Highlights

Business Meeting: Treasurer's Report, Election of 2027 Officers, President's Report, Spotlight on Our Vendors as they Introduce their Products & Services (1 CEU)

Legislative Update: Lobbyists Michael Dugan, Liz Connelly and Legislative Chairperson Jonathan Green; PAC Update, *"The Hows and Whys of Lobbying: Your Voice at the Capitol"* (1 CEU)



OCME Update
Dr. James R. Gill, M.D. Chief Medical Examiner (1 CEU)
Dr. Gill will give an update on the relevant issues of the OCME, annual statistics, offer insight into current practices and procedures and engage in meaningful dialogue regarding issues affecting both our professions.



Educational Seminar: Dr. Sandi Coyne-Gilbert (2 CEU)
"The Golden Rule of Leadership: Transforming Culture Through Kindness and Gratitude
Dr. Sandi Coyne-Gilbert is a leading professional with a background in Education, Entrepreneurship and Non-Profit Leadership
Sustainable leadership starts with how you treat your people. Join Dr. Sandi Coyne-Gilbert for an inspiring exploration of how kindness and gratitude transform organizational culture. You'll learn how leading with empathy drives motivation, deepens employee engagement, and builds lasting, authentic trust—giving you the essential tools to lead effectively without compromising your value.



Toy Drive: Attendees are encouraged to bring donations of gift cards, unwrapped toys, and funds to support Connecticut National Guard Foundation's Operation E.L.F. Program that assists military families who are suffering financial hardship as a result of their loved ones' call to active duty. We also are **collecting toys and funds for The Toy Closet Program at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital** for patients at its many locations from Old Saybrook to Greenwich ***AND*** for girls and boys at **Connecticut Children's Medical Center.** ***Thank you for your generosity.***

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Complete the Licensee Identification section. At the conclusion of each event, have this form punched by the Executive Director or the Association Staff. After the last seminar of the day attended, have this form signed by the Executive Director or the Association Staff, then please give the Yellow copy to CFDA for their records.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY: If you are a member of the Academy of Funeral Service Practice, please log your CEUs directly with the Academy by logging into your member portal at www.apfsp.org ▪ White Copy - Retain for your records.

Your CFDA Officers, Executive Committee and Staff extend A Very Special Thank You to Our Friends in Funeral Service who have generously agreed to assist in its planning efforts by sponsoring some of the events, speakers, or reception for the 138th Annual CFDA Convention.

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Thursday, December 3, 2026 • Bristol Event Center • Bristol, Connecticut

Celebrating the Installation of President Lissa Lovetere-Stone and the 2027 Officers and Executive Committee

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Events Schedule

10:00 - 10:30	**Registration and Annual Toy & Gift Card Collection, Welcome Vendors**	
10:30 - 11:30	**Annual Business Meeting:** Treasurer's Report, Election of 2027 Officers and Board, President's Report, Meet Our Vendors	(1 CEU)
11:30 - 12:15	**OCME Update with Dr. James R. Gill, M.D.**	(1 CEU)
12:15 - 1:15	**Luncheon with Vendors**	
1:15 - 2:00	**Dedicated Vendor Passport Tour:** Get Your Passport Stamped from each Vendor, Raffle Prize Drawing	
2:15 - 3:15	**Legislative and PAC Update**	(1 CEU)
3:15 - 3:30	**Refresh and Coffee with Pastry Break**	
3:30 - 5:15	**Educational Seminar & Keynote Speaker Dr. Sandra Coyne-Gilbert**	(2 CEU)
5:15 - 5:30	**Closing Remarks**	
5:30 - 6:30	**Reception with Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres**	
6:30	**Dinner, Installation of 2027 Officers**	

Registration

The Business Meeting & Luncheon, the Legal and Legislative Update, the OCME Update and the Educational Seminar are all included in the registration fee: **$275 per person.**

Member attending Dinner only: $135

Non-Member Funeral Directors: $500 for Educational Seminars, **$300** for Dinner.
Contact CFDA for reservations. (860) 721-0234

Room Reservations for the Home2 Suites by Hilton, 90 Century Drive, Bristol, CT will be made by individual attendees directly to the Hotel's reservation department 1-800-774-1500, mention CFDA. Please have your credit card available and identify yourself as a member of CFDA. The daily cost of the room will be $159 plus taxes and you must make your reservation by **Wednesday, November 18, 2026.**

Cocktail Reception: A delicious array of Hors d'oeuvres and a One Hour Open Bar provided by the generous support of many of our CFDA Suppliers.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate dinner for walk-ins or without pre-registration.

Dinner Selections: Includes Garden Salad, Chef's Selection of Sides, and Dessert

- Herb Marinated Grilled Beef Filet; Seared Faroe Island Salmon;
- Roasted Chicken Breast, Wild Mushroom Bread Pudding, Lemon Herb Jus;
- Vegetarian Sweet Potato Lasagna GF/Vegan