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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

RANDALL J. MUNDT, RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0001913

Division of Enforcement Case No. 12 FDR 006

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Randall J. Mundt 535 S. Hillcrest Pkwy. Altoona, WI 54720

Wisconsin Funeral Directors Examining Board P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

Division of Enforcement Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Funeral Directors Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent Randall J. Mundt (dob 03/10/1951) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a Funeral Director, having license number 77-4002, first issued on 08/21/1973 and current through 12/14/2013. Respondent Mundt's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 535 S. Hillcrest Pkwy., Altoona, WI 54720.
- 2. On or about March 2, 2011, the Department received a complaint alleging, in part, that cremations were being performed by Stokes & Mundt Funeral Chapel & Crematory (Stokes & Mundt) without the required prior written authorization. Division of Enforcement case number 12 FDR 006 was subsequently opened for investigation.

- 3. The Department's investigation revealed that in January 2008, an employee of Stokes & Mundt cremated the human remains of a decedent without obtaining a completed authorization form prior to the cremation.
- 4. Respondent Mundt is an owner of Stokes & Mundt and admits that, on occasion, his employees performed cremations with only verbal authorization to do so.
- 5. Following the incident at issue, Stokes & Mundt implemented an internal policy requiring employees to obtain written authorization forms prior to the performance of all cremations.
- 6. In resolution of this matter, Respondent Mundt consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Funeral Directors Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 445.13, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Mundt engaged in unprofessional conduct pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § FD 3.02(1) by violating Wis. Stat. § 440.78(1)(a), which is a state law substantially related to the practice of funeral directing. The cremation of human remains is substantially related to the practice of funeral directing which includes the disposal of dead human bodies.
- 3. As a result of the above violations, Respondent Mundt is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 445.13(1).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. The attached Stipulation is hereby accepted.
- 2. The Funeral Director license of Randall J. Mundt (license number 77-4002) is hereby SUSPENDED for a period of 30 calendar days beginning August 1, 2012.
- 3. Within 90 days of the date of this Order, Respondent Mundt shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$956.00.
- 4. Payment of the costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935

Telephone (608) 267-3817, Fax (608) 266-2264

- 5. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered, Respondent's license (no. 77-4002) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs.
 - 6. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

by:

A Member of the Board

Date