

Association membership will look a lot different in 2019!

The Colorado Funeral Directors Association has proposed a complete overhaul of its membership structure for 2019 – including a change in affiliation status with the NFDA and a significant “re-write” of the association’s bylaws. CFDA’s direction will change from a “trade” association that emphasizes funeral establishment members to a “hybrid professional” organization with focus on the individual practitioners who are employed across the funeral care spectrum – funeral directors, embalmers, cremationists, preneed counselors, cemetery personnel, trade service providers, and more.

YOU are a candidate for Individual Membership in the CFDA in 2019.

As such, you will be eligible to serve in leadership positions, have a voice in regulatory and advocacy issues, and be able to vote on key decisions that impact the funeral service profession in Colorado.

Here is a **preliminary** outline of the new Hybrid Organization Model that is the basis for bylaws revisions in 2018:

	Individual Member	Business Member
MEMBER CRITERIA	<p>A person who is employed by a Colorado registered business that provides death care services to the general public or provides services on a contract basis to a recognized funeral service business.</p> <p>All members must pledge to uphold laws and adhere to a code of professional conduct, standards and ethics.</p>	<p>A Colorado registered business that provides death care services to the general public or provides death care services on a contract basis to a recognized funeral service business.</p> <p>There may be multiple categories of business membership (funeral establishment, crematory, cemetery, etc.)</p>
ANNUAL DUES	<p>\$120 Individual Member</p> <p>Possibly reduced rates for students, interns, and retired practitioners.</p>	<p>\$325 Business Member is a single location, branch or business entity.</p>
BENEFITS	<p>1 vote conducted through online voting.</p> <p>Benefits include specially priced registration fees for association events; email communication, and other subscription services through personal access to website.</p> <p>Option to register for Special Interest Group.</p>	<p>Dues includes one Individual Member with rights and privileges as such.</p> <p>Benefits include online directory listing; email communication, permission to apply CFDA logo on business materials, and free online classified ads and job listings.</p>
MEMBER ROLES	<p>Individual Members can serve in leadership roles, committees and task forces.</p> <p>The Board of Directors is represented by individual members from various practice areas.</p>	
OTHER CATEGORIES	<p>\$120 Advocate</p> <p>Individuals who support the association but may not qualify for membership, such as those who work or operate outside of Colorado. (non-voting)</p>	<p>\$250 Allied/Supporting Member</p> <p>Supplier of merchandise, products or services for death care providers. Benefits include online directory listing, email communication, exclusive invitations and special pricing for event sponsorship, exhibit space and other activities. (non-voting)</p>

There is much work to be done in calendar year 2018 to implement these changes.

If you’d like to be a part of this exciting transition, please email to mail@cofda.org to let us you how you can enlist your time, talent and resources for this effort.