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**NDFDA 114th Annual Convention**  
*April 9th, 10th & 11th, 2018 - Delta by Marriott*

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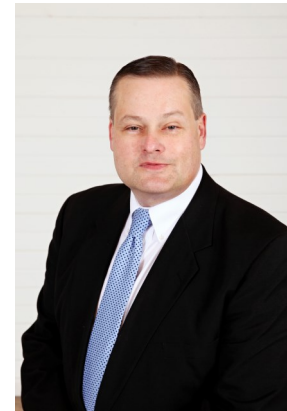
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# 113th Annual Convention

## North Dakota Funeral Directors Association

April 9, 10 & 11, 2018



**Troy Senger**  
Dunnigan-Dix Funeral Home  
Cando, North Dakota  
President  
2016-2018

*Headquarters and meetings*  
Delta by Marriott

*Exhibits (Badge required for admission)*  
Crystal Ballroom

# PROGRAM

## LIVING PAST PRESIDENTS North Dakota Funeral Directors Association

- 1965 Donald Baldwin, Oakes
- 1966 Warren Buehler, Mandan
- 1967 Ty Peterson, Valley City
- 1974 Roy Dittus, Glen Ullin
- 1978 Willard Nickisch, Bismarck
- 1980 Curtiss O. Goehner, Jamestown
- 1981 Rodger Haugen, Devils Lake
- 1983 Terrance Henriksen, Grafton
- 1985 Gary Larson, Mandan
- 1986 William W. West, West Fargo
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- 1988 Nick J. Hertz III, Harvey
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- 1992 Dale G. Niewoehner, Rugby
- 1993 Gary R, Carlson, Wahpeton
- 1994 Dennis M. Gendreau, Williston
- 1995 Michael D. Such, Grafton
- 1996 Jay R. Seibel, Beulah
- 1997 Kevin K. Schluchter, Fargo
- 1998 Kent Braunberger, New Rockford
- 1999 Bryan D. Thomas, Minot
- 2000 Aanders B. Jackson, Bismarck
- 2001 Douglas A. Murphy, Dickinson
- 2002 Rick D. Clemes, Williston
- 2003 Torry A. Reutter, Cooperstown
- 2004 Mark C. Goehner, Jamestown
- 2005 Marnie J. Brooks, Langdon
- 2006 Paul A. Sannes, Linton
- 2007 Craig W. Olson, West Fargo
- 2008 Stephanie Armstrong, Devils Lake
- 2009 Charles E. Armstrong, Lisbon
- 2010 Seth T. Coughlin, Williston
- 2011 Jon L. Stevenson, Dickinson
- 2012-14 Michael J. Lerud, Valley City
- 2014-16 Larry Urbanec, Mandan

### MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018

- 8:00 - 4:00 pm NFDA Cremation Certification (7 hrs. CE)
- 4:00 pm Registration desk opens *Crystal Court Lobby*
- 4:00 - 6:00 pm Meeting of the NDFDA Board of Governors  
*Sonata II*
- 4:00 - 6:00 pm Seminar, sponsored by Dakota Monument Company (No CE) *Mozart*
- 6:00 - 8:00 pm *Crystal Court South*  
Get acquainted party sponsored by  
**Wilbert Vault** with a cash bar

### TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018

- 7:30 am Registration desk opens *Crystal Court Lobby*  
Continental Breakfast *Mozart I & II*  
Sponsored by **Federated Insurance**
- 7:50 am Seminar, sponsored by NDFDA *Mozart I & II*  
**"Annual OSHA Training"**  
Mark Arnold, presenter - (1 hr. CE)
- 8:50 am **Annual meeting of the NDFDA** *Mozart I & II*  
Call to Order: President Troy Senger  
Invocation—Alex Rydell, President-Elect  
Pledge of Allegiance  
NDFDA Association Reports (Treas., Exec)  
NFDA Policy Board Report—Paul Sannes  
NDSBFS Report—Michael Such  
Nominating Committee Report  
Election of Officers  
Lobbyist Report—The Staiger Consulting Group  
Other Business
- 10:00 am Seminar, sponsored by **Federated Insurance**  
**"Insurance 101"**  
W. Connor Odykirk - (1 hr. CE) *Mozart I & II*
- 11:10 am **Service of Remembrance** *Brahms & Bach*  
Sponsored by NDFDA & NFDA
- 12:00 pm Luncheon *Brahms & Bach*  
Sponsored by **Batesville Casket Company**  
**NFDA Happenings**—Kenneth A. Cahall, President  
Honor new, 25 and 50 year embalmers
- 1:00 pm Seminar, sponsored by **Dakota Lions Sight & Health**  
**"Donation Happens"** *Mozart I & II*  
Connie Putnam, Presenter (1 hr. CE)
- 2:00 pm A Merchandising Showcase opens
- 4:30 pm President's Reception Sponsored by FuneralOne  
& Bank Forward *Crystal Ballroom*
- 6:00 pm Exhibit Area Closes, Registration Closes  
**Dinner on your own**



**Connie Putnam**  
Dakota Lions  
Sight & Health



**Mark Arnold**  
OSHA Training

### Wednesday, April 11, 2018

- 7:30 am Continental Breakfast *Brahms/Bach*  
sponsored by **Life Source**
- 8:00 am Seminar, sponsored by **NFDA** *Brahms/Bach*  
**"Bringing Ritual to Cremation Arranging"**  
Michael Nicodemus - Presenter (1 hour. C.E.)
- 9:00 am A Merchandising Showcase reopens
- 11:45 am A Merchandising Showcase closes
- 12:00 pm Luncheon *Mozart I & II*  
Sponsored by **Mathews Aurora Funeral Solutions**  
Installation of Officers, Honors, Awards,  
Speeches, etc.
- 1:15 pm Seminar, sponsored by **NFDA** *Brahms & Bach*  
**"Evaluating Your 3rd Party Cremation Provider"**  
**"Communication Skills for Connecting with  
Cremation Families"**  
Michael Nicodemus- Presenter (2 -1 hr. CE  
presentations)

**Break:** Ice-Cream Social, sponsored by  
**Riverside Cemetery Association**  
**North Valley Crematory**

- 3:15 pm Seminar ends  
Convention closes



**Michael Nicodemus**  
VP of Cremation Services  
for NFDA



**Kenneth A.  
Cahall, President**  
**NFDA**

Thanks to all the vendors for exhibiting and a special thanks to those who sponsored events and meals. NDFDA is most grateful for your support.