MCA Board Meeting

Saturday, March 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 - **regrets** |
| 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
 | 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 HumphreyMark Bolden |
| 1. Emerging Leader
 | Jasmin Sias |
| 1. Emerging Leader
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| 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 -**regrets** |
| 1. Program Planning Chairs
 | Melissa WesnerDonnette Deigh |
| 1. Public Relations Chair
 | Annyck Hamez Jordan Madison |
| 1. Registrar Chair
 | Cathie Eaton  |
| 1. Membership Chairs
 | Kerri Legette McColloughRachel 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 (8 of 15 voting members must be present)

**The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by president-elect, Dr. Sara Pula; a quorum was not present.**

Approval of Today’s Agenda:

Approval of January 27, 2021 and February 20, 2021 Minutes: **We will approve the January, February, and March minutes at our next meeting.**

Unfinished Business:  **included in reports below**

New Business:  **included in reports below**

**MCA State Divisions**

Division Updates

1. MACES (Vicki) – no report

2. MASERVIC (Maya) – no report

3. MAMCD (Atiya) – no report

4. SAIGE-MD (Veronica) – no report

5. MCSJ (Kshipra) – no report

6. MAMCFC (Miranda) – no report

7. MCDA (Julie) – Maryland CARES – **in May Goal to provide career counseling and coaching to those in need. Event sponsored by MCDA in partnership with MCA, Bowie State University, and A Wider Circle. Julia would love MCA member to get involved. In April, doing “Conversations Matter” – developed by Rich Feller, former NCDA president. Would like to have annual meeting in June. Conversation about appropriateness such as no profanity.**

**MCA Standing Committees**

1. Emerging Leaders (Marja/Mark) – **Marja - Met Wednesday, discussed initiating a participatory action research project. Discussed open MCA position, Dr. Debra Haskins will present at their next meeting. Still trying to have a virtual poetry slam. Marja shared of recent poetry slam at BSU that went very well. For the EL’s – propose having in April to coincide with National Poetry Month. (self-care, opportunity for people to share their original poetry or favorite poetry, break out rooms, give-a-aways). Cathie – pick a date and let her know. Rooms can be themed around topics or famous poets. Or rooms can be centered around each division. Idea came to her from an event at ACA where members shared their talent. Include a disclaimer or registration to review. Applications to open soon, will create a google form, have potential meet with current, interview – will confirm at their next meet.**

2. Membership (Kerri/Rachel) – **Kerri will reach out to Sara for conference dates to push out the dates. Solidifying partnerships, welcome suggestions of businesses for additional partnership, meet the 4th Monday of the month. Purpose – members have access to business for discounts due to being members of MCA**

3. Program Planning (Melissa/Donnette) – no report

4. Registrar (Cathie) – **workshops are going steady, backed off some during the holiday season, backing off more in April due to ACA conference. Friendly reminder – the registrar needs at least a month for a CE event in order to prepare properly. Call for nominations has closed – poll hopefully will open on Monday – open for a month; how to engage members as typically the voting participation is low.**

5. Credentialing (Maya)- no report

6. Awards (Kerri) – no report

7. Newsletter (Michelle S) – **Written report. Deadline is April 15 for last issue for this fiscal year. All submissions for EL applications for next year to be included in the newsletter; due May 15, and notified June 1**

8. Public Relations/Social Media (Annyck/Jordan) – Written report.

9. Advocacy (Roni) – **successfully organized and managed Advocacy Day! Met with 40 elected offices – staff, interns, elected officials (senate and house offices). Advocacy Day provided the opportunity to build relationship with ACA . All follow ups and thank you’s have been sent to elected officials. Other elected officials still want to work with us that could not participate this year. Hill Day – May 2021 (virtual). There is going to be future planning over the summer for next session; weekly updates on advocacy page on MCA. Developing a new date – in summer. Elected officials said this works better for bill modification and less rush time (meeting in the summer). This will provide more opportunities to meet with elected officials and not rush right before they go to the floor. Gaining a directory of members who have expertise, so they can develop a resource list and provide to elected officials. Will do write up for newsletter. Cathie – ACA was blown away by Advocacy committee work on Advocacy Day. Danielle – suggested letting us know which elected officials are wanting to talk to us so members who reside in that area can connect with them.**

10. Human Rights (Felicia) – No report

11. Bylaws (Latonia) – **Kerri – may have corrections from ACA; will make any needed corrections**

12. IT Webmaster – (Lisa Oliver – Virtual Assistant) – **Membership directory – was asked to update. Has created a more advanced search – must be a member and logged in to see these options. Created “find a counselor” – when you click on you see different search criteria. On membership page itself, there is a membership directory which is more expanded than previously. Next a picture or more information from members. Sara asked if she would do a demonstration at our April meeting.**

13. Archives (Mala) – **Written report. Continues to gather information from past presidents. Ideas are welcome that will assist her with reaching all past presidents.**

14. Professional Networking (Marybeth) **– Networking events have started, job posting, and research opportunities are still expanding.**

15. MSCA Liaison (Nikki) – **Marja reported on MSCA Gala and MSCA’s recent 2 day virtual conference.**

16. LCPC-M Liaison (Danielle) – **Dr. Kitty Cattrell from LCPC-M’s board, attended our advocacy day . In February, LCPC-M provided a supervisor refresher course; had about 40 participants.**

**MCA Executive Committee**

Officer’s Reports:

1. President’s Report (Carol) – **Updated MCA homepage; about to vote on compact; next Executive Committee meeting is April 11**

2. President-Elect’s Report (Sara) – **has small group working on conference preparation; will meet on Tuesday’s, invited all to join. Have quotes from several hotels in the area. Information regarding the conference will continue to be disseminated in the weekly blast.**

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

4. Treasurer’s Report (Keyona) – No report

5. Treasurer-Elect (Irene) – No report

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

7. Secretary-Elect (Danielle) – No report

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

Future Board Meetings:

**Tuesday, April 20, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Taylor, PhD

MCA Secretary

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