MCA Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 20, 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 - **regrets** |
| 1. \*Member-at-Large | Glenda Laurent Dickonson |
| **Divisions 2020-2021** | |
| 1. \*MACES PRESIDENT | Vicki Moak |
| 1. \*MASERVIC PRESIDENT | Maya Georgieva |
| 1. \*MAMCD PRESIDENT | Atiya Smith |
| 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 | Jasmin Sias |
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| 1. Advocacy Chair | Roni White  Brandon Shurn |
| 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 |

**AGENDA**

Quorum: Y/N \* indicates voting members

**The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by president, Dr. Carol McGinnis; a quorum was present (10 of the 15 voting members were present)**

**Dr. Danielle Bryant, Secretary-Elect asked everyone to place their name in the chat to record their attendance (new practice moving forward).**

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

Approval of January 27, 2021. February 20, 2021 and March 20, 2021 Minutes:

**Danielle moved to approve the January minutes; Sara seconded. Motion passed.**

**Glenda moved to approve the February minutes; Danielle seconded. Motion passed.**

**Maya moved to approve the March minutes; Sara seconded. Motion passed.**

Unfinished Business:  **included in reports below.**

New Business:  **included in reports below.**

**MCA State Divisions**

Division Updates

1. MACES (Vicki) – **Marybeth, President-Elect reported – same update as last month. They are hoping to do supervision training next month.**

2. MASERVIC (Maya) – **Doing well. They have new team for upcoming year. They have recruited two students from Messiah. They have new position – professional development chair. Still going strong with biweekly peer group, $5 for nonmembers. Must orient the new president into wild apricot.**

3. MAMCD (Atiya) – **had spring conference on Saturday; had good turnout; Dr. Kent Butler was keynote speaker. ELs did presentations and were awesome. Started a research committee, hoping to partner with MACES – like AMCD research symposium. If anyone is interested, please stop by their page, and sign up. Hoping to partner people based on their interests.**

4. SAIGE-MD (Veronica) – No report

5. MCSJ (Kshipra) – **have upcoming conference June 24-25; have received 16 proposals – excited never received that many. All proposals are great somehow; they are considering increasing the length of the conference to accommodate more presentation. They have spoken to Cathie about upgrading the Zoom account during the conference; perhaps split cost with another division? They would like to donate a portion of their proceeds to a local organization (perhaps Piscataway Nation) and provide honorarium to keynotes. Carol explained that divisions have autonomy and can spend their money as they wish as long as it is in alignment with MCA and their national organization; submit voucher to MCA Treasurer with two signatures – possibly division president and treasurer.**

**Reminder to everyone: we must ensure monies does not appear like lobbying; we cannot support any political party/candidate due to our 501c3 status.**

**Keeping up with monthly restorative justice circles, next one is for Black therapists May will be last one – Black and Indigenous therapists.**

6. MAMCFC (Miranda) – No report

7. MCDA (Julie) – **Hosting an event – “Conversations Matter” on April 22 from 5 – 630. Code was shared in chat (only for board members). They welcome MCA members and everyone who is interested in attending. Currently in elections, still looking for people for committees – please send anyone interested their way. They are organizing Maryland CARES – Friday, June 4 – goal to directly address equity, inclusion, and diversity in the career space. Targeting unemployed and underemployed, underserved youth.**

**MCA Standing Committees**

1. Emerging Leaders (Marja/Mark) **– Marja reported. ELs will be meeting next month. Dr. Deborah Haskins talked about her leadership journey with ELs. Several EL’s will help with interviewing and applications of new members.**

2. Membership (Kerri/Rachel) – **Glenda reported. Met at end of March. Discussed different sponsors for whom members can receive a discount. Working on categorizing the sponsors. Finalized brochure but unsure as to when to distribute. Wants to send out postcards for upcoming conference. Will speak with Sara to determine when.**

**Kerri - Membership is working on the conference postcards. Waiting for Keynote speaker before distribution.**

**3. Program Planning (Melissa/Donnette) – No report from Melissa.**

4. Registrar (Cathie) – **Supporting MCSJ and some other divisions with events. New play therapy session coming up in June. Call for new presenters. Collaborating on new SOP manual for setting up events. Supported Dr. Sara with conference venues. Looking for volunteers to help facilitate events. Danielle volunteered to help Cathie with registrar tasks. Elections open until April 24. Voting going well. Encouraged others to vote. Still in search of treasurer-elect position.**

