

2025 IFDF Leadership Retreat Agenda

Wyndham Clearwater Grand September 24 – 26, 2025

September 24	
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Welcome Reception sponsored by Argent Trust
6:30	Dinner on your own
8:00 – until	Hospitality Suite hosted by Matthews Aurora
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September 25	
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Opening Update: The Status of IFDF Presented by Tim Adams, Brad Zahn, Charlie Davis, Heather Bernier & Juhan Mixon
8:30 am – 9:15 am	Overview of Funeral Service Education: Status & Challenges Presented by Professor Joseph Finocchiaro, Pierce Mortuary Colleges
9:15 am – 10:30 am	Panel of Program Directors: Updates, Obstacles & Recommendations Panelist: Dr. Tonya Scotece, MDC, Howard Beckham, FSCJ, Gary Brown, SPC Moderator: Professor Joseph Finocchiaro
10:30 pm – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am – 12:30 pm	As We See It: Challenges to the Profession Group Discussion: Moderated by Peter Martin
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Working Lunch with Open Forum with CFO Blaise Ingoglia & Corinne Mixon
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Roundtables by Challenge Subject
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Committee Meetings I-Trust (45 min) Foundation (45 min) PAC (90 min) Annual Conference (90 min)
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Poolside Networking
6:30 pm	Dinner with Sponsors or on your own
8:00 pm - until	Hospitality Suite hosted by Matthews Aurora

September 26

8:30 am – 11:00 am Board of Directors Meeting (Breakfast Provided – for real this time)