



## January 2012 Presidents Message

Dear Cemeterians,

Welcome to 2012, our association is wishing you the best in your endeavors for the year. We also wanted to share with you exciting news; the Cemetery Association of Oregon is turning 65!

### Happy Birthday CAO!

As you know our association is there for you, if you have questions or concerns you can always reach out and we will work with you. We are engaged with the legislature in Salem, across the state and with other organizations around the nation that support important changes for our industry.

The association is a great opportunity to create a network of resources. In that spirit, board members, Justin Trowbridge with Portland Memorial and Scott Davidson with Lincoln Memorial have come up with a great program for the Spring Conference; the details can be found on our website. On March 15<sup>th</sup> at Portland Memorial Mausoleum you will be able to get practical information in support of your operations while networking with your peers. We look forward to seeing you for a great tour of the oldest Mausoleum West of the Mississippi! Portland Memorial is a special place where one can come learn about stone repair, grounds maintenance and also get a glimpse into history. The Mausoleum boasts wonderful craftsmanship from artists such as Povey brothers, Gerlich & Louis C. Tiffany and more stunning work can be seen in the Carrera marble carved at the Tavarelli Studios in Italy.

This summer we're doing something a little different that will be resourceful and fun. Please stay connected to learn more about our joint convention with the [Oregon Funeral Directors Association](#), which will be held in **Seaside, Oregon on July 23-25, 2012.**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**

This will be a great opportunity for all of us providing care for the deceased in Oregon. By networking together, cemeterians and funeral directors can share in experiences so that we all can provide our customers the remembrance experience that they wish to have.

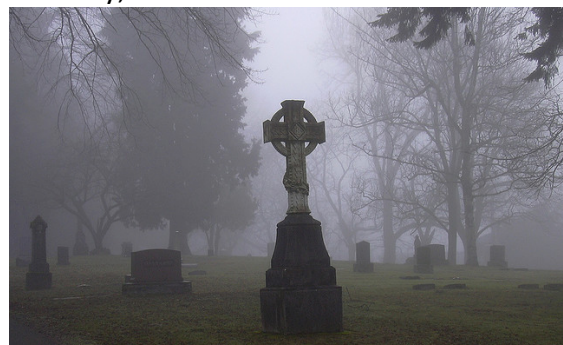
2011 ended with a change for our association. Chris Wadsworth, our administrator, after many years of service to us all, made the decision to move on from her role in our association. Since then our board has been in transition and that is the reason you are getting the membership application with this letter. We thank Chris for her contributions over the years and her hard work, we've all come to know and enjoy Chris and we wish her all the best.

For 65 years the Cemetery Association of Oregon has been working to improve and elevate the standards and services for caring of the deceased. Join the CAO where we all can exchange ideas and practices that ultimately will provide better service for the public.

Even if you have been away for some time we would like to welcome you back, the dues are reasonable; our knowledge and experience over the last 65 years has been a great asset to our industry and it's all because of the concept "of many we are one." Together we can be a strong voice in our legislature; together we can improve who we are as Cemeterians to serve our community.

**Join, Share and Engage! Pay the membership fee and the spring conference fee at the same time and the board will extend a 10% discount on the spring conference registration!**

Best regards and see you soon,  
JC Aubry, CAO President



## Legislative Corner



We are supporting two pieces of legislation this year and ask you for your support.

House Bill [HB 4117](#) which modifies provisions relating to prearrangement sales of funeral or cemetery merchandise or services and preconstruction sales of interment spaces. The CAO supports this bill, it provides for modifications in the ORS that ultimately allows the Department of Business and Consumer Affairs to continue its service in oversight of master trust accounts, ensuring that pre-arrangement providers are certified for trusts.

With the support of the CAO Metro Regional Government has been working on Senate Bill [SB 1537](#) This change to ORS Chapter 97 creates a streamlined process by which a cemetery may claim the interment right to burial spaces of which the original interment right holder has not contacted the cemetery in over 50 years and where the cemetery is unable to locate the interment right holder and anyone the cemetery has reason to believe has an ownership interest . If used, this process may provide for more burial spaces available to the community.

The existing process for reclaiming a previously sold burial space, ORS 97.870-97.920, is outdated and expensive for both the cemetery owner and the public. SB 1537 will update the statute and require more notification to the responsible party, remove the process from the courts and improve the remedy clause should the responsible party come forward to claim the burial space.

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is each individual  
member...the strength of  
each member is the  
team.

Coach Phil Jackson  
Chicago Bulls

# Join the Cemetery Association of Oregon TODAY

The Board of the CAO understands that the only one who truly appreciates what you have to do as a Cemeterian is another Cemeterian. We also know that by reaching out to others in the industry we can learn from each other to better support the remembrance experience of our customers.

By Suppliers and Cemeterians meeting and getting to know each other, Suppliers learn about the needs of cemeteries and Cemeterians learn about the goods and services available to them and from whom. As Cemeterians we share in knowing the Funeral Directors in our community by networking with the Oregon Funeral Directors Association helps both associations provide our customers the remembrance experience that they wish to have.

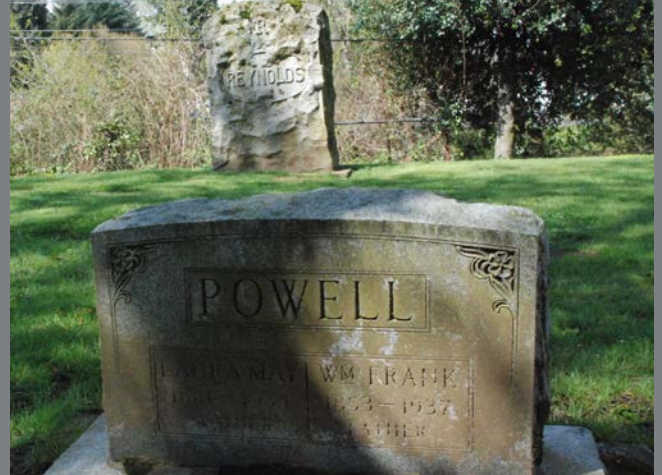
All cemeteries, large or small in size and budget, historic or modern and whether they are municipal, religious or private share the same concerns and problems. They can also share the same solutions. Join the CAO and meet colleagues with whom you can share information and learning from one another. [Join Today!](#)

## WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

- Network with your peers on topics such as: general information about rules & regulations, record-keeping, industry trends, landscaping and maintenance.
- Get first-hand accounts from industry conferences, trainings and meetings (ICCFA, CANA, NFDA, OFDA, OHCC etc.)
- Stay connected with the Oregon Funeral Directors Association.
- Advertising capacity for suppliers
- Receive newsletters and web updates
- Get to know the suppliers of goods and services provided for our customers such as outer burial containers, landscaping and monuments.
- Join us for two educational meetings per year (guest speakers, supplier exposition and camaraderie).
- Legislation Support. Our Legislative Committee can help you gain a stronger voice and protect your interests in legislative and regulatory areas by providing a forum for making change at local and state level and influencing at the federal level.

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most assuredly, we shall all hang  
separately."  
Benjamin Franklin*