Center. He is the proud father of four children: Caden, Cole, Chamonix, and Chase.

David Bone was raised in Arizona and joined the Army following high school. He was stationed in Kentucky and Kansas during Desert Storm. After being honorably discharged in 1990, he moved to Louisville to attend mortuary college. He graduated in

1992 and moved back to Arizona, where he worked in the funeral industry. In 1996, he and his wife relocated to Portland. He worked for SCI/Alderwoods and eventually moved into managing multiple locations and crematories. In 2008, they had the opportunity to purchase Hillside Chapel in Oregon City where they now live. In the spring of 2014, they purchased Columbia Funeral Home and Columbia Memorial Gardens in St. Helens. He has been a licensed Funeral Service Practitioner/ Embalmer for almost 30 years. He has held licenses in Arizona, Washington, and Oregon. He still works as a funeral director/embalmer, serving families in both Columbia and Clackamas Counties. He has vast experience serving on multiple boards: Board of Directors for Donate Life NW, and as Board Chair for two years; chair of the Board of Directors for Springwater Environmental Sciences School in Oregon City; board for the Oregon Funeral Directors Association and as President. In addition to being on the Board of Directors for the Cemetery Association of Oregon, he is currently President of the Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board.

Sean Chase is Regional Sales Manager for Premier Memorial, a wholesale manufacturer for funeral homes and cemeteries since 1896, and Branch Manager for Oregon Granite Monument and Memorial, the distribution center for all wholesale customers from South Portland to San Francisco. Sean has been in the industry for over seven years, bringing with him a career in sales, though previously for mid-life activities, such as motor homes and copiers. He loves his work helping families and as a volunteer at the Gospel Mission.

Ty Cochrane is the General Manager of Belcrest Memorial Park in Salem with 35+ years in the industry. He has been serving as Legislative Liaison for the CAO Board of Directors for the past 17 years and has also served as President, Vice President, and board member for over 20 of those years. Two grand-kids keep him busy as they play every sport imaginable, but he still occasionally gets the fishing rod out to do some steelheading and chinook fishing as well as the annual hunts, which sometimes do not include a rifle anymore.

Rachel Essig is the Executive Director of River View Cemetery & Funeral Home. Previously, Rachel served as the General Manager for Skyline Memorial Gardens & Funeral Home in Northwest Portland and was the Historic Cemeteries Program Manager for Metro Regional Government, managing 14 cemeteries throughout Multnomah County. Rachel obtained her degree in Spanish and Latin American Studies from Western Michigan University. Rachel resides in Southeast Portland with her family. Together, they enjoy traveling in Central America and camping in the Northwest.

Steve Gallaway began his cemetery career September 1976, working on the grounds of Fir Lawn Cemetery in Hillsboro, OR for the Bronleewe family. In 1984, he moved on to become Grounds Superintendent at Hillsboro's Valley Memorial Park for new owner, Ross Matthews of Donelson, Sewell, and Matthews Mortuary. After 3 years, he took the job as Grounds Superintendent at Forest Lawn Cemetery, in Gresham, OR under owner Jerry Westin. During his 7 ½ years there, the cemetery was purchased by Uniservice Corp. During this time with Uniservice, Steve oversaw both Forest Lawn Cemetery and Sunnyside Little Chapel of the Chimes. One of his projects during this time was

designing and installing the irrigation system at Sunnyside Little Chapel of the Chimes after the funeral home was built. He also installed much of the landscape there. A fun part of his job was competing in the annual Rose Festival Rose Contest where he, along with his crew, won Best Commercial Rose Garden with more than 50 roses several times. When SCI purchased Uniservice in 1995, Steve moved over to the Sunnyside property, once again as the Grounds Superintendent. While at Sunnyside, Steve was offered and took the position of Office Manager. After six months, Steve transferred to Lincoln Memorial Park, within SCI, to handle marker orders and special projects. In fall of 2015, Steve accepted his current position at River View Cemetery in Portland, OR to take on the new task of digitally mapping the cemetery, providing families the ability to locate graves through a phone app. Steve brings a broad variety of experiences in many fields of the cemetery industry to the CAO Board.

Glen Macy represents the fifth generation of providers at Macy and Sons in McMinnville, Oregon. He was born and raised in McMinnville, then went on to graduate from the University of Oregon with a major in humanities and a minor in business. After college, Glen took time to work and partake in numerous outdoor activities, which he thoroughly enjoys. Among his favorites are rafting, fishing, and hiking. During that time, he volunteered for various parks organizations to help build, maintain, and create new outdoor recreation areas. Glen graduated from Mt Hood Community College with a degree in Funeral Service Education before coming back into the family business. "This is something I have always known I would like to do and feel it is an honor and a privilege to be of service to my community. I look forward to becoming an active member in the community and its various organizations that help make this a great place to live." He and his wife enjoyed a honeymoon in Southeast Asia in 2016.

Bob Huskey is one of six children raised on a large cattle and timber farm in Mosier, OR, schooled in Mosier and The Dalles, OR. His work history encompasses a variety of industries: Diamond Fruit Growers; Trail Twin Theatres, Columbia Corp.; Timber Mill shipping clerk; United Telephone of the Northwest, construction, outside plant cable splicing supervisor; owned Cascade Corner Inc., Convenient Stores & Car Washes; owner of Cross "R" Fingers, Commercial & Residential Holdings; built the Whistle Stop Ice Cream Shoppe at the far south end of the Mt. Hood

Evone Manzella, formerly of Finley Sunset Hills Memorial Park, was elected onto the board this past fall, however she is moving from her role there to manage Vancouver Funeral Chapel in Vancouver, Washington. Evone, a resident of Vancouver, is also thrilled to be moving to a location closer to home and family. The CAO board wishes her all the best.



Railroad run in the Hood River Valley. He sold the corporation in 2004 and thought he would semi-retire for a couple of years. However, there were other plans for Bob. He went to work for Frank Akin at Anderson's Tribute Center in Hood River on a will-call situation, which ended up being every day. January 1, 2005 he went to work full time for Anderson's Tribute Center. August 2007 to present, took over as Sexton/Manager of Idlewilde Fraternal Cemetery Association in Hood River. He and his wife, Heidi, were married in July of 1979. Heidi is a 45-year employee of Hood River County School District. They have two adult children, SaVanna and her husband Martin of Salem, and their first grandchild was born over a year ago. SaVanna works at Willamette University in Salem and son Shay is a Marketing Manager for TREW GEAR sportswear in Portland. They enjoy traveling, hiking, camping, the beach, and have lived in Mt. Hood for the past 40 years where they have five acres and raise culinary lavender.

We are now accepting nominations for this board position. Please contact us at cemeteryassociationoforegon@gmail.com if you or someone you know in the industry would like to be considered.

Please view the enclosed membership form and consider joining today! This form is also available online at www.OregonCemeteries.com

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2018 Members

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| Aurora Lodge 59 | La Grande Cemetery Maintenance District | Summerville Cemetery |
| Belcrest Memorial Park | Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery | Sunnyside Memorial Gardens |
| Bethany Pioneer Cemetery | Lund Cemeteries Inc | Sunset Hills Memorial Park |
| Buxton Cemetery Association | Malin Community Cemetery | Union Cemetery Maintenance District |
| Cemetery Services | Mountain View Cemetery | Valley Memorial Park |
| City View Cemetery | Mt. Calvary Cemetery | Valley View Cemetery |
| Columbia Memorial Gardens | Noble Burial Association Cemetery | Westlawn Cemetery |
| Congregation Beth Israel Cemetery | North Palestine Cemetery Association | Weston Cemetery Maintenance District #2 |
| Crescent Grove Cemetery & Mausoleum | Olney Cemetery | Westside Community Cemetery |
| Eagle Valley Cemetery | Pilot Rock Cemetery | Yamhill-Carlton Pioneer Memorial |
| Eureka Cemetery | Pine Grove Butte Cemetery Inc | Cemetery Association |
| Evergreen Memorial Park | Rainier Cemetery District | Vendor Members: |
| Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery Association | River View Cemetery Association of Portland | Bronzecraft Memorials |
| Fir Lawn Memorial Park | Roseburg Memorial Gardens | OM Stone |
| Franklin Butte Masonic Cemetery Inc | Skyline Memorial Gardens | Paradise Pictures |
| Heppler Cemetery District | St. Anthony Cemetery | PermaProducts |
| Hermiston Cemetery | St. Boniface Cemetery | PlotBox |
| Hillsboro Pioneer Cemetery | St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery | Premier Memorial |
| Idlewilde Cemetery | St. Paul's Cemetery (Silverton) | Quiring |
| Ironside Cemetery | St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery | Vantage Products |