MCA Board Meeting

Monday, July 20, 2020

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 -regrets |
| 1. \*MASERVIC PRESIDENT | Maya Georgieva – sent report |
| 1. \*MAMCD PRESIDENT | Atiya Smith |
| 1. \*MCDA PRESIDENT | Julie Neill |
| 1. \*MAMCFC PRESIDENT | Deborah Allen |
| 1. \*MALGBTIC PRESIDENT | Veronica Wanzer |
| 1. \*MCSJ PRESIDENT | Kshipra Jain |
| **Committees 2020-2021** |  |
| 1. MCA Emerging Leader Chair/Co-Chair | Marja Humphrey  Mark Bolden |
| 1. Emerging Leader | TBD |
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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 -regrets |
| 1. Newsletter Chair | Michelle Schoonmaker |
| 1. Program Planning Chairs | Melissa Wesner  Donnette Deigh |
| 1. Public Relations Chair | Annyck Hamez -regrets  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 | OPEN |
| 1. Professional Networking | Marybeth Heather |
| 1. MSCA Liaison | Nikki Ham, President |
| 1. LCPC-M Liaison | Danielle LaSure Bryant |

Quorum: Y/N

**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; Glenda seconded. Motion passed.**

Approval of June 27, 2020 Minutes: **Roni moved to approve the minutes; Deborah seconded. Motion passed.**

Unfinished Business: (included in reports below)

New Business: (included in reports below)

**MCA Executive Committee**

Officer’s Reports:

1. **President Report (Carol)-** Banking has been set up, bank information has been updated to reflect new officers. The EC approved 8 voting members (including all elect positions). EC voted on the 4 signatories on the bank (Treasurer; Treasurer-Elect; President; President-Elect); this will work well for upcoming years as the elects are there and the current positions come off. Looking at saving $100 on Wild Apricot by removing inactive emails. GoDaddy is $21 per year which includes emails. Karol and Lisa are working to get the contacts down to save money. Conference coming along nicely; pleased with all the work being done. Please send Carol a report if not done so already – especially what needs you have.

2. **President-Elect’s Report (Sara)** – Still needs to put her signature on the bank account; this or next week. Thanked Carol for asking for feedback on statement against ICE new regulations; please look at the letter on our website. Have been trying to assist with membership by connecting with her platforms such as her LinkedIn contacts and inviting them to join. Sara is here to support all as needed; please let her know if she can be of assistance.

3. Past President’s Report (Ajita) –

4. **Treasurer’s Report (Keyona)** – This morning sent emails to each division president in reference to their division budget; sent them updated reimbursement voucher with codes; most presidents have responded to her. Submission of vouchers – send to her no later than the 15th of each month; then she will process them so she can be timely in preparing reimbursement; this will assist her with all she needs to do for the accountant who does monthly report. MAMCD wants to change their membership from $5 to $10 – asking for board approval. Carol noted, each board sets their own dues, we do not have to vote on it. Keyona will communicate back with MAMCD.

5. Treasurer-Elect (Irene) -

6. **Secretary’s Report (Cynthia)** – Please let Cynthia know of any email address corrections and/or changes.

7. Secretary-Elect (Danielle) –

8. **Member-at-Large’s Report (Glenda)** – working with Membership committee to do membership drive. Located LCPC-M membership list and forwarded to Kerri; want to invite those individuals to join MCA.

**MCA State Divisions**

Division Updates

1. **MACES** (Vicky) – Sara reported that MACES has worked closely with Argosy with their closing as many members were MACES members. Please send anyone interested in joining MACES their way.

2. **MASERVIC** (Maya) – Carol shared report that was submitted; including: their past events and future activities planned.

3. MAMCD (Atiya) –

4. **MALGBTIC (Veronica)** – Theme for 2020-2021 is gender diversity: focusing on advocacy, competency, and education/training for those serving the gender diverse community. We would also like to increase awareness about MALGBTIC throughout the state. We would like to request the following support from MCA to achieve our goals this year:

* Endorsement for the gender diversity policy brief.
* Support for the 2nd Annual Symposium, slated for November 14th.
* Help to increase participation in MCA newsletter and MALGBTIC presence.

5. **MCSJ (Kshipra)** – First board meeting was this week – went very well. MCSJ had their conference July 11, 2020 with 163 registered. They are looking forward to an active year to include incorporating the concept of having Restorative Justice Circles. They have a

running list of multiple google docs that all members are contributing to. They are working on a newsletter; they have a professional journalist in their division. The theme for the year is “Decolonization of the Mind”. Requesting MCA endorsement of theme. What does decolonization mean to you? How do we practice social justice on a daily basis? They are going to have workshops throughout the year. Also, they will update their social media – Instagram, FB. They want to increase membership.

