



**MCA September 25, 2016 Board Meeting
7-9 PM
Zoom Meeting Room**

Meeting begun via Zoom 7:05pm

- 1) Roll Call (Cathie) In attendance: Tony, LaNail, Lisa, Marybeth, Rose, Janelle, Christian, Sarah G., Karol, Maya, Sarah V., Keyona, Stephanie, Rawn and Cathie
7:10pm roll call completed
- 2) 7:11pm Approval of Agenda (Christian/Cathie) Stephanie made motion to approve agenda, seconded by Cathie and unanimously approved.
- 3) Approval of Minutes (Christian/Cathie) Request to correct date of minutes to reflect board meeting date of 08/28/16. LaNail made motion to approve August minutes, seconded by Tony and unanimously approved.

MCA Executive Committee

- 4) President's Report (Christian)
 - a. Constructing Committee Rosters and Finalizing Appointments. Christian announced new Credentialing Chair as Michelle Wade, a returning MCA member. Focusing on importance of staying in compliance with NBCC.
 - b. Conference Update: 100+ registered attendees, expect increase prior to early bird ending dates. Accolades to PR for working hard on advertising our annual conference. Stephanie stated that the numbers of registration is phenomenal, considering two years ago it was 68-80 and last year it was 70 to grow to over 100 with one month remaining!!
 - c. Deadlines for nominations for Awards was mentioned, consider extension, as some board members did not get email regarding nomination process. Encouragement of all board members to nominate someone! Karol asked for clarification of previous awards and winners.
 - d. Developing MCA Presidential Initiatives: With proper planning, want to increase events and focus on courageous conversations. Goal is to add more professional development workshops and events in addition to annual conference, and to support divisions in growth.
- 5) Treasurer's Report (LaNail)—Transitioning to new position with support of Sarah G. PNC bank signature card issue has been resolved! Waiting for new

checks, currently able to do online checks. Thanks MCDA for patience while this issue is resolved. Therefore, no need to adjust previous minutes.

- 6) Executive Director's Report (Marsha) No report
- 7) Past-President's Report (Stephanie) Shared MCMDC strategic planning meeting, focusing on strengthening membership and maintaining continuous leadership
- 8) President-Elect's Report (Karol) Update, deciding on location for next year's anniversary conference, engaging in mentoring from Mississippi Counseling Association for forms and support. Karol is assisting with Advocacy Committee and appreciative of updated roster to connect faces and names to board members. A Save the Date flyer will be created for 2017 Conference
- 9) Member-at-Large's Report (Sarah G) Sarah is helping LaNail with odds and ends in transitioning to Treasurer, and otherwise enjoying retirement from Treasurer position and moving on to training.

Additional Agenda Items

- 10) Maryland Advocacy Day (Janelle, Cathie and Karol) After joint meeting, looking at February dates, dates can be requested beginning Oct 1. Working on identifying topics to discuss with representatives, dependent on any pending legislation. Cathie and Karol justified timeline and challenges of scheduling in winter. Building on Marsha's idea of logo contest, will hold Logo Contest for Anniversary beginning at Conference to Dec 31. Winner will get t-shirt with logo and anyone attending Advocacy Day will get free t-shirt.
- 11) Revision of June Board Meeting Minutes Cathie gave motion to delete item from agenda, Stephanie seconded, unanimously passed
- 12) Adding Divisions Update: Issues of Wild Apricot support, please check your membership profile and membership level to be sure you are getting all notifications. Generally fixed glitch to allow addition of MALBITIC, if further difficulties, need to have Administrator set up manual invoice to add additional divisions. Marybeth offered to help explain to memberships how to join divisions; **check your email subscriptions, easy to accidentally turn off BULK EMAIL**

MCA Standing Committees Reports

All chairs are listed. However, a designee may answer questions on the respective reports from committees.

- 13) 7:59pm Newsletter (Michelle) Report provided, Fall Deadline is OCT 2 for next newsletter, encourage divisions to advertise to increase memberships
- 14) 9) Public Relations (Marybeth) Not much of an update, ramping up advertising for conference in the pipeline
- 15) 10) Membership (Keyona) Brainstorming different ways to increase membership, want to connect to different schools and combine events with divisions. **Waiting for comprehensive calendar to coordinate events.**
- 16) 11) Advocacy (Janelle) (see above report by Karol) Advocacy will coordinate with Membership for event in February

- 17)12) Technology (Jose/Robert)—no update
- 18)Bylaws (Christian) leader pending, no report
- 19)CEU/Credentialing (Christian)—Michelle Wade will take over, continue NBCC credentialing, consider LCSW and APA continuing learning credits
- 20)Program Planning (Sarah V.) Working to put together final list of presenters, everything is moving along well!
- 21)Emerging Leaders and Graduate Student (Sara P.) One update, Sara P will be mentoring Sarah V
- 22)Awards (Maya) to date only one submission for awards nomination, would like to extend deadline to Oct 1. Request by Christian for each board member to consider completing at least one nomination

MCA State Divisions

- 24) Division Updates
 - a) MAMCD (Sherritta)—no report
 - b) MACES (Ajita) Still in the process of negotiating by-laws , looking at professional development events w/supervision; many changes with regard to state requirements for compliance
 - c) MASERVIC (Lisa)—no update other than report submitted. Planning on working closely with Stephanie to improve division. Lisa shared that it would be great to have a group network of other counselors for peer support. Karol echoed that it is a good idea and asked about MCA sponsored forum. LaNail expressed desire for dissertation support. Cathie and Stephanie cautioned about ethical concerns and differences between professional supervision and peer support groups, concerns about liability if MCA sponsored group and need for informed consent with clients for additional supervision. Might be good idea to coordinate with MACES, Ajita will discuss offline with Lisa.
Congrats to Lisa for newly credentialed status!
 - d) MCDA (Rose) recent strategic planning meeting, Ronda will have more information to share
 - g) MAMFC (Vacant) no report Please consider encouraging other MAFC to join this division
 - h) MALGBTIC (Tony) Preparing for one 45-min sponsored session at MCA conference. Looking at resources for DC/MD area to share with others. Currently we are in need of a membership chair and to increase membership and registration for new division. Now working with Baltimore Police Department, which reached out to MCA to collaborate and support transgender community, specifically Sgt. Bailey. Planning a “coming out” party to launch new division with flyers and a raffle. Lisa offered to give additional info on Baltimore PD task force

- 19) 8:24pm Announcement of Next Board Meeting 10/23/16 7-9pm via ZOOM
- 20) 8:25pm Motion to adjourn by LaNail, seconded by Stephanie, and passed unanimously