

32nd Annual Public Affairs Seminar

NYS Association of Cemeteries

May 4-5, 2009 • The Desmond Hotel, Albany, New York

Cemetery or Firm _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____
 Email _____

Names of Those Attending:

(If you are registering for only the Tuesday session you do not need to choose an entrée for Monday's dinner.)

	First Name	Last Name	Nickname	Sirloin	Chicken
1.	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Registration*:

- Two Day Registration _____ @ \$200.00
- Spouse or Guest Two Day Registration _____ @ \$75.00
- Monday Program Only (includes cocktail reception and dinner) _____ @ \$125.00
- Tuesday Morning Program Only (includes breakfast) _____ @ \$85.00

* If you are not a cemetery or supplier member of NYSAC, please call the NYSAC office at (518) 783-1134 for a membership application. Membership dues must be submitted with your conference registration.

Sponsorship:

Sponsorships are available for \$500.00 \$ _____
 As a sponsor, your company's name will be included in the agenda distributed at the seminar, as well as prominently displayed at the cocktail reception. In addition, your firm will be publicly acknowledged at the opening of all formal sessions. Cemetery members will remain anonymous.

First Time Attendee Discount: First time attendees of the Public Affairs Seminar can take \$50 off their seminar registration.

TOTAL \$ _____

Please return seminar registration by **April 27, 2009** to:
 New York State Association of Cemeteries, PO Box 702 • Latham, New York 12110
 (518) 783-1134 • Fax (518) 783-1258

*Registration will not be refunded unless NYSAC is notified 48 hours prior to the conference.
 Please send hotel reservation and hotel payment to The Desmond, not the NYSAC office.*

Ask the Lawyer Questionnaire

Please write questions below or email Timothy Griffin, Esq. at TimGriffin@aol.com.

The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center
 660 Albany-Shaker Road • Albany, NY 12211
 (518) 869-8100 • (800) 448-3500 • Fax (518) 869-7659

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Guaranteed Reservation Form (Group # 11F14S)

Please send reservations for shared rooms at the same time

Name _____
 Cemetery or Firm _____
 Roommate _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____
 Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Room Rates:

- Single \$129.00/night
- Double \$140.00/night

Final Payment:

- Credit Card
- Purchase Order

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____ Print Name _____

A credit card is required to guarantee your reservation. Overnight room deposits may be made by credit card or check. Deposits by check must be for one (1) night's room rate plus 14% tax made payable to The Desmond Hotel. Rooms may not be guaranteed by purchase order or voucher. Personal checks will be accepted 14 days prior to check-in to guarantee a reservation and for payment. Personal checks may not be presented at the time of check out as a method of payment. Please be sure to include the additional 14% state and local taxes on the room rates above. Please bring your completed tax-exempt form and a corporate form of payment (i.e.: corporate credit card, corporate check or purchase orders). Your personal credit card may not be used as a valid method of payment with a corporate tax-exempt form. A separate tax exempt form must be supplied for each reservation.

Check-in: 4:00 pm **Check-out:** 12:00 noon
 Early check-in is not guaranteed. Luggage storage is available if needed.

Cancellation Policy: *Guests may cancel up to 4:00 pm on the day of arrival without being charged. Should you fail to arrive or cancel after 4:00 pm on the day of arrival, you will be charged for one of the above rates plus the 14% state and local taxes.*

Fax: Attention Reservations Department (518-869-7659).
 Telephone reservations will be accepted (800-448-3500).

Directions:

From South, East & West: Take NYSThruway to Exit 24 (Albany). Get onto I-87 North to Montreal, get off at Exit 4 (Albany Airport). Take a left at the light (Wolf Road) off the exit, then left again at the next light (Albany-Shaker Road). The entrance to The Desmond will be on the left just past the overpass bridge, look for entrance sign, first building on left.

From North: Take I-87 South to Albany, get off at Exit 4 (Albany Airport) and take a left at the light (Old Wolf Road). At next light take a right (Albany-Shaker Road), The Desmond will be on the left, look for entrance sign, first building on left.

Conference Rate Cut-off Date: Monday, April 13, 2009

welcome

Dear Members of the New York State Association of Cemeteries:
The 32nd Annual Public Affairs Seminar will convene at The Desmond Hotel in Albany, New York on:

Monday, May 4, 2009
and
Tuesday, May 5, 2009

The Seminar will open with a regular public meeting of the New York State Cemetery Board. If you have never attended a state Board meeting either in person or by web cast, you will find the proceedings to be both interesting and enlightening. Board designees are new to most of our members and this will be an excellent opportunity to meet our regulators.

The spring seminar will continue to focus on government and legal affairs. We will hear from the Division of Cemeteries on regulatory issues and have an informative session from Division staff on surviving a state audit with helpful hints to be sure our "i's" are dotted and "t's" are crossed.

We will get a legislative report from our Government and Legal Affairs Committee and be brought up to date by our Albany lobbyists. A report from the ICCFA Government and Legal Affairs Committee will complete the first day working session on Monday.

Tuesday morning's program will again be devoted to the popular and valuable "Ask the Lawyer" sessions. This open discussion format with a distinguished panel of attorneys will be of interest to cemetery managers of any size cemetery. These attorneys with cemetery expertise present a great opportunity to hear some opinions and interpretations of the laws and regulations presented to us on a daily basis. Listen to how cemeteries have handled certain situations in different ways.

I look forward to welcoming back many of our members and especially those members who will join us for the first time.

Please be sure to complete the Seminar and hotel registration forms as soon as possible so you can reserve your place for this productive and worthwhile NYSAC program.

Sincerely,



Jay L. Ivler
Seminar Chairman

Monday, May 4		Tuesday, May 5	
12:00 noon	Registration [12:00 - 6:00 pm]	7:00 am	Breakfast Buffet [7:00 - 8:30 am]
1:00	NYS Cemetery Board Meeting	8:30	Opening Remarks
2:15	Welcome and Opening Remarks	8:45	"Ask the Lawyer" Part 1
2:30	Meet the Cemetery Board Designees	10:30	Break
	Daniel Shapiro, Department of State Amy Karp, Department of Law Lisa McMurdo, Department of Health Antonio Millilo, Esq. Counsel to Board	10:45	"Ask the Lawyer" Part 2
2:45	Regulatory Issues - 2009	11:45	Close of Seminar
3:15	Surviving a Division of Cemeteries Audit "A Cemetery Survival Guide"		
4:15	Break		
4:30	Report of NYSAC Government & Legal Affairs Committee		
5:30	Report of ICCFA National & Regulatory Issues		
6:00	Cocktail Reception		
7:00	Dinner		

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! - ASK THE LAWYER
The 32nd Annual Public Affairs Seminar will include a discussion by a panel of distinguished attorneys. The Tuesday "Ask the Lawyer" session will be moderated by Timothy Griffin, Esq., a highly regarded cemetery attorney and frequent speaker at industry meetings. Do you have a question about cemetery law? Would you like the opinion of a lawyer on an issue or concern? Please forward questions to Timothy Griffin (TimGriffin@aol.com or complete the "Ask the Lawyer" section on the registration form on the reverse of this page) no later than April 24, 2009 to give Tim and his panel an opportunity for research prior to the seminar.



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