MCA Board Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2021

Via Zoom

7:00 pm.

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| **Board Members** | |
| **Executive Committee 2021-2022** | |
| 1. \*PRESIDENT (2021-2022) | Sara Pula |
| 1. \*Past President (2019-2020) | Carol ZA McGinnis |
| 1. \*President-Elect (2021 -2022) | Pat Dudley |
| 1. \*Secretary | Danielle LaSure Bryant |
| 1. \*Secretary-Elect | Leslie Holley |
| 1. \*Treasurer | Irene Burks |
| 1. \* Treasurer-Elect |  |
| 1. \*Member-at-Large |  |
| 1. Executive Director | Cathie Eaton |
| **Divisions 2021-2022** | |
| 1. \*MACES PRESIDENT | Marybeth Heather |
| 1. \*MASERVIC PRESIDENT | Marilyn Spenadel |
| 1. \*MAMCD PRESIDENT | Ricardo Phipps |
| 1. \*MCDA PRESIDENT | Natasha OrtizFortier |
| 1. \*MAMCFC PRESIDENT | Deborah Allen |
| 1. \*SAIGE-MD PRESIDENT (formerly: MALGBTIC) | Call Trevenen |
| 1. \*MCSJ PRESIDENT | Kizzy Pittrell |
| **Committees 2021-2022** |  |
| 1. MCA Emerging Leader Chair/Co-Chair | Marja Humphrey  Mark Bolden |
| 1. Emerging Leader |  |
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| 1. Advocacy Chair | Roni White |
| 1. Human Rights Chair |  |
| 1. Awards Chair |  |
| 1. By-Laws Chair |  |
| 1. Credentialing Chair | Maya Georgieva |
| 1. Newsletter Chair | Michelle Schoonmaker |
| 1. Program Planning Chairs | Cheryl Fisher  Donnette Deigh |
| 1. Public Relations Chair | Annyck Hamez  Mala Hosmane |
| 1. Registrar Chair | Cathie Eaton |
| 1. Membership Chairs | Atiya Smith |
| 1. IT Webmaster (Virtual Assistant) | Lisa Oliver |
| 1. [[1]](#footnote-1)Archives | Mala Hosmane |
| 1. Professional Networking | Marybeth Heather |
| 1. MSCA Liaison |  |
| 1. LCPC-M Liaison | Danielle LaSure Bryant |

**AGENDA**

Quorum: Y/N \* indicates voting members **Y**

Approval of Today’s Agenda:  **Motion to approve the agenda by Irene and seconded by Carol. Motion passed**

Approval of September, November, and December 2021 Minutes: **Irene provided the minutes for December. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Irene and seconded by Danielle. Motion passed.**

Unfinished Business:

* + - * New Division
        + Task Force: Pat Dudley, Nicole Frey, Courtney Borsuk, Kerri McCullough, Jenise Bryce

Met 1/10/22

Next meeting: **Sara is hoping to launch in May. Meeting went well**.

* Southern Region Information: **Catherine, Pat, Sara, Marybeth, Riccardo and Dr. Pitrell attended. Sara will put a link to Dr. Butler’s podcast on MCA web page.** 
  + Leadership Training—January 8, 2022 (free)
  + Nominations for regional positions—due February 4 (voted on at ACA conference April 7-10)
    - **ACA SR Chair Elect 2022-2023** (Chair in 2023-2024) (3 year position)  
      **ACA SR Secretary 2022-2024**(2 year position)
    - Graduate Student Representative to Governing Council
  + ACA bylaws change—division leaders needing to be ACA members, workaround
    - * FAQs on web site: **still working on**
      * Banking/accounting: **still working on**
        + New PNC account
        + Outside audit for past 2 years
      * Lawyer: **still working on**
      * Liability insurance: **still working on**
      * Open board positions
        + Member at Large (Irene Burks interested in 2022)
        + Bylaws Committee Chair
        + Human Rights Committee Chair

