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## REMINDER!!!!!!

IFDG's 2011 Annual Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Savannah on August 21 – 23, 2011. Conference details & registration items are on pages 4 – 6 of this newsletter. Make your plans today to attend this conference.

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## A Letter from Doug Henry, IFDG President

Fellow IFDG Members:

This year has gone by so fast that it is hard to believe that it's Conference time again. I think our upcoming Annual Conference is going to be great! The event will be held August 21 –23, 2011, at the Hyatt Regency Savannah in Savannah, Georgia. I hope each of you have made plans to participate. Our Conference will open Sunday evening with a Welcome Reception in honor of IFDG's Past Presidents. Monday will be a full day filled with valuable information from our speakers and exhibitors will be on hand to show you the latest in the services they offer. Monday evening we will have a Riverboat Cruise with dinner and live entertainment. The Conference will continue Tuesday morning with more pertinent information from speakers and more time with our exhibitors. The conference details are included in this newsletter. It's not too late to register and walk-ins are always welcome!

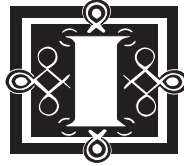
I have enjoyed serving as your President this year and look forward to working with Tim Stewart next year as he takes over the gavel. If each one of us would commit to bringing in one new member over the next year, we could grow our association and become stronger. I would like for us to try to communicate more with one another and render any assistance to each other as may be needed. Last year we discussed having a Yahoo Group Email so we could all communicate online. Due to lack of interest from the IFDG membership we are still working on getting this going. I pledge my support to IFDG for the next year and hope each one of you will too. We have a good association and I hope that we can all work hard next year to make it even stronger.

Sincerely,

*Doug Henry*

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INDEPENDENT FUNERAL DIRECTORS OF GEORGIA, INC.  
2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA  
THE HYATT REGENCY SAVANNAH

**Sunday, August 21, 2011**

- 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM            Exhibitor Set-Up
- 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM            Welcome Reception – Honoring IFDG Past Presidents

**Monday, August 22, 2011**

- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM            Registration & Breakfast
- 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM            President's Welcome & Sponsor Introduction, Doug Henry, IFDG President
- 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM            "Knowledge Unapplied Can Be Libelous: An Expert Witness Perspective"  
Speaker William M. Counce, Ph.D.  
Sponsored by Batesville Casket Company
- 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM            AM Break – Sponsor Introduction
- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM            "Knowledge Unapplied Can Be Libelous: An Expert Witness Perspective" (continued)  
Speaker William M. Counce, Ph.D.  
Sponsored by Batesville Casket Company
- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM            Exhibitor Introduction & Explanation of Products
- 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM            Lunch will be served – Sponsor Introduction
- 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM            Visit Exhibitor Booths
- 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM            "Risk Management and Best Practices for Funeral Homes" Speaker Bradley K. Humphries  
Sponsored by Federated Insurance
- 3:30 PM – 3:45 PM            PM Break – Sponsor Introduction
- 3:45 PM – 4:15 PM            Legislative Update with Charlie Watts, IFDG Lobbyist & Brandon Malwitz, IFDG Lobbyist
- 4:15 PM – 4:45 PM            General Membership Meeting with Nomination & Election of IFDG Officers
- 4:45 PM – 5:15 PM            Afternoon Announcements, Exhibitor Booths & Silent Auction will be open until 5:15 PM
- 6:00 PM                            Riverboat Opens for Boarding – The Riverboat will depart promptly at 7:00 PM

**Tuesday, August 23, 2011**

- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM            Registration & Breakfast
- 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM            Visit Exhibitor Booths
- 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM            "Shipping Remains Domestic & International" Speaker Van Cumbie, CFSP, MBIE  
Sponsored by Airport Mortuary Shipping Service & The Crematorium of Atlanta
- 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM            Break – Sponsor Introduction, Exhibitor Booths & Silent Auction will be open
- 10:45 AM – 11:45 AM            "Shipping Remains Domestic & International" (continued) Speaker Van Cumbie, CFSP, MBIE  
Sponsored by Airport Mortuary Shipping Service & The Crematorium of Atlanta
- 11:45 AM – 12:15 PM            Installation of IFDG Board of Directors
- 12:15 PM – 12:45 PM            Silent Auction, Membership Renewal & Door Prize Drawings will be announced
- 12:45 PM                            Conference Closing Remarks & Adjournment

# INDEPENDENT FUNERAL DIRECTORS OF GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM AUGUST 21 - 23, 2011

| CONFERENCE RATES: (per person)      | MEMBERS  | NON-MEMBERS |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| In Advance (before August 15, 2011) | \$125.00 | \$200.00    |
| Spouse or Guest Registration        | \$125.00 | \$125.00    |
| AT DOOR OR AFTER August 15, 2011    | \$150.00 | \$225.00    |
| Spouse or Guest Registration        | \$150.00 | \$150.00    |

**\*\*Each attendee is responsible for his own hotel reservation. Please confirm you are receiving IFDG rates.\*\***

**HOTEL INFORMATION: HYATT REGENCY SAVANNAH**  
Two W Bay Street, Savannah, GA 31401

**To make your reservation call: 1-888-421-1442 or 1-800-233-1234**

**PLEASE NOTE:** When making reservations notify the Reservation Agent that you are attending the Independent Funeral Directors of Georgia Conference to receive the IFDG rates.

All Room Rates are quoted exclusive of applicable state and local taxes (which are currently 13%) or applicable service, or hotel specific fees in effect at the Hotel at the time of the meeting, currently \$1 city of Savannah fee per room per night.

| ROOM RATES | SINGLE/DOUBLE | TRIPLE   |
|------------|---------------|----------|
|            | \$134.00      | \$159.00 |

**Please Note:** The IFDG Room Block will be released August 8, 2011. After this date, rooms can be reserved based on availability. Also, check with the hotel for Quadruple, River View, Balcony View, Regency Plaza or One Bedroom Hospitality Suite availability and rates.

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**Door Prizes and Silent Auction Items are always welcome. Any such items should have your business card and a note indicating what the item is for and can be turned into the IFDG staff during the conference Welcome Reception and Registration.**

NAME (First, Last): \_\_\_\_\_ (Names of all persons attending)

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Please return form with check to: IFDG, P.O. Box 1248, Dallas, GA 30132

For questions, please contact IFDG Account Manager, Christie Carpenter:  
Phone: 770-445-3180 Fax: 770-445-3893 Email: IFDG@aol.com

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** To qualify for pre-registration fee, your registration form must be received no later than Monday, 8-15-11.

**REFUND POLICY:** IFDG will honor written cancellations received before Monday, 8-15-11.  
All refunds are charged a \$25.00 processing fee. No refunds will be given after Monday, 8-15-11.

# IFDG 2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION FORM

**REGISTER TODAY EXHIBITOR SPACE IS LIMITED!!!**

**August 21 – 23, 2011  
Hyatt Regency Savannah  
Two W Bay Street, Savannah, GA 31401**

**EXHIBIT COST \$400.00**  
(Includes One Representative & 6 foot tabletop exhibit space)

**Additional Representatives \$100.00 each**  
**Electrical Outlet \$50.00**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Due to interruption of the conference program, all exhibitors should adhere to the following:**  
**Exhibitors set up August 21, 2011 is from 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM**  
**Exhibitors breakdown August 23, 2011 begins at 1:00 PM (or conference adjournment)**

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Electrical Outlet Needed? Yes ( ) \$50.00 No ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Exhibit Fee \$ 400.00

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete this form and return it to the IFDG office with your payment. Please note payment is expected prior to the conference. For questions, please contact the IFDG Account Manager, Christie Carpenter.

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In accordance with the IFDG Bylaws, please find below the slate of nominees for the 2011-2012 IFDG Board of Directors submitted by the nominating committee. The nominating committee consists of Ted Bearden, Judson Caldwell and Jack Allen.

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For contact information on any these companies, please contact the IFDG association office by email, IFDG@aol.com, or phone, 770-445-3180, and they will give you any information you need.

IFDG appreciates each of these companies and the programs they bring to the association.

Each program is unique to the company; therefore, we encourage you to contact them directly for details regarding their programs.

### IFDG's 2010 Nominating Committee

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Independent Funeral Directors of Georgia, IFDG President Doug Henry set the Nominating Committee as Ted Bearden, Judson Caldwell and Jack Allen.

We would like to thank our Nominating Committee Members for their dedication to IFDG and their selection of the Slate of Nominees for the IFDG 2011-2012 Board of Directors.

Please Note:

The Election of the 2011-2012 IFDG Board of Directors will take place during the 2011 Annual Conference General Membership Meeting on Monday, August 22, 2011, at the Hyatt Regency Savannah. Installation of the 2011-2012 IFDG Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2011.

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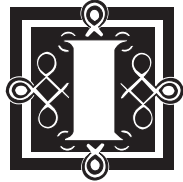
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