



Annual Meeting - October 15, 2024

Agenda

8:30 a.m. Registration

8:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Business Meeting & Election

- Proof of Notice of Meeting - *Lisa Vaeth*
- Reading of and acceptance of minutes of the annual meeting of 10/12/23 – *Lisa Vaeth*
- President's Report – *Lisa Vaeth*
- Treasurer's Report and Voting on Budget for FY 10.01.2024 – 09.30.2025 – *Anthony Puglisi*
- Elections of Officers and Directors - *Maureen Crick Owen*
- Brief Remarks from new President Bill Raffone

10:00 a.m. Brennan P. Regan, Regan Agency, Inc.
It's a Cemetery; What Could Possibly Go Wrong?
Real Life Claims Scenarios - How to Avoid Them, and How to Protect Your Cemetery

11:15 a.m. Closing Remarks – *Bill Raffone*

CCA Election of Officers and Directors 2024 - 2025

Slate for Officers:

President	William Raffone, Catholic Cemetery Association
Vice President	Pamela Brown, Hillside Cemetery
Treasurer	Anthony Puglisi, Evergreen Cemetery and Crematory
Secretary	Jacob Jennings, The Grove Street Cemetery

Slate for Directors:

William Raffone, Catholic Cemetery Association - Term ends 09/23/2027

Lisa Vaeth, Association of Jewish Cemeteries - Term until current president steps down

Directors Continuing in Office:

Mark Johnson, South End Burying Grounds - Term ends 09/30/2025

Anthony Puglisi, Evergreen Cemetery and Crematory - Term ends 09/30/2025

Pamela Brown, Hillside Cemetery – Term 10/01/2023 – 09/30/2026

Margaret M. Clarke, Oak Lawn Cemetery – Term 10/01/2023 – 09/30/2026

J.H. Torrance Downes, Cypress Cemetery – Term 10/01/2023 – 09/30/2026

Jacob Jennings, The Grove Street Cemetery - Term 10/01/2023 – 09/30/2026

Charlotte Maher, Mountain View Cemetery – Term 10/01/2023 – 09/30/2026

Supplier Liaisons:

Chris Gehrke, Cooperative Funeral Fund, Inc.

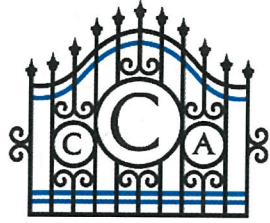
Doak Marasco, Davey Tree Expert Company

Bill Raffone – President

Bill is currently the Director of Finance at the Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford for the last 9 plus years. Bill has a finance background as he served 13 years as the VP Finance for a medium size pharmaceutical company; 12 plus years as the Controller of a large commercial construction supply company; and served as CFO of Chabaso Bakery for 5 plus years. Bill has also volunteered his time and knowledge by serving on the Board of Finance and Town Council for the City of East Haven. He is also an active member of The Walter Camp Football Foundation and Charity.

Lisa Vaeth – Immediate Past President

Lisa Vaeth has worked at the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford for 33 years; 20 of those as the Cemetery Director – overseeing 31 small Jewish cemeteries in Hartford. In 2017, Lisa graduated from the *International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association (ICCFA)* at the University of Memphis, receiving a full scholarship for all 4 years. This past August she was invited to participate in a Grad Studies Program through ICCFA at Emory University in Atlanta. Lisa served as President of CCA, prior to that she was the Secretary and a Director. Lisa is the past Chair of the Board of the Jewish Cemetery Association of North America and serves as Vice-President of a local dog rescue.



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CONNECTICUT CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Annual Meeting

On October 12, 2023, the annual meeting of the Connecticut Cemetery Association was held at Casa Mia at the Hawthorne in Berlin, CT.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. First timers were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

The minutes of the October 13, 2022, annual meeting and next year's budget were presented. A motion to accept the minutes and budget was made and passed unanimously.

The treasurer's report was presented and distributed for review. A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

A list of nominations for the upcoming year including their biographies was read.

President: Lisa Vaeth, Association of Jewish Cemeteries
Vice-President: J.H. Torrance Downes, Cypress Cemetery
Treasurer: Anthony Puglisi, Evergreen Cemetery and Crematory
Secretary: Pamela Brown, Hillside Cemetery

Slate for Directors:

Pamela Brown, Hillside Cemetery – Term 10/01/2023 – 09/30/2026
Margaret M. Clarke, Oak Lawn Cemetery – Term 10/01/2023 – 09/30/2026
J.H. Torrance Downes, Cypress Cemetery – Term 10/01/2023 – 09/30/2026
Jacob Jennings, The Grove Street Cemetery - Term 10/01/2023 – 09/30/2026
Charlotte Maher, Mountain View Cemetery – Term 10/01/2023 – 09/30/2026
Maureen Crick Owen, Newtown Village Cemetery Association – Term until current president steps down

Directors Continuing in Office:

William Raffone, Catholic Cemetery Association - Term ends 09/23/2024
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A motion to accept the new slate was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Brown
Secretary

PROXY

This is to certify that the undersigned, a voting member of **CONNECTICUT CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC.**, has designated _____ as his or her representative to cast all votes and express all approvals and disapprovals that said member may be entitled to cast or express at the annual meeting of **CONNECTICUT CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC.**, to be held on **October 15, 2024**, and any lawfully adjourned meetings thereof, and for the purposes provided by the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws and the annual meeting call of **CONNECTICUT CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

In no event shall this proxy be valid for a period longer than _____ days after the first meeting for which it is given.

This proxy shall be revocable, at any time, at the request of the undersigned voting member.

A facsimile or email copy of this agreement shall constitute an original.

Signature of Voting Member

Print Name of Voting Member

Date: _____, 2024

Note: If you as a Voting Member appoint someone else as your Proxy, that person must be a voting member of Connecticut Cemetery Association, Inc. This signed document must be presented at or before the annual meeting.