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The MACA Newsletter



MISSOURI ADDICTION COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Corner By Dian Banks, President

Hello everybody! I hope you all had a great holiday season! Let's look ahead for Spring and let go of the winter Ho hums. We have an awesome line up of speakers for the Spring 2013 conference. Tracy has out done herself this time. I am looking forward to seeing old friends, making new friends and having a great time.

The conference flyer is on the website. This year it will be April 5th, 6th and 7th, 2013, at the Inn of Grand Glaize, Lake Ozark, MO.

On Friday, April 5th, at 12:00, in the Terrace room, come and join the Board meeting. Lunch will be dutch treat.

As usual, on Saturday night, after the great buffet and short business meeting, there will be a White elephant auction and raffle.

When registering for the conference be sure to get your ticket for the Sunday morning breakfast buffet. Immediately following the buffet will be our keynote speaker.

I am again looking forward to seeing you in April.

Dian Banks
President

President's Corner

From the MACA Office By Ronnie Beaver, MACA Executive Secretary

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Welcome to 2013! I hope everyone enjoyed their Holidays, and took the time to appreciate their families and friends. For some of us, 2012 was a rough year. Others had special events in their lives such as births, weddings, birthdays and anniversaries. My New Year's resolution was to make this year count for my family and myself. This includes my MACA family as well. I wish everyone a safe, fulfilling and happy 2013.

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The MACA office has been very busy with plans for the Spring conference. The flyers went out on the 28th of January. If you do not receive a flyer please check our web site for all of the conference information and registration. You may also contact me at the office (816-232-3411) and I will send it electronically. Sponsorship and membership applications may also be found on the web site. It looks like we will have a SUPER conference. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the professionals who have agreed to present workshops in April. We are lucky to have them.

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Individual and Agency members, which include all member agency staff, will pay the member rate for the conference. Also, Agency members have an exhibitor booth available at the conference, at no cost. Just call the office to reserve your booth.

I hope to see you at our 2013 Spring conference. It will be April 5, 6 & 7 at the Inn of Grand Glaze, Lake Ozark, MO. Again, you will be able to find conference and sponsorship information on our web site. Our 2013 Fall conference will be held October 18, 19 & 20 at the Inn of Grand Glaze, Lake Ozark, MO.

MACA contact information is: Ronnie Beaver, Executive Secretary, 816-232-3411. E-Mail; maca@socket.net, and web site; WWW.missouriaddictioncounselors.org

Thanks again,

Hope to see you in April.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Beaver, MACA Executive Secretary

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MSAPCB Update By Ronnie Beaver, MACA Rep to MSAPCB Board

The MSAPCB Board of Directors held their 1st meeting of 2013 on January 24th.

Elections were held for Board Officers; Clif Johnson is President, Gloria Nepote is Vice-President, Alicia Ozenberger is Secretary and Jane Pfefferkorn is Treasurer.

There has been much activity on the Ethics Committee. Mark McDonald is the new Ethics Chair, with Ronