

FCAVBR Annual meeting, September 11, 2018: Blacksburg Public Library

A very informative program by Dr. Phil Olson, *Going off the Rails on a Death Care Time Machine*, described the modern home funeral and home burial movements as not going back to the way things were done. Instead these are new movements started and supported by mostly white, middle class women. There is a definite feminist ideology and a wish to take away from the male dominated professionals. Dr. Olson said as the movements have matured, they now are professionalizing with training, certificates, and charging for services. The same people who were advocating for home births 30–40 years ago are now leaders in the home funeral and caring for the dead movements.

The proposed slate of board members (Harriett Cooper, Phil Olson, and Linda Plaut) was elected for a three-year term.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board of Trustees convened to elect officers for the coming year. Elected were

- Sandy Schlaudecker, president
- Darrel Clowes, vice president
- Harriett Cooper, secretary
- Dianne Rencsok, treasurer.

The Annual Report is included in the [Fall 2018 newsletter](#).

The board meets monthly on the third Thursday, 1:30–2:30 PM at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church on Prices Fork Road in Blacksburg. Board meetings are always open to members and visitors.