

SCCFA Life Time Achievement Award

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Your Board of Directors last year asked the Past President Representatives to look into the creation of a SCCFA Life Time Achievement Award. The Past President Representatives making up this Committee were Shelly Crow, Joan Sawyer and Dick Perl. The committee met and established the following list of criteria that a candidate must meet to be considered for this prestige:

- 1) Must have been in the death care profession at least 25 years.
- 2) Must have been an active member of the Southern during these 25 years along with making a measurable contribution to the Southern organization and the funeral profession in general.
- 3) Must have been active in the community where they live.
- 4) Must be well respected by his/her peers.
- 5) Can be living or deceased.

The above criteria was presented to the Board at their fall meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC where it was unanimously approved. The committee was then assigned the task of presenting to the Board a "Charter List of Inductees". The Board suggested that due to the fact that many deserving members have contributed to the Southern over the years that 10 living members and 5 deceased members be inducted into the "Charter Class". Thereafter, only 2 members will be inducted annually from the nominations presented.

It is my honor to present to you the **Charter Class Names of the first SCCFA Life Time Achievement Award:**

Clarence Boner *

J. Asher Neel *

Edwin Phillips *

William Sherburne *

Lucian West *

Robert Denniston

Jack Frost, Sr.

Thomas Gardner

J. Daniel Garrison, CCE

Wilbur Hartman

Thomas McDowell

Robert Neel

Richard Pennington

Daniel Scalf

Frank Stewart, Jr.

The SCCFA Life Time Achievement Award inductees will be recognized at our Annual Convention and Family Reunion to be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina this July during the President's Reception.

ELECTION PROCESS FOR 2011 NOMINATIONS

Any dues paying SCCFA member can submit a candidate to the Nomination Committee (which consists of the three Past President Representatives on the SCCFA Board) along with a written explanation as to why they feel this candidate should be considered. The Nomination Committee will then review all of the candidates' qualifications and make their recommendation to the SCCFA Board of Directors at their next fall meeting.