

OREGON MORTUARY & CEMETERY BOARD

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PORTLAND, ORE. (August 29, 2008) – Governor Kulongoski Appoints New Members to Oregon Mortuary & Cemetery Board

Effective September 1st, 2008, the Governor has appointed Erin Phelps and Barry Horowitz to the Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board.

Mr. Phelps will be replacing James Ward, whose second term expired in December 2007. Mr. Ward has continued to serve on the board, and we thank him for his service to the Board and to Oregon residents.

Mr. Phelps is a certified embalmer and funeral service practitioner, and is co-owner and funeral service director at Omega Funeral & Cremation Service in Portland, Oregon. A life-long Oregon resident, Mr. Phelps has over 30 years of active experience in the death care industry with a strong commitment to professional excellence and interest in public service.

Barry Horowitz will be serving as one of the board's four public members. Mr. Horowitz is currently general manager of container marketing at the Port of Portland, and has over 30 years of experience in global trade, transportation, logistics, public and government affairs, and marketing.

Mr. Horowitz has previously served on the board of the Mittleman Jewish Community Center in Portland as member and vice president, and for the North Valley Jewish Community Center in Los Angeles as member, president and treasurer.

Oregon has a long tradition of citizen involvement in state government. Please join me in welcoming Erin Phelps and Barry Horowitz to the Board and in congratulating them both for making such a generous contribution of time and talent.

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About the Oregon Mortuary & Cemetery Board

The Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board (OMCB) is a regulatory and licensing board comprised of eleven members appointed by the Governor: two funeral service practitioners, one embalmer, three cemetery representatives, one crematory representative and four public members. The Board's mission is to protect public health, safety and welfare by fairly and efficiently performing its licensing, inspection and enforcement duties; by promoting professional behavior and standards in all facets of the Oregon death care industry; and, by maintaining constructive relationships with licensees, those they serve and others with an interest in the Board's activities.

For more information, please visit our website at www.oregon.gov/mortcem

About Oregon Boards & Commissions

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