MCA Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Via Zoom

7:00 p.m.

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| **Board Members** | |
| **Executive Committee 2020-2021** | |
| 1. \*PRESIDENT (2020-2021) | Carol ZA McGinnis |
| 1. \*Past President (2019-2020) | Ajita Robinson |
| 1. \*President-Elect (2021 -2022) | Sara Pula |
| 1. \*Secretary | Cynthia Taylor |
| 1. \*Secretary-Elect | Danielle LaSure Bryant |
| 1. \*Treasurer | Keyona Hall |
| 1. \* Treasurer-Elect | Irene Burks |
| 1. \*Member-at-Large | Glenda Laurent Dickonson |
| **Divisions 2020-2021** | |
| 1. \*MACES PRESIDENT | Vicky Moak |
| 1. \*MASERVIC PRESIDENT | Maya Georgieva |
| 1. \*MAMCD PRESIDENT | Atiya Smith - **regrets** |
| 1. \*MCDA PRESIDENT | Julie Neill |
| 1. \*MAMCFC PRESIDENT | Miranda Mixon |
| 1. \*SAIGE-MD PRESIDENT (formerly: MALGBTIC) | Veronica Wanzer |
| 1. \*MCSJ PRESIDENT | Kshipra Jain |
| **Committees 2020-2021** |  |
| 1. MCA Emerging Leader Chair/Co-Chair | Marja Humphrey  Mark Bolden |
| 1. Emerging Leader | Connie Gago |
| 1. Emerging Leader | Fatemeh Dehghan |
| 1. Emerging Leader | Sade Dunn |
| 1. Advocacy Chair | Roni White |
| 1. Human Rights Chair | Felicia Pressley |
| 1. Awards Chair | Kerri Legette McCollough |
| 1. By-Laws Chair | Latonia Laffittee |
| 1. Credentialing Chair | Maya Georgieva |
| 1. Newsletter Chair | Michelle Schoonmaker |
| 1. Program Planning Chairs | Melissa Wesner  Donnette Deigh |
| 1. Public Relations Chair | Annyck Hamez  Jordan Madison |
| 1. Registrar Chair | Cathie Eaton |
| 1. Membership Chairs | Kerri Legette McCollough  Rachel Stivers |
| 1. IT Webmaster (Virtual Assistant) | Lisa Oliver |
| 1. [[1]](#footnote-1)Archives | Mala Hosmane - **regrets** |
| 1. Professional Networking | Marybeth Heather |
| 1. MSCA Liaison | Nikki Ham, President-Elect |
| 1. LCPC-M Liaison | Danielle LaSure Bryant |

Quorum: Y/N \* indicates voting members

**The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by president, Dr. Carol McGinnis**

Approval of Today’s Agenda:  **Sara moved to approve today’s agenda; Keyona seconded. Motion passed**

Approval of November 20, 2020 Minutes: **Sara moved to approve the minutes; Irene seconded. Motion passes.**

Unfinished Business:  **included in reports below**

New Business:  **included in reports below**

**MCA Executive Committee**

Officer’s Reports:

1. President’s Report (Carol) - **We are the number one targeted state for the counseling compact; Gov. Hogan is in in full support as well as the DOD. Carol has attended all regional meetings and meetings regarding license portability. Maryland is leading the way with the advocacy effort for license portability; MCA members are encouraged to join Carol and other MCA members in writing letters as needed for legislation; practitioner letters will assist with expressing how important license portability is.**

**The Bylaws have been updated and sent to ACA; they will be sent to all members once we receive feedback from MCA. One change was having our dues deadline be June 30; this will assist us with better understanding our financial picture at the start of each fiscal year.**

**Carol posted an inspiriting January YouTube video focusing on agency of hope, change, and optimism. Carol encouraged everyone to send a note of appreciation to our front line workers including veterinarians, hospital workers, etc.**

2. President-Elect’s Report (Sara) – **Sara expressed full support for Carol’s unwavering efforts towards positive change! Conference 2021 planning: Theme ~ *Stronger Together – Rebuilding for a Stronger Tomorrow.* Tentative conference dates: October 15 – 16, 2021; one day virtual and one day in person. Please reach out to Sara if you would like to be on the conference committee (Marja will reach out to the Els). Sara plans to continue to build on the great year that we are currently having.**

**Sara attended the board of professional counselor’s meeting; excited that MCA was represented. Focus on reimbursement for tele-mental health and equivalent compacts as other professionals currently have.**

3. Past President’s Report (Ajita) – No report

4. Treasurer’s Report (Keyona) – **the CD is 100% in our account; doing research on other opportunities PNC bank has to separate our money. Money was separated in the past for investment purposes. She is working with new accountant on receiving necessary financial information in a timely manner. Once Keyona receives financial information from the accountant, she will send to the appropriate persons. She responds to emails and reimburses members based on vouchers receives. The bank accounts are in excess of $100,000 (there have been cumulative efforts over the last 2 years to move us from red to black).**

**Question: Who can sign vouchers? Answer: President of Division, President of MCA, if President of MCA delegates (Keyona has approved vouchers without signatures based on information discussed at official meetings).**

**Marja – asked are there any prohibited funds? Cathie – we do not have anything specific written; it would be good to have some standard financial policies. Also, our financial policy needs to include people not overspending (eg. planning a $500 conference with $200 in the bank)- This item will be put on next EC agenda**

5. Treasurer-Elect (Irene) - **no report; has been receiving MCA emails from scammers [everyone please be careful when opening suspicious emails]**

6. Secretary’s Report (Cynthia) – no report

7. Secretary-Elect (Danielle) – no report

8. Member-at-Large’s Report (Glenda) – **Continues to work with the membership committee; they are looking at ways to link vendors with MCA such as Staples for supplies; they continue to work on brochure**

**MCA Standing Committees**

1. Emerging Leaders (Marja/Mark) – **ELs are doing wonderful; ended year with conversation with where we are and where are we going. Asking for evaluation from EB; the EL’s have completed their evaluation. Please use this link to complete evaluation:** [**https://forms.gle/8TozpxUZ3E5p9WQD6**](https://forms.gle/8TozpxUZ3E5p9WQD6)

**EL’s have been exposed to dynamic leaders in the field; last week’s guest speaker was a foreign leader.**

**When are applications starting? Looking to make application process smoother and include an interview to gauge availability and commitment.**

2. Membership (Kerri/Rachel) – **No report; Connie – EL present for membership committee**

3. Program Planning (Melissa/Donnette) – **conference technically over in February; however, recorded sessions are still available; sales still coming in.**

4. Registrar (Cathie) – **look for more webinar contact in February; Veronica will be doing a Self-Care webinar (5 registered as soon as opened). Division leaders – please let her know of dates for events, conferences, so she can put on the calendar and avoid overbooking.**

**Idea: it would be nice to have a committee (Marja asked– do you want an EL next year?).**

**Nominations – the call has been sent for positions that will begin in July 2021. Please let Cathie know of any interested persons; she is available to talk to them about the realities of the position. The call for nominations is open until the middle of February.**

**Please see additional:**

1. **There are over ten leads on future webinars, please feel free to share your expertise with MCA!**
2. **Division Leaders, please let me know ASAP for your spring/summer Conferences and Events to make sure they do not conflict with National or other MCA/Division events which are listed on the MCA Google Calendar, (downloadable from our website)**
3. **There has been no official word on whether Branches can host educational content during the Month-long ACA Conference.**
4. **Begun search for Next Registrar**
5. **Future need for additional committee members to assist with registration during events and membership**
6. **Please consider running for an elected office of MCA!**

5. Credentialing (Maya)- **confirming if CE’s are viable for all levels**

6. Awards (Kerri) – no report

7. Newsletter (Michelle S) – **This quarter's issue will be released next week, and the Spring issue deadline is April 15th for May release. Committees and divisions are highly encouraged to share content (articles, past/upcoming events, etc). Prefer articles and past event write ups sent in Word; prefer upcoming events (flyers) in PDF (one page or one page at a time)**

8. Public Relations/Social Media (Annyck/Jordan) – **Annyck continues to enjoy bringing new MCA Events, other news, and announcements via the Weekly Digest (WD). Continues to spread positive energy via the WD - through linking people and resources continues to be her main focus:**

