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September 2, 2006

Dear Rebecca,

MCDA's Immediate Past President, Karol Taylor reported that, at the August MACD meeting, it was determined that MCDA members would no longer be allowed to join MCDA without paying for membership in MACD. For most of our members, the value of the workshops and services offered by MACD are minimal. Career counseling issues and concerns are rarely mentioned at MACD workshops and conferences. The topics selected by MACD may have some appeal to our counselor members, but no appeal to our Career Facilitator members.

We understand MACD's need to pay for the excellent accounting services offered by Robert Liberto, but the MCDA Board feels that asking each of our members to pay \$45.00 per year for access to these services is unreasonable. Therefore, the MCDA Board has unanimously voted to explore other options. We have learned that we can obtain similar accounting services for about \$5.00 per member through the firm used by our national association, NCDA.

The MCDA Board sees two options:

- 1. MACD would allow MCDA members who do not wish to join MACD to pay the \$20 MCDA dues plus an Administrative Fee (approximately \$5).**
- 2. MCDA would find a different service to process our membership dues and accounting needs, remove our funds from those held by MACD, and not mention MACD on our membership form.**

I request that discussion of these options be added to the agenda of the next MACD Board Meeting on September 16.

Sincerely,

**Marilyn E. Maze
President, MCDA**