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# The MACA Newsletter



MISSOURI ADDICTION COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION

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## President's Corner By Dian Banks, President

Happy New Year To All!

Thank you for your vote of support. I feel truly honored and humbled. MACA has come a long way in the past few years. I plan on continuing this trend. I want all members to become involved in this great organization. We need members to help with the various committees. When at the conference, we appreciate any and all help. This organization is one for networking, learning, friendships and a time to get together to learn the latest from all those around the state. We always need referrals for speakers.

The last conference was the bomb and I look forward to the April 27-29 conference. Be sure to be there.

I want to point out that the open board meeting that was held on Thursday evening is now being held on Friday at 12:30 in the meeting room at Waddles. Come and eat your lunch with us and learn about the business side of MACA.

With the paid conference fee, you will get the Saturday night Banquet with the added fun of the White Elephant auction and the Raffle gifts. Bring your items. Also on Sunday, you receive a free breakfast at Waddles.

I guess I need to tell about me. I am a therapist/substance abuse counselor at Preferred Family Healthcare Adolescent Outpatient in St. Joseph. I have been a member of MACA since 2004 and have been on the board since 2006. I always look forward to the conferences to talk with the many great people I have had the joy to meet and become friends with. I look forward to making many more friendships.

I again want to say Thank You for your vote of confidence. I look forward to seeing you in April.

Dian Banks, MS, LPC MACA PRESIDENT

# President's Corner

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## Immediate Past President By Lavern Blackorby

I would like to offer my congratulations to the newly elected board members, and to those who are leaving, I would like to offer my thanks for the countless hours that they spent helping to make **MACA the best Counselor’s Organization in the United States**. During the four years of my presidency, I was blessed to have some of the most energetic board members a person could have, and I certainly want to thank each and every one of them. But most importantly, I want to thank the rest of the membership for your support and trust during some really tough times. I know it was hard to stand by when I made the final decision to withdraw MACA from NADAC, and sadly some chose not to remain as a member. However, others chose to come back and rejoin MACA, and for that I am very proud of the boards’ and my choice. Our membership continues to grow but the job’s not done yet. We as members need to continue to recruit new members. Remember, there is a \$25.00 discount to conferences for each individual you recruit (up to 5) that joins MACA. I feel that most of the goals I set as your president were accomplished, but we still have work to do as a organization.

I know that we have a new board that is committed to see MACA grow and improve in the current direction we are in. It appears the direction will even be better. As a group, your board is committed to providing the best conferences they can, and suggestions for improvement are always welcome. The new board is just as committed to improving our organization as the old one, and now we have the new ideas coming from the newly elected members.

I’m sorry I couldn’t be at the Fall Conference, but I do have a new granddaughter and a new driver in the family. I understand there were 130 persons in attendance; that was amazing, and I really hope it continues. Only you and I can make it happen by recruiting new members and promoting and supporting our conferences. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the Spring Conference which will be April 27, 28, 29 at the Inn of Grand Glaze at Lake of the Ozarks. Thanks again for all your support over the past four years.

Lavern Blackorby BA, CRAADC, SQP-R, ICAADC

Immediate Past President of MACA



## **From the MACA Office** By Ronnie Beaver, MACA Executive Secretary

Happy New Year, and I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. 2011 was a very busy year for MACA. I am so glad it went so well, but I am really happy to be entering 2012. We had two wonderful conferences with lots of great information, fun, and valuable networking opportunities. The 2012 Spring Conference is pretty much ready to go. It also looks like it will be a super experience. We are blessed to have so many talented presenters and members.

We held our election for the MACA Board and had our first meeting January 27, 2012. I was pleased with the number of members who chose to participate in the election process. Judging from the energy level of the new Board, I think I'll have many busy and exciting days ahead of me here at the office. You will be able to get Board names and contact information on this web site. Please feel free to contact them with any questions, ideas or concerns you may have. You can also contact any Board member if you wish to participate in any of the committees. Of course, you may also contact me at the office.

In 2011, we began accepting credit card payments for conferences and membership fees. I think I have finally gotten to where I am comfortable with the process.

Also, current members don't forget, we are still having the promotion with each new individual member you recruit (up to 5), you get \$25 off your Spring 2012 conference registration. Our membership numbers are increasing, but the more members we have, the more effective we can be.

I hope to see you at our Spring 2012 conference. It will be April 27 - 29, at the Inn at Grand Glaze, Lake Ozark, MO. You will be able to find conference and sponsorship information on our web site.

## **MSAPCB News** By Scott Breedlove, MSAPCB Administrator

The MSAPCB held its first 2012 Board meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2012. The meeting was very productive and a number of exciting items of business took place. Some of the highlights of the meeting included:

1. The election of new officers for 2012 – Clif Johnson was elected President; Gloria Nepote was elected Vice President; Alicia Ozenberger was elected Secretary; Jane Pfefferkorn was elected Treasurer
2. New/Reappointed Board members – Randall Robb (Corrections Rep); Jane Pfefferkorn (Recovery Support/Faith Rep); Fran Joy (Member-At-Large)
3. In late October 2012, the MSAPCB will provide a 2 day training specific to Intervention topics.
4. The MSAPCB has partnered with the Substance Abuse Program Administrators Association (SAPAA) to provide a process for reciprocal level credentialed professionals and licensed professionals to become Department of Transportation/Substance Abuse Professionals. Information on this process will soon be on the MSAPCB web site at [www.msapcb.com](http://www.msapcb.com).