New Business:

* New board members/positions:
  + - * + Treasurer Elect—nomination for Dr. Rebekah Cole

**By laws state the President can appoint whomever the choose for interim positions. Sara appointed Dr. Cole as Treasurer-Elect. She can have a nomination for Treasurer in the coming year. Welcome to MCA Board!**

* New process for reimbursing charges—maybe through Zelle? **Sara needs more information before moving on this initiative.**
* Membership Drive **Atiya and Sara discussed how to increase membership. Wants to do a membership drive on February 1, 2022. Each one, reach one. Incentives: MCA swag, membership, advertisement. Conversely, what can MCA do for members? Outreach to agencies, re-vamping membership fees. Sara spoke about having a Regional Ambassador program within the state. Visibility is occurring via Publicity Committee per Marybeth. There is hope that the new Addictions Division will bring in more members. Sara asked about having a Listserv. Feedback was the site needs to be closely monitored to keep the conversations relevant, accurate and cordial. Also, a Listserv can be overwhelming to email inbox. Roni made the suggestion to maximize existing platforms.**
* **A new idea emerged from the discussion to create a Digital Orientation Guide for new members. A Presidential Task Force was formed to include new MCA member Gabby and Roni.**
* Proposal for storage system—Lisa Oliver
* **SACES in Baltimore is November 3-5. Call for proposals is Jan. 15- March 1. Sara encouraged members to submit proposals.**

**MCA State Divisions**

Division Updates

1. MACES (Marybeth) – **Recently launched a 4-point Supervision series with 5 participants registered. Monday is a networking event. Currently have about 8 registered and looking for more.**

2. MASERVIC (Marilyn) – **Spiritual support group has been operating for 2 years. Marilyn asked to be included in membership drive effort. Spiritual Oneness Retreat is planned. March 25 or 26 dates are options. She is looking for a space that offers Saturday as an option. Discussion about CACREP deleting Spirituality from its 2024 Standards.**

3. MAMCD (Ricardo) – **No report.**

**4. SAIGE-MD (Call) – January 26, 2022 is the date for the Peer Support Group. Items to include case consultations, discussions about practicing in queer affirmative ways. Nine registrants currently. Held every last Wednesday of the month for an hour. Getting Conference ready for May 14, 2022. Not sure about seeking an indoor space. Call may consider a hybrid model: online for training sessions and one-half day gathering that features a panel of presenters and allows for networking. “Queer Through the Years” is the conference theme.**

5. MCSJ (Kizzy) **– Resuming Restorative Justice Circle on Jan. 31 at 6:30-7:30. Still keeping with supporting each other during pandemic. Typically, held the last Monday of the month except May. March 3 from 1-3 will be a Writing Workshop that will be open to students and anyone wanting to know about writing proposals. Planning for June Summer conference. Working on Summer Newsletter asked members to submit poems, articles, resources, information on creating a new normal. Draft date is Feb. 18. A flyer will be sent to MCA website.**

6. MAMCFC (Deborah) – **No report.**

7. MCDA (Natasha) – **No report.**

**MCA Standing Committees**

1. Emerging Leaders (Marja/Mark) – **Marja reported she is grateful that the Els are doing well. This year yielded a smaller group but still very active.** **Check-ins are scheduled periodically. Jasmine Sias also reported things are going well.**

2. Membership (Atiya) – **sent in report below:**

**-We are still recruiting members to join the Committee. If you are interested, please let me know.**

**-We are in the process of selecting regional coordinators/reps. If you know of anyone across the state of MD who would be good for this position, please send their names along. I am finalizing the “state sections” with Sara and will be sure to get this up on the website. Hoping to have regional events this semester… but also being mindful of concerns related to the pandemic.**

**-I have a graduate student who joined the committee. This student will help with outreach to both undergraduate and graduate programs.**

**-We are working to flush out the renewal date issue and figure out how to manage membership fees for those who register before the new renewal date. As I’m new to this role, I’m collaborating with Cathie on this.**

**-If you have any ideas or suggestions, please pass them along.**

3. Program Planning (Cheryl/Donnette) – **Both Cheryl and Donnette agreed to return as Co-Chairs for next year’s conference planning committee. Cheryl’s school, Alliant University, has agreed to sponsor an initiative within the MCA conference.**

4. Registrar (Cathie) – **Multiple events with multiple divisions have been scheduled by Catherine. She wants to get more MCA division events. Solicited volunteers to present material for CEs. Catherine reported she is getting more positive feedback about MCA events. Asked for an EL to assist with duties.**

5. Credentialing (Maya)- **No report.**

6. Awards ( ) **– Presented at Fall 2021 Conference per Sara.**

7. Newsletter (Michelle S) – **Deadline passed for next newsletter to come out February 1, 2022.**

8. Public Relations/Social Media (Annyck) – **No report**

9. Advocacy (Roni/Brandon) – **Roni reported she has 2 Els who are doing well. Currently working on an issue related to school counseling certification. School Psychologist or Licensed Social Worker are listed as possible certification for working within a school setting. Neither category is open to an LCPC. She is seeking to advocate for more inclusivity and competency within the field by creating a mental health certification. The plan is to send the petition to MD General Assembly and Governor’s office.**

10. Human Rights () – **No report**

11. Bylaws () – **No report.**

12. IT Webmaster – (Lisa Oliver – Virtual Assistant) – **Lisa has been assisting Catherine with events. Created Dropbox account for project management. This will help with where MCA documents are housed when leadership transitions.**

13. Archives (Mala) – **No report**

14. Professional Networking (Marybeth) **– New content areas are available on the Website. Marybeth said she has a great EL who is helping to create a calendar. Soliciting volunteers for creating posts for MCA on themed days/month (i.e., MLK Day). Catherine reported she was able to get a Professional version of CANVA (due to MCA 503© status) which will help with making flyers and posting to social media.**

15. MSCA Liaison () – **No report.**

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

**MCA Executive Committee**

Officer’s Reports:

1. President’s Report (Sara) – **See top comments**

2. President-Elect’s Report (Pat) – **Pat thanked Cheryl and Donnette for staying in role as Event Planning Co-Chairs. Date of 2022 MCA Conference is Oct. 15 & 16. The theme is Multicultural Focus in an Ever-Changing World. Shared a variety of possible categories for sub-themes. This is the 65th year of the conference. Possible keynote is Dr. Courtland Lee. Conference will be completely virtual.**

3. Past President’s Report (Carol) **– Carol will meet with the nominating committee to prepare the voting ballet for incoming Board members.**

4. Treasurer’s Report (Irene) – **Irene has met with Dr. Cole to orient her to position.**

5. Treasurer-Elect () **– Welcomed into membership and position. Graciously accepted**.

6. Secretary’s Report (Danielle) – **Acknowledged absence and reengagement to role.**

7. Secretary-Elect (Leslie) – **No report**

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

9. Executive Director’s Report (Catherine) –

**Still waiting with EC to complete vote to continue with Accountant. Catherine wants to have a soft audit completed by mid-February. NAMI Advocacy Day is posted on MCA website calendar. The calendar can be edited just keep Catherine in the loop. MCA has some web pages that need to be updated specifically for division leaders. Carol volunteered to assist with that task. Set up close to 20 events for MCA. Worked with Pat regarding conference. Home study was approved. Reported the budget year changed from calendar year reference due to 501© status. MCA calendar year needs to reflect January to December, not July to June.**

Future Board Meetings:

**(16th of each month)**

**Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

**April 14 or 18? (16th is a Saturday)**

**Monday, May 16, 2022**

**Thursday, June 16, 2022**

**A motion to end meeting: Marilyn and Call. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 8:43pm.**

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