

# **SCCFA Annual Member Meeting**

**June 26, 2017 Chattanooga Convention Center – Chattanooga, TN**

The Annual Members Meeting of the Southern Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association met at 12:30 pm and was called to order by President, Kyle Nikola . Kyle asked Executive Director, Mary Perl if notice was given and determined if a quorum was present. Mary reported that notice was given and that a quorum was present.

Kyle asked the members to review the minutes from the previous meeting. Dick Perl made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bill Gregory seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Kyle thanked the membership for allowing him to serve as their President this past year and it was an honor to do so. His year was met with some challenges but all were overcome. Mary Perl announced her retirement and finding a replacement from several qualified applicants was accomplished. Susan Mena is the new Executive Director.

**Legislation** – The only thing to report is one bill in North Carolina and it appears that it will be squashed.

**Financials** – Bill Gregory reported that as of 5/31/17 the Net Worth of the SCCFA was \$354,346.51. We have \$165,881.15 in CDs, \$96,447.92 in the Money Markets and \$92,017.44 in the checking account. Lauren Blevins made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Tamala Randolph seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

**Membership** – David Broel reported that the Southern has twelve new members with nine of them being recruited from the ICCFA. Five memberships were lost due to people moving on to another industry.

**By-laws** – Wini Hemphill was not present but Kyle Nikola reported that there was no activity with the by-laws.

**Convention** – Kyle Nikola reported that we have all booths filled at the convention this year and a few who wanted to come as vendors but a booth could not be provided so they came anyway as attendees. Our overall attendance was down even though Chattanooga is a beautiful place. We had a nice, new fresh prospective on technology and cremation in the industry and the sales school coming up for this year is the best one yet.

**Nominations** – Buddy Ewing reported we need 4 new members this year each to fill a 3-year term as well as an open position for a Secretary. Linda Mayle, with Stonemor (WV) has accepted the position as Secretary and the other four nominations are: Rita Augenstein with Saber Mgmt (KY), Robin Morris with Stonemor (SC), Lenuel Primus owner of Harnett Devotional Gardens (NC) and Richard Williams with NorthStar (GA). Bill Gregory made a motion to accept the nominations as presented. Lauren Blevins seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** – None

With no other business to discuss, Bill Gregory made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Tamala Randolph.