6. **MAMCFC (Deborah)** – they have not met yet; will inform us as they plan their year

7. **MCDA (Julie)** – They intend to address the career development needs of the community. Julie is a career coach not a counselor; and looking forward to working with MCA members with counseling expertise. Their first board meeting will be this Saturday. They have had a couple of town halls since July to assess where their members are. National Career Development Month is November; activities will be planned. A tentative theme is “The future of work; the future of career development”. Looking forward to partnership and synergy with MCA.

**MCA Standing Committees**

1. **Emerging Leaders (Marja/Mark)** – Introduced Dr. Mark Bolden, co-chair. Mark says he is looking forward to working with MCA. They want emerging leaders to define what “leadership” is to them. Information has been sent to each college/university in Maryland and Washington D.C. that has counseling programs. Mentors are currently being identified. Emerging Leaders will develop a professional development plan. Carol asked that everyone assist with identifying emerging leaders. Deadline is July 31, 2020. Marja and Mark will reach out once EL’s identify who they want to be paired with.

2. **Membership (Kerri/Rachel)** – Last year had 4 members; has grown this year. Will have a meeting soon to plan their year. Transitioning Rachel to chair position. Goal to send out a postcard to LCPC-M list. Also send out a brochure to let potential members know of MCA. Have we selected a post office? Membership committee will move forward with securing a post office for centralized mailing. Want to hold informal membership “fireside chat” type Zoom meetings with members. Will send dates to Cathie for centralized calendar. Rachel – how do we establish relationships in the community to express the benefits of membership? Idea – videos for social media -why should you be a member. Carol thanked them for their commitment

3. **Program Planning (Melissa/**Donnette) – Melissa provided updates for our annual conference schedule for October 2020; the theme is “Cultivating Growth”. Registration is open now. We have 2 keynotes; looking for talent for 15-minute increments for breaks- please send names to Glenda.

Carol asked each division for virtual basket for the silent auction at the conference, e.g. discounted service.

4. **Registrar (Cathie)** – Three (3) workshops are scheduled in the next few weeks. The workshops are going very well. Proposals not chosen for conference have been reviewed and asked to do stand-alone webinars. Five (5) sessions are in the cue.

5. Credentialing (Maya)-

6. **Awards (Kerri)** – Advertisement will go out in August. Winners for last year have been selected. Winners of both years will be recognized at the conference in October; Kerri will connect with conference co-chairs to discuss logistics at the conference.

7. **Newsletter (Michelle S)** – Deadline was last week for newsletter. There were about 4 articles submitted. Will include blurb about emerging leaders. Michelle has figured out how to do ads and credit card payments for those who want to do ads who are not members.

8. **Public Relations/Social Media (Annyck**/Jordan) – report submitted. Annyck continues to distribute our weekly e-blasts.

9. **Advocacy (Roni)** – This committee is working on letters regarding legislation and government that will go out to all members. Updates will be sent to social media contacts. They are working on an opening video. They are doing a training for members; will release plan for 2021 soon. They are seeking committee members. Other points to share with members and potential members: advocacy is needed for our state e.g. equal pay laws, equity in law local and state government, income disparity, discrimination, and how to empower our counselors.

10. **Human Rights (Felicia)** – This committee is reviewing all relevant statements from ACA as well as information on the ACA website. They will send information to the newsletter. ACA has human rights awards; they would like MCA to have one as well. Human rights issues include but are not limited to Civil Rights and LGBTQ concerns. They want to make sure that we are on top of all human rights issues.

11. Bylaws (Latonia) –

12. **IT Webmaster – (Lisa Oliver – Virtual Assistant)** – Lisa is looking at contacts who are not engaged and will move them to archives files, so they are not counted in our email count (to save money). Lisa is happy to assist with trouble shooting and making appropriate connections. She can assist with Carol’s approval.

13. Archives (OPEN) –

14. **Professional Networking (Marybeth)** – Marybeth used to be the PR chair for 6 years; additionally, was previously an EL mentor. Professional Networking is a new presidential initiative. She has a lot of ideas including free events, low cost events, and Facebook live. Carol asked – provide a place for students to post their research recruitment; update job link; internships, etc.

Future Board Meetings:

**(20th of each month)**

**Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

Sara moved to adjourn; Felecia seconded.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Taylor, PhD

MCA Secretary

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