

Arkansas Burial Association Board
Fee Committee Meeting
November 22, 2013 – 1PM
Bail Bonds Conference Room 117
Via Teleconference 877-402-99753

Fee committee members present were: Scott Berna, Pete Sims, Steve Ballard, Amy Goode, Executive Secretary, Bob Brooke, Auditor, and Kat Hodge, Attorney. Committee members absent were: Turner James.

The Executive Secretary gave a recap from the last meeting. There was a great deal of discussion about the proposed fees. There were also suggestions to seek help from the legislature or governor's office. The committee members present that day thought the best solution at this time would be to propose the lowest increase, which would be less than penny a year considering the last increase was in 1996. It would sustain the Board for several more years. It was discussed that the Executive Secretary would review the situation annually, but that another committee is formed in 2-3 years to evaluate. If at that time, the increase was not sustaining the Board we could seek additional help. Until such time, the committee felt that if we went to the legislature with a fund balance of \$200,000 and have not done anything to help ourselves that it would not be favorable either.

Mr. Sims was in agreement with the lowest increase. Mr. Berna stated that he thought the lowest increase made perfect sense that we couldn't go to legislature seeking help without first helping ourselves. Since we have not had a fee increase since 1996, we have to help ourselves before we ask for outside help.

Mr. Berna stated that the Board needs take a more proactive approach monitoring this situation. Executive Secretary stated that the information provided at each meeting will show the current financial condition at the end of each month as well as fiscal year. The Board could have a more thorough discussion about the financial documents that are distributed.

This proposal would go into effect if approved by the December 2014 Semi-Annual Report.

The smallest increase proposed is the \$600 + \$.25 per member and this would be presented to the Board as the committee's proposal. Spreadsheets attached.

There was no further discussion. Meeting ended.