



**126<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION  
MAY 14 & 15, 2026  
BEST WESTERN PLUS RAMKOTA, SIOUX FALLS**

**Tentative Schedule for SDFDA Convention**

**Thursday, May 14**

8:00 – 9:00 am - SDFDA Membership Meeting

9:00 – 10:00 am- “A Refresher Course in Mortuary Law” Michael Sharkey, SDFDA General Counsel

10:00 – 11:00 am – “Professional Ethics in Funeral Service” Leili McMurrough, Program Director, President, Worsham

11:00 -1:00 pm - Exhibit Hall Open & Lunch

1:15 - 3:15 pm – “Hiring and Retention Practices” Leili McMurrough, Program Director, President, Worsham

3:15- 5:15 pm – “Handling Difficult Remains Caused by Medical Intervention” Karl Wenzel, Canadian School of Advanced PREP/Genelyn North America

5:15- 6:30 pm – Social Hour

6:30 p.m. - Dinner, Awards Presentation & Mentalist Byron Gray

**Friday, May 15**

8:30 – 9:30 am- “Decomposition and it's Complexity”- Karl Wenzel, Canadian School of Advanced PREP/Genelyn North America

9:30 – 10:30 am – SD Vital Records/DOH update

10:30 – 11:30 am- OSHA, Mark Arnold

**Hotel Reservations at Best Western Plus Ramkota under the SD Funeral Directors Association. Room rate is \$115.00. Call 605-336-0650 for reservations.**



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