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ICCFA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS, DIRECTORS

STERLING, VA (May 2, 2018) – The International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association elected new leadership during its 2018 Annual Convention & Exposition, April 18–21 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

ICCFA officers for 2018-2019 are:

- **President**— Christine Toson Hentges, CCE, The Tribute Companies Inc., Hartland, Wisconsin;
- **President-Elect**— Jay Dodds, CFSP, Park Lawn, Houston, Texas;
- **Vice President, Education**—Mitch Rose, CCFE, CCrE, Woodlawn Cemetery, the Bronx, New York;
- **Vice President, Membership & Marketing**— Andres Aguilar, Los Parques, Guatemala City, Guatemala;
- **Vice President, Internal Affairs**—Lee Longino, Service Corporation International, Houston, Texas;
- **Vice President, External Affairs**— Paul Goldstein, Hillside Memorial Park and Mortuary, Los Angeles, California;
- **Treasurer**— Gary M. Freytag, CCFE, Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum, Cincinnati, Ohio; and
- **Secretary**—Robbie L. Pape, Service Corporation International, Houston, Texas.

Members elected to serve three-year terms on the ICCFA Board of Directors are:

- Hillary Adair, Adair Funeral Homes in Tucson, Arizona;
- Gisela Adissi, Grupo Primavera – Lawn Cemeteries, Crematorium, Columbarium, Funeral Home & Funeral Assistance Plan in Sao Paulo, Brazil;
- Lauren Blevins, CCFE, Williams Funeral Homes and Polk Memorial Gardens in Tennessee;
- Allen Dave Jr., CFuE, Allen Dave Funeral Directors & Cremation Tribute Center in Cypress, Texas;
- Corey Gaffney, Gaffney Group in Seattle, Washington;
- John Gouch Jr., Gethsemane Cemetery & Memorial Gardens in Charlotte, North Carolina;
- Kyle Nikola, Savannah Family of Funerals in Savannah, Georgia; and
- Jim Semesco, NorthStar Memorial Group in Florida.

Past presidents elected to serve a one-year term on the Board:

- Jeff Kidwiler, CCE, CSE, Blackstone Memorial, San Clemente, California;
- Frederick Lappin, CCE, Knollwood Memorial Park, Sharon, Massachusetts; and
- David J. Shipper, Futura Group, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

The International Memorialization Supply Association appointment to the Board is Jordan Yearsley, Ensure-A-Seal, Brooklyn, New York.

The presidential appointments to represent the ICCFA on the Cemetery Consumer Service Council are:

- Thomas P. Daly, CCE, CHS Consulting Group, Westwood, Massachusetts; and
- Stephen Burrill, CCE, CCrE, Mount Hope Cemetery, Bangor, Maine.

Members of the 2017-2018 Executive Committee are as follows:

- ICCFA President Christine Toson Hentges, CCE, The Tribute Companies Inc., Hartland, Wisconsin;
- ICCFA President-Elect Jay Dodds, CFSP, Signature Group, Houston, Texas;

- ICCFA Immediate Past President Scott R. Sells, CCFE, Service Corporation International, San Jose, California;
- John Linge, CCFE, Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery Association, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (president's appointment); and
- Darin Drabing, Forest Lawn Memorial-Park & Mortuaries, Glendale, California (past presidents' appointment).

Founded in 1887, the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association is the only international trade association representing all segments of the cemetery, cremation, funeral and memorialization profession. Its membership is composed of more than 9,100 rooftop locations and 20,000 professionals in the cemetery, funeral home and crematory industries, as well as supplier and related businesses worldwide.

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