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## FUNERAL PROFESSIONALS BROADEN KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AT UNION'S CE SEMINAR

Sixty funeral professionals learned about new embalming techniques and much more during Teamsters Local 727's continuing education seminar on July 13 at the union's meeting hall in Park Ridge.

"This seminar featured unique topics and some of our most fascinating speakers to date," said John Coli Jr., President of Local 727. "We always aim to find new, interesting and pertinent subjects in order to help our funeral members continue to grow and learn in their profession."

Local 727 sponsors funeral CE seminars twice annually. They are free to members in good standing, and those in attendance can earn up to six total CE hours covering both funeral directing and embalming credits.

The program featured expert speakers on the following topics:

- Noon-1 p.m.: Funeral Home Business Law Needs: Real Estate and Incorporation, John Sloan of Illinois Advocates (one hour of Funeral Directing CE credit)
- 1-2 p.m.: Depiction of Symbols on Headstones, author and tour guide Ursula Bielski (one hour of Funeral Directing CE credit)
- 2-3 p.m.: Exploring Pet Funerals for the Families We Serve, Jon Remkus of Hinsdale Pet Cemetery (one hour of Funeral Directing CE credit)
- 3-4 p.m.: Autopsies After Surgeries Gone Wrong, Dr. Ben Margolis of The Autopsy Center (one hour of Embalming CE credit)
- 4-5 p.m.: Correcting Cosmetic Pitfalls for Various Modes of Death, Rick Rork of Pierce Chemical Company (one hour of Embalming CE credit)
- 5-6 p.m.: Various Techniques and Fluid Combinations for Embalming Difficult Cases (one hour of Embalming CE credit)

The union plans to hold another free CE seminar later this year. Members are encouraged to share their ideas for topics with Local 727 business representative Zach Frankenbach at (847) 696-7500 or [zach@teamsterslocal727.org](mailto:zach@teamsterslocal727.org).

The union certifies attendance for the continuing education hours for the Illinois Division of Professional Regulation (IDPR) and maintains those records. Teamsters Local 727 has been an approved continuing education sponsor for the IDPR since 1998.

Teamsters Local 727 represents more than 400 funeral industry professionals throughout the Chicago area.