

Maryland Association for Counseling and Development Minutes of the Leadership Retreat, August 9, 2008

Present:

Officers: Elizabeth Nyang, President; Kathy Barrett, Past President; Anke Dill, Treasurer; Marilyn Maze, Secretary

Division Presidents & Committee Chairs: Nettie Baldwin, MAMCD President; Pamela Allen, MCDA President; Kay Brawley, MAMFC President; Selena Eldridge, Newsletter Editor

Others: Marthe Diso, Patti Taylor, Karol Taylor, Angela Baldwin, Rita Robinson, Phil Denis

Attendees introduced themselves, then Elizabeth reviewed MACD's mission, leadership structure, and committees. Three divisions were represented at the meeting. A discussion of inactive divisions ensued and we were reminded that three years ago we had decided to notify those who had paid dues to inactive divisions to see if they could reactivate, then to stop listing the inactive divisions on our membership form because it is not right to collect membership fees for inactive divisions. This discussion was tabled for the next MACD Board meeting.

Vacant committees include: Awards & Scholarships Committee, Government Relations Committee, Professional Development Committee, Ethics Committee, Technology Committee. A legislative institute will be held in the spring in DC for training anyone who is interested in the Government Relations Committee. Marilyn Maze is filling in on the Membership Committee and is planning to send renewal letters to members as soon as a new online membership/registration service provider is found.

Elizabeth will look for students in the JHU counselor licensure program for assistance for the conference in May. We would like to find a way to encourage professors to encourage their students to become active. We also discussed the importance of a personal connection in recruitment. The MAMCD division would like us to make sure diversity issues are addressed by all activities, not just at designated events. We discussed the desire to have a paid staff person who could answer the phone during business hours on behalf of MACD.

Elizabeth has set up a new MACD website using Earthlink as the host. The cost is only \$240 per year, which MACD certainly could afford. However, we do not yet have a budget for the year, and so no financial commitments can be made at this time. Concern was expressed about dropping our free website at Loyola. The website maintenance software for Loyola is not as easy to use as the Earthlink software and it can only be used by a person who has undergone the official training at Loyola, which is only offered during normal business hours. We would like to have a quality website with an active webmaster who keeps the site up-to-date. The Loyola site currently is updated sporadically when the president sends information to Loyola and they make the requested changes. We could hire a person to maintain the website, but that would be even more expense.

Motion: For sustainability and growth, that we maintain the current website at Loyola as a foundation page with a link to the new website on Earthlink.

This motion passed unanimously. As the president, Elizabeth can send the revised text to Loyola and they will make these changes for us.