

Building a Better Business Professional Development Series

The Professional Embalmers Session is designed especially for those who want to meet one of our nation's leading funeral service professors, network with other embalming professionals, and learn from this talented professional community of colleagues. Whether you are a recent licensee or an experienced pro, this session has something for everyone!

PROFESSIONAL EMBALMERS SESSION



Dominick J. Astorino

Worsham College of Mortuary Science
Wayne State University

Thursday, November 12, 2026

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

(Lunch available at 12:00pm)

**The Conference Center at the Massachusetts
Medical Society/Waltham Woods**

860 Winter Street, Waltham, Massachusetts

Tuition includes Program, 4 CEUs (Mass.) & Lunch

Join us at one of the Massachusetts funeral service community's most anticipated annual educational events! The 2027 Professional Embalmers Seminar is scheduled for November 12, and we're excited to welcome Dominick Astorino as this year's seminar leader. We'll return to the Massachusetts Medical Society Conference Center at Waltham Woods in Waltham, providing a welcoming and professional setting for an afternoon of connection, collaboration, and education. We offer a program built for today's embalmer based on your feedback!

Dominick worked with the Embalmer's Advisory Task Force to deliver a program shaped by the recommendations and interests shared by participants at last year's seminar.

This year's session focuses on reconstruction and is practical and relevant. Our teaching topics will include:

- Evaluation of opioid and alcohol abuse cases
- Embalming strategies and philosophy related to tissue donor cases
- Assessment and treatment of gunshot wound cases

Registration Now Open!

If you plan to attend, please register early. This popular annual seminar has a strong following and is expected to fill quickly. It's pending approval for 4 CEUs from the Massachusetts State Board of Embalming and Funeral Directing. We look forward to bringing the professional embalming community together for another outstanding educational experience.

Our Presenter

Dominick J. Astorino holds degrees in cellular biology, mortuary science, and forensic medicine; he is on faculty at the Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago and Wayne State University in Detroit. His work in the field of restorative art and embalming is highlighted by publications as well as frequent invitations to present lectures across North America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean. Dominick believes in the power of education and the global value that viewing the dead offers to society. He is a licensed funeral director and embalmer in Michigan and Illinois, has sat on the restorative art curriculum review committee for the American Board of Funeral Service Education, and offers expert witness testimony in legal proceedings related to mortuary science. He is the author of the textbook "Postmortem Restorative Art: Principles, Methods & Applications," which has been described as a seminal work in the field of mortuary science. This textbook reflects over 20 years of research and practical experience, aiming to provide an accessible yet thorough examination of restorative art.

Advance Registration Required – Sorry, No Registrations at the Door

**Unless qualified funeral service students, attendees must be licensed or
registered by their respective State Regulatory Boards**

We expect this seminar to sell out. Reserve your seat today!

Session Information:

- ☐ **Thursday, November 12, 2026 – Program - 1:00-5:00 p.m. – Lunch at 12:00pm**
The Conference Center at The Massachusetts Medical Society
860 Winter Street, Waltham, Massachusetts

Register Your Attendees:

Funeral Home Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/City/State/Zip: _____

Contact Name for Funeral Home: _____

Contact Phone # for Funeral Home: _____

Contact Email for Funeral Home*: _____

(Must provide email address as handouts and CEU certificates will be emailed to attendees)

I would like to register the following individuals from my funeral home:

1.	Email: _____	Lic#/State: _____
2.	Email: _____	Lic#/State: _____
3.	Email: _____	Lic#/State: _____

If you have additional attendees, you may include their names on a separate sheet. Registration includes: Program, 4 CEUs & Dinner

Questions for Speaker:

Questions can be submitted below or via email. Please use **Speaker Question — November 12th Event** as the subject of your email.

Let us know if you have a specific question you'd like the speaker to address: _____

Payment Information:

**Members of MFDA, New England State Associations
and the Northeast Funeral Service Partnership: \$225 per person***
Seminar fee includes Program, 4 CEUs & Lunch

Check payable to MFDA in the amount of \$ _____

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Return Form by Mail, Fax or Email:

MFDA — CEU Registration — 536 Broad Street, 4, Weymouth, MA 02189 — F: 781-335-3245 or
Email: professionaldevelopment@massfda.org Or register online at www.massfda.org

* Ask about discounts for multiple registrations for employees of the same funeral establishment.

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