5. Credentialing (Maya)- **Still working on approval for home study with NBCC for pre-recorded sessions. This has been an on-going issue since January 2021. Instead of granting approval, NBCC wants to audit our process for live sessions. Maya said it has been a” painful process.” Carol concurred with how difficult this has process has been. Carol suggested she and the new ED make a formal complaint of the process. Kerri will investigate the process for other states within the Southern Region.**

6. Awards (Kerri) – No report

7. Newsletter (Michelle S) – **Next week the next newsletter issue will go out. A couple of events have been submitted. MD Proclamation and Karol Taylor’s award will be highlighted.**

8. Public Relations/Social Media (Annyck/Jordan) – **Annyck reported on contacts, clicks and web traffic to site. Visitors click on links usually for events and workshops. She will be away for 3 weeks. Carol will maintain site in her absence. Wants to revisit the look of the newsletter and will consult with Sara once she takes office. She will reach out to Marja to get an EL to assist.**

9. Advocacy (Roni) – **Brandon Shurn reported. Will have a meeting in June and planning summer activities with MD General Assembly. Have a few elected officials they are still engaged with for feedback/support. Hill Day was moved from the month of May. Unsure as to when it will be rescheduled.**

10. Human Rights (Felicia) – **No report.**

11. Bylaws (Latonia) – **Will make an appointment with ACA rep to modify bylaws.**

12. IT Webmaster – (Lisa Oliver – Virtual Assistant) – **Nothing to report. She is here if you need her. Can add picture to member profiles. Also working on identifying certifications for search category.**

13. Archives (Mala) – **Carol reported Mala is still waiting to hear from past presidents to build archives.**

14. Professional Networking (Marybeth) **– Going well with attendees even folks not affiliated with MCA. Still needs account from IG account (DLB). Encouraging members to post, share, and like on social media. Updated dates for events on social media. Seeing cross-over of attendee in events. $5.00 is charged per person and goes to scholarship fund. Still grappling with payment for members versus non-members.**

15. MSCA Liaison (Nikki) – **No report.**

16. LCPC-M Liaison (Danielle) – **No report.**

**MCA Executive Committee**

Officer’s Reports:

1. President’s Report (Carol) – **The executive committee unanimously voted Cathie Eaton as new Executive Director for MCA; Cathie accepted and will begin on May 1, 2021 for a two-year contract.**

**Carol has been invited to present with Alabama Counseling Association during the Southern Region meeting at the ACA conference on May 1 (asking for EL data to brag about what they have done this year), also can share what we did for advocacy. Jasmin (EL) put together a webpage that she would also like to share. Governor proclamation for April “Counseling Awareness Month” was a huge success. Transitional leadership planning – only one more meeting – May. Sara will lead the June 12, 2021 meeting which will include current and incoming leaders. Please send your new leaders to Sara so she can update. Please provide your incoming people with passwords, etc.**

**Lastly, think about the people that have helped you this year and send a small token of appreciation – a note or small gift. Carol shared “snack magic” as an option.**

2. President-Elect’s Report (Sara) – **making good progress on Conference 2021. Decisions will be made at the end of this week; want to wait to announce dates, keynotes, location, and other specifics once these are confirmed. Thank you to conference committee members. Association for Maryland Non-profits – Sara has collaborated with them to see if what they offer can benefit MCA members. She may have them come and do a training for us during our transition.**

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

4. Treasurer’s Report (Keyona) – **Working on budget for next year; all vouchers have been processed except one received after the deadline (15th of the month). She will process accordingly.**

5. Treasurer-Elect (Irene) – No report

6. Secretary’s Report (Cynthia) **– Danielle has great ideas; the transition is going great.**

7. Secretary-Elect (Danielle) – **Has been meeting with Cynthia preparing for her transition to Secretary.**

8. Member-at-Large’s Report (Glenda) – No report

Future Board Meetings:

**Thursday, May 20, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 12, 2021 10 am – 2 pm**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Taylor, PhD

Secretary

Danielle LaSure-Bryant, EdD

Secretary-Elect

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