

BAFCA Members Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 16 @ 1p.m. via Zoom

You asked for more information about Green Burials. Here it is!

Hi all,

I want to invite you all to join us for this year's Members Annual Meeting! Ed Bixby, current president of the Green Burial Council and owner of Purissima Cemetery in Half Moon Bay, will be presenting information about green burial.

To register, please visit the Zoom Registration website at <http://bit.ly/3JrXpff>. Please note that the annual meeting is free, but donations would be appreciated as they are vital to keep our organization running. To make a private donation, please use the enclosed envelope or visit PayPal at <https://bafca.org/donate>.



Photo: Ed Bixby

For questions about this meeting, please contact office@bafca.org or 650-321-2109. (Note: If you can't make the meeting, the recording will be posted on BAFCA's private YouTube site and shared with our members.)

We look forward to seeing you in April!

Sincerely,

Al Behr, BAFCA Board President

To make your donation via PayPal, go to <https://bafca.org/donate> or use the enclosed envelope.

Please know that all contributions in any amount are highly valued and appreciated!

BAFCA Members Annual Meeting Agenda

- 1:00-1:15 pm:
Introduction and Housekeeping
- 1:15-1:25 pm:
Financial Review
- 1:25-1:45 pm:
Green Burial Presentation by Ed Bixby
- 1:45-2:00 pm:
Q&A Session and Closing Comments

Don't forget! Write down your questions so that we can answer them during the meeting or (if there are many questions) offline.

Financial Report

	2021 ACTUALS	2022 ACTUALS	2023 BUDGET
INCOME			
Donations	\$19,340	\$24,170	\$26,000
Other	\$171	\$68	\$100
Memberships	\$5,574	\$3,970	\$6,500
TOTAL INCOME	\$25,085	\$28,208	\$32,600
EXPENSES			
Contract Services	\$57	\$5,231	\$2,400
Dues	\$444	\$800	\$900
Facilities/Equipment	\$3,272	\$4,278	\$4,400
Postage/Mailing	\$1,207	\$2,558	\$2,400
Printing/Copying	\$1,153	\$8,852	\$8,000
Supplies	\$236	\$0	\$250
Telephone/Telecommunication	\$1,756	\$695	\$700
WebPage		\$1,250	\$1,250
Insurance	\$633	\$848	\$900
Payroll	\$11,006	\$10,488	\$11,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$19,764	\$35,000	\$32,200
GAIN/LOSS	\$5,321	-\$6,792	\$400

Is Your Preferred Mortuary Still a BAFCA Cooperating Mortuary?

Just a friendly reminder that a few mortuaries that were once on our Cooperating Mortuaries list are no longer offering discounts to BAFCA members. So, please check the newest BAFCA Cooperating Mortuaries list at <http://bit.ly/3yqMLPv> to determine if your preferred mortuary is still listed.

If your preferred mortuary is no longer on the BAFCA Cooperating Mortuaries list, you can check their website or call them to obtain their current retail pricing. Alternatively, you may select a mortuary that's currently on the BAFCA Cooperating Mortuaries list.

If you have questions, need assistance, or want us to mail you a hardcopy of the Cooperating Mortuaries list, please contact us at office@bafca.org or 650-321-2109.

Hey YOU! Yeah, YOU! How'd You Like to Be a BAFCA Board Member?

The few. The proud. The BAFCA Board...

Wanted: Volunteers to serve 2 years on the BAFCA board. Choose a role that matches your skillset: Accounting, Legal, Hospice, Marketing, Sales, Nurse, Doctor, Mortician, Coach, Teacher, Mentor, Speaker, Event Planner, Advisor or other talents you've developed over your lifetime.

No financial obligation required and all meetings are remote — just 4-5 hours/month of your time.

Join us for an open house on Saturday, May 6th, 10:00 a.m. for coffee and cookies to meet other board members and learn how you can contribute.

Come learn more about us. To attend the open house, RSVP at <https://bit.ly/bafca-open-house> or call 650-321-2109. The event will be held at our office at 3921 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto. (We're located in the Peninsula Conservation Center.)



Photo: BAFCA Board Members

2023 BAFCA Board of Directors

Allan Behr, President
 Marjorie Bridges, Past President
 Byron Chan, Treasurer
 Peter Lee, Assistant Treasurer
 Trina Wacasey, Secretary

Family-Directed Natural Death Care in the Home Webinar Available to View



Photo: Dr. Trina Wacasey

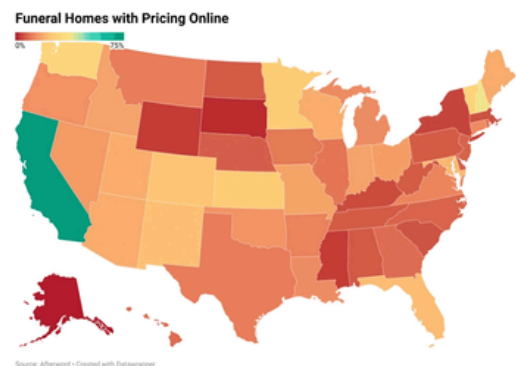
Did you miss the Thursday, January 26 webinar by BAFCA Board Secretary, Dr. Trina Wacasey, about family-directed natural death care? No worries! We recorded the webinar, and have linked to the video on our private YouTube site at <http://bit.ly/3mK9u6o>.

Also, if you have the time, we'd love to hear your thoughts about the topics you'd like to learn about, the format you would prefer for information sessions (e.g., in-person or virtual), and the like. To complete a brief survey, please visit <http://bit.ly/41WRCWe>.

Commentary: The Business of Dying in the U.S. is Broken. Here's How the FTC May Fix It – and Why We're Worried it Won't be Enough

In the February 27, 2023 edition of Fortune Magazine, Effie Anolik, co-founder and CEO of Afterword, a funeral management software platform company, wrote an opinion piece regarding the need for more transparency and information accessibility from the funeral industry.

To read her commentary, please visit the BAFCA News & Publications website at <https://bit.ly/3yFWamg>.



Preneed Funeral Arrangements Unclaimed Property



Assembly Bill (AB) 293, (Kalra, Chapter 514, Statutes of 2021) now requires funeral establishments to contact the consumer of unclaimed preneed agreements and contracts so that those monies can be returned to the consumer or escheated to SCO Unclaimed Property.

AB 293 also requires funeral establishments intending to cease operations to inform both the consumer and trustee if they are transferring their preneed funeral contract to another funeral establishment or cancelling the contract.

The Bureau-approved forms are posted on the Cemetery and Funeral Board website at <https://cfb.ca.gov/industry/industry.shtml> and are available for funeral establishments to use:

- Notice of Transfer of Preneed Contract or Agreement to Successor Funeral Establishment
- Notice of Cancellation of Preneed Funeral Contract or Agreement

Return Service Requested

Are you staying up-to-date?

Email us and we'll sign you up for our monthly newsletter and digital version of the semi-annual "In Touch" newsletter. Opting in for email (and opting out of print) also saves the trees and reduces our costs. Thank you!



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Bay Area Funeral Consumers Association

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