**Payment for Personal Ads on the Weekly Digest:**

**We are now accepting payments for personal ads. At the moment, no purchases have been made.**

**Link to the Store Page and Price Details in on the Website:** [**https://mdcounseling.org/admin/store/products/**](https://mdcounseling.org/admin/store/products/)

9. Advocacy (Roni) –**Met in January -working hard on Advocacy Day – date will be released soon. Been in touch with Speaker of the House – Adrienne Jones; her staff to coordinate a date. Will be virtual.**

**Congratulations to Sara Fox (EL) who gave birth to her daughter, Vivian – all are doing well. Irene great addition to the advocacy committee.**

10. Human Rights (Felicia) – no report

11. Bylaws (Latonia) – no report

12. IT Webmaster – (Lisa Oliver – Virtual Assistant) – **things leveled off during holidays. Now getting more requests for assistance; she is available to assist if needed. – if you want to pump up your website or need other assistance, contact her – she is awesome! Encouraging everyone to keep their websites current. Carol tasked Lisa and the membership committee to work on “Counselor Find” on our website.**

13. Archives (Mala) – no report

14. Professional Networking (Marybeth) **– posts about jobs on social media and website, information about research opportunities (dissertations, others – all across the country). Nice to have it in one place. Will be putting in the weekly blast; intern announcements. Will be planning a networking event.**

15. MSCA Liaison (Nikki) - **planning for virtual conference March 19-20; webinars continue, doing a lot of well being check ins for our school counselors who are assisting students and their families during the pandemic. National School Counselor Week – February 1-5 – share the love with a SC.**

16. LCPC-M Liaison (Danielle) - **LCPC-M created a counselor guide for people seeking information about licensure and internship sites. Offers a lot of resources with step by step how to get licensed. Carol asked – do we want to advertise? – Marybeth will post**

**MCA State Divisions**

Division Updates

1. MACES (Vicky) – **Paused in convening due to COVID. Are working on a project for Spring 2021, details to come.**

2. MASERVIC (Maya) –

* **Ongoing meetings: Bi-Weekly Spirituality Peer Support Group for Helping Professionals**
* **Established a $5 fee for non-members of MASERVIC who attend the peer support group meetings**
* **Invited Dr. Carol McGinnis, Dr. Russel Siler Jones and other licensed counselors professionally trained in integrating psychotherapy and spirituality to attend and co-facilitate the peer support group meetings**
* **Created a flyer of the peer support group and shared with Newsletter Chair (2020-21): Michelle Schoonmaker and Public Relations Co-Chairs (2020-21): Annyck Hamez and Jordan Madison.**

**Future Activities Planned:**

* + **Feb 2 Bi-Weekly Spirituality Peer Support Group for Helping Professionals**
  + **Healing for Liberation: Integrating Indigenous Healing into Your Clinical Practice: Part II on February 13th 2021**
  + **QiGong mindfulness meditation workshop in March 2021**

3. MAMCD (Atiya) – no report

4. SAIGE-MD (Veronica) – **working with Lisa on revamping the website, have new logo**

5. MCSJ (Kshipra) – **monthly Restorative Justice circles – moving from Monday’s to Tuesday’s due to changing schedules**

* + **Fall newsletter released on October 6:** [**https://mdcounseling.org/resources/Documents/MCSJ%20Newsletter\_Vol2.1.pdf**](https://mdcounseling.org/resources/Documents/MCSJ%20Newsletter_Vol2.1.pdf)
  + **Spring newsletter aim for Feb/March**
* **Social media**
  + - **Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter**
  + **Anti-Racist Pedagogy to Practice**
    - **February 19, 2-5pm ET**
    - **Workshop facilitated by Dr. Nouf Bazaz and students**
    - **3 CEs offered**
  + **MCSJ Conference**
    - **Title: *Decolonizing our Minds: Uplifting Minoritized Voices***
    - **Dates: June 25 & 26**
    - **Call for proposals to be released by the end of the month**
      * **Deadline: March 31**

6. MAMCFC (Miranda) – **The next MAMCFC's Couch Talk will be on Sunday, February 21st at 6 pm. Topic: Celebrating Black Love in Your Counseling Sessions.**

7. MCDA (Julie) – no report

Future Board Meetings:

**(20th of each month)**

**Saturday, February 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Taylor, PhD

MCA Secretary

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