



132nd Annual Convention

Stonewall Resort

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Installation of Officers



L to R: Jonathan Wood, Sec/Treasurer; Andrew Reger, Vice-President; Jami Nunley, President Elect; Jordan Fenner, President.



L to R (front): Dr. Melissa A. Cyfers, Executive Director; Jami Nunley, President Elect.

L to R (back): Dan Ford, President, NFDA; Andrew Reger, Vice-President; Jordan Fenner, President; Jonathan Wood, Sec/Treasurer.





Awards Time!





Memorial Service



Congratulations to Dr. R. Brent Cook for being selected to serve on the NBE Item Writing Committee! Brent is the owner and licensee-in-charge at the New River Gorge Funeral Service in Fayetteville, WV.





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Message from the President

It is with great appreciation that I thank everyone who attended this year's Annual Convention of the West Virginia Funeral Directors and Crematory Operators Association at Stonewall. Your presence and active participation helped make the event another resounding success. From the educational sessions to the valuable networking opportunities, the convention once again demonstrated the strength and dedication of our funeral service community across the state. It was especially rewarding to see

both longtime members and new faces come together in support of our shared mission.

On behalf of the Board, I am pleased to welcome our newest members to the association this year. We also extend our congratulations to **Jami Nunley** as she assumes the role of President Elect, to **Andrew Reger** as Vice President, and we warmly welcome **Jonathan Wood** to the Board as our new Secretary/Treasurer. These individuals bring fresh perspective, experience, and commitment that will serve our association well in the year ahead. I would also like to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to our Executive Director, **Melissa Cyfers**, for her outstanding leadership, tireless work, and continued dedication to advancing the goals of our organization.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the West Virginia Funeral Directors and Crematory Operators Association. I look forward to working alongside all of you as we continue serving the families and communities across our state.

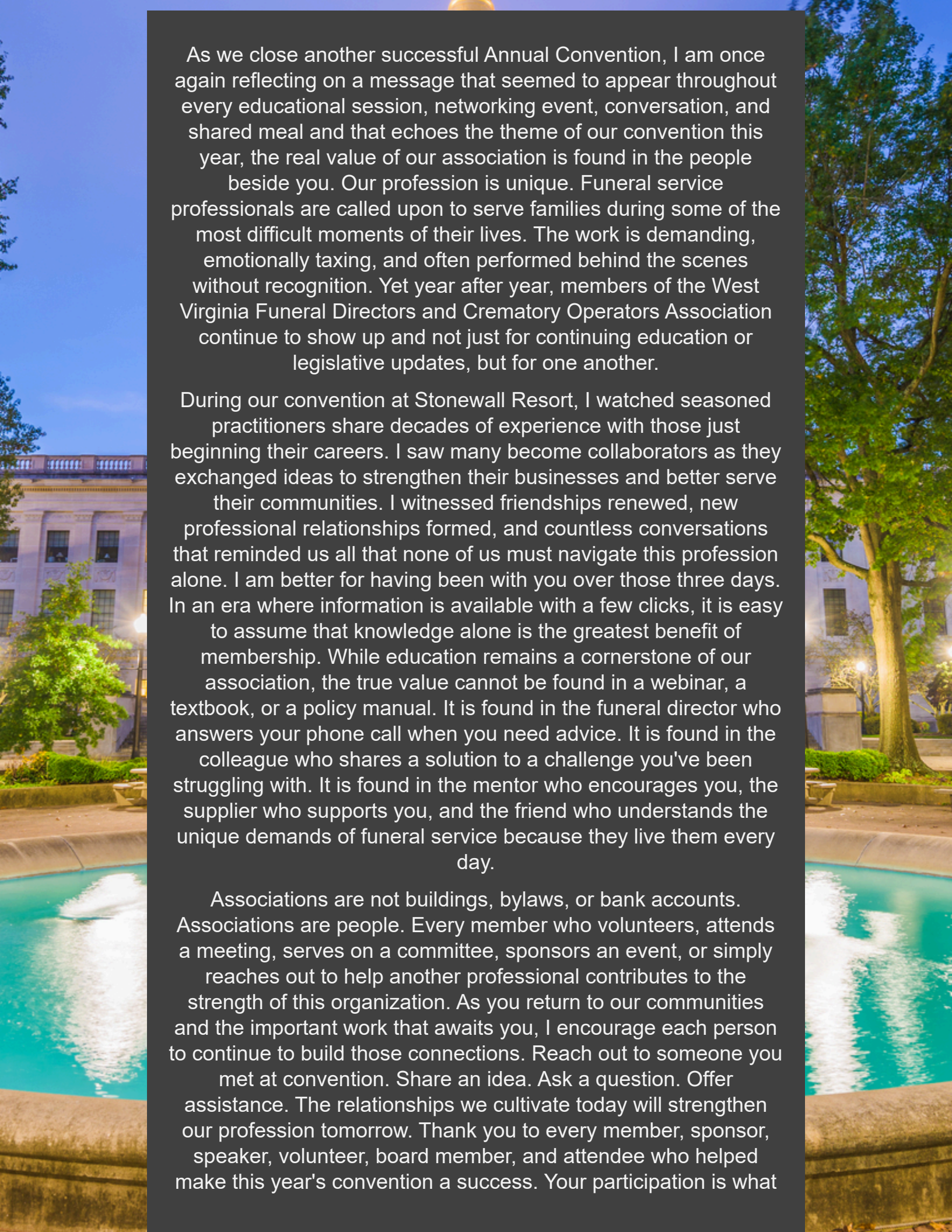
Jordan Fenner

President West Virginia Funeral Directors and Crematory Operators Association



Message from the Executive Director





As we close another successful Annual Convention, I am once again reflecting on a message that seemed to appear throughout every educational session, networking event, conversation, and shared meal and that echoes the theme of our convention this year, the real value of our association is found in the people beside you. Our profession is unique. Funeral service professionals are called upon to serve families during some of the most difficult moments of their lives. The work is demanding, emotionally taxing, and often performed behind the scenes without recognition. Yet year after year, members of the West Virginia Funeral Directors and Crematory Operators Association continue to show up and not just for continuing education or legislative updates, but for one another.

During our convention at Stonewall Resort, I watched seasoned practitioners share decades of experience with those just beginning their careers. I saw many become collaborators as they exchanged ideas to strengthen their businesses and better serve their communities. I witnessed friendships renewed, new professional relationships formed, and countless conversations that reminded us all that none of us must navigate this profession alone. I am better for having been with you over those three days. In an era where information is available with a few clicks, it is easy to assume that knowledge alone is the greatest benefit of membership. While education remains a cornerstone of our association, the true value cannot be found in a webinar, a textbook, or a policy manual. It is found in the funeral director who answers your phone call when you need advice. It is found in the colleague who shares a solution to a challenge you've been struggling with. It is found in the mentor who encourages you, the supplier who supports you, and the friend who understands the unique demands of funeral service because they live them every day.

Associations are not buildings, bylaws, or bank accounts. Associations are people. Every member who volunteers, attends a meeting, serves on a committee, sponsors an event, or simply reaches out to help another professional contributes to the strength of this organization. As you return to our communities and the important work that awaits you, I encourage each person to continue to build those connections. Reach out to someone you met at convention. Share an idea. Ask a question. Offer assistance. The relationships we cultivate today will strengthen our profession tomorrow. Thank you to every member, sponsor, speaker, volunteer, board member, and attendee who helped make this year's convention a success. Your participation is what

makes this association! The real value has never been in the event itself. It has always been in the people beside you.

Melissa A. Cyfers, EdD, CFSP

Executive Director

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