In these tough economic times, the MSAPCB continues to try and provide quality services to our professionals at a reasonable cost. From time to time, individuals ask us about the cost of our services. In answering that question, I generally like to make several points. First, our fees are partially attributed to pure economics. The fees that many Boards charge is partially determined by how many professionals the Board represents. The more professionals represented and paying dues, the less the dues are for each member. Second, we are a separate non-profit organization and therefore, we must raise our own funds to support the continuation of the Board services. Third, while our fees may seem high, I am proud to say that we haven't raised most of our fees such as renewal fees in almost 10 years. Finally, I like to mention that we do understand the tough financial situation we all face and we continue to try and balance our fee structure with the needs of the field. Our fees are set at a minimum level so that the Board can sustain itself but does not obtain large profits.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, our staff is available to you at 573-751-9211 or at [help@msapcb.com](mailto:help@msapcb.com).

## **MACA Business Meeting Minutes** October 8, 2011

**Call to Order:** Vice President Dian Banks called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Membership meeting was at the Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, MO.

Dian introduced the MACA Board and Head table. She acknowledged the conference sponsors and thanked the presenters for providing Great workshops..

**Minutes of 04/11 Business Meeting:** The Minutes from the April, 2011 business meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved.

**Third Quarter 2011 Financial Report:** Tommy Hallam moved, Tracy Sovar seconded the finance report be accepted. Motion Passed.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Training & Education:** Linda reported we are ready to go for this conference. The 2012 Spring conference will be April 27 – 29, at the Inn At Grand Glaize. The Spring 2012 agenda is already being filled out. A request was made for the membership to let the MACA Board and education committee know if they had any suggestions for speakers and/or topics.

**Membership:** Membership numbers are increasing, and the member incentive of \$25 off the next conference registration fee for each new member recruited is still in effect. Please check the membership booth at the conference, and membership information on our web site at; [www.missouriaddictioncounselors.org](http://www.missouriaddictioncounselors.org).

**Ethics Committee:** No report.

**Constitution and By-Laws:** Lou Louzader, No Report

**Newsletter:** Ronnie reported the newsletter will be out right after the conference.

**MSAPCB Report:** MSACCB is staying busy.

**MACA Progress Report:** Dian reports financially MACA is in good shape. We still have need for improvement, but we are continually upgrading MACA services.. Membership numbers are improving. Dian thanked the membership for their continued support.

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business;** MACA Board elections are being held. Nominations will be accepted until the 16<sup>th</sup> of October. Ballots will be sent out the end of this month. Ballots shall be returned to the MACA office NO LATER THAN November 20<sup>th</sup>. Ballots received after that date will not be counted.

**Next Business Meeting:** April 28th, at 6:30 P.M. Grand Glaize Inn, Osage Beach, MO

Dian Banks moved, Elaine Campbell seconded motion to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 10a.m.



## PURPOSE

The Missouri Addiction Counselors Association is a not-for-profit Professional Organization for Counselors living in or working in the State of Missouri.

## MISSION

MACA will actively engage in those activities which promote the integrity and professionalism of addiction counselors. MACA will provide continuing educational opportunities to addiction counselors, counselors-in-training, and other counseling disciplines. MACA will inform legislative and government officials of Missourians' treatment needs. MACA will explore and pursue ideas and principals which advance the Professional recognition of Addiction Counselors in Missouri.

### *Did You Know.....*

MACA is the only Professional Membership Association in Missouri for Addiction Counselors and other Professionals in the Addictions field.

MACA was organized in 1971 as the Missouri Association of Alcohol Counselors to provide fellowship and support for persons professionally employed in alcoholism counseling. The role and mission of MACA expanded through the years to include persons providing professional counseling for alcohol, drug, and other addictive behaviors, thus necessitating a name change to the Missouri Association of Substance Abuse Counselors. In 1992, MASAC Membership and NAADAC (National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors) St. Louis Chapter agreed to combine and form one professional association in Missouri. MASAC then became Missouri Addiction Counselors Association.

In 2008 MACA discontinued its affiliation with NAADAC in order to focus resources on the needs of State membership.

## MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

### **Professional (Individual) Membership\*:**

Open to anyone engaged in the work of counseling or related fields who is interested in the addiction-focused profession. *(It is not a requirement that Professional Members be credentialed in Addictions.)*

- *May actively participate in the association, hold office, serve on committees, and have full voting rights.*
- *Will be expected to uphold the aims & actions of MACA and abide by the MACA Codes of Ethics.*

### **Associate (Registered) Membership\*:**

Open to persons with an interest in Substance Abuse and/or Addictions & the aims of the Association, **but not qualified for Professional or Student Membership and not yet certified by MSAPCB as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor.** Associate Members will inform the MACA Board of Directors when they qualify for Professional Membership status.

### **Student Membership\*:**

Open to any full-time (9 hours) student at an accredited college or university or students involved in full-time or part-time internships. Student Membership is limited to Student Members for four 1-year membership terms, Student membership is open to both new & renewing Members. Student Members will be required to present documentation of "student-status" to MACA

### **Agency Membership:**

Open to those agencies, organizations, institutions, and associations wishing to support the purpose, objectives and actions of MACA. **Agency members receive the reduced conference rate for their employees.** Agency members can designate one representative who may vote and serve on committees, but is not eligible to hold office.

### **Retired Membership:**

Open to anyone who has retired from working in counseling or related fields who is interested in supporting the addiction focused profession. (It is not required for the Retired Members to have been credentialed in Addictions)

## MACA BENEFITS

- Inexpensive continuing educational opportunities
  - Annual Spring & Fall Conferences
  - Centrally located in Osage Beach
- Informative MACA Newsletters
- Networking opportunities with other Missouri Addictions Professionals and Agencies
- The chance to promote and enhance the role of the Professional Addictions Counselor
- MACA official certificate
- Individual members receive a discount on all MSAPCB training fees

***Join today and you'll be on your way to gaining the professional edge, earning greater recognition, and keeping up-to-date with the newest field information.***