Funeral Consumers Alliance of Western Massachusetts

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Seeking Volunteers

We are a small nonprofit organization that serves the public by providing reliable information and answering questions about options for final arrangements. We maintain a website, publish a newsletter, conduct educational programs, and respond to inquiries. We request price lists from over 80 funeral homes in western Massachusetts and post a Price Comparison report on our website. We are independent of the funeral industry; we encourage shopping around and careful consideration of choices.

Our mission: "to promote and protect a consumer's right to choose meaningful, dignified, and affordable final arrangements: funeral or memorial services, care of the body and disposition of human remains (including burial, cremation or donation)."

Would you like to join us in this interesting and satisfying endeavor? Hope so!

We have **openings on our nonprofit Board of Trustees**, which typically meets 6 times per year. Terms of service can be 1, 2, or 3 years. An election is held at our Annual Meeting each October. Our bylaws specify a 9-person Board, with rotating terms to encourage inclusion of new people to "reinvigorate" the organization. We welcome people with perspectives from different cultures and experiences.

We also welcome **volunteers for short-term projects**. Examples: writing an article for our newsletter or a letter-to-the-editor of a local newspaper; creating a flyer; editing a brochure or webpage; gathering information on a topic; or assisting at an information fair.

Please contact us at <u>fcawmass@gmail.com</u> or 413-376-4747 (a voice message service available 24/7), or download a membership form from our website (<u>www.funeralconsumerswmass.org/join</u>), and indicate the ways you'd like to volunteer. We look forward to hearing from you. THANK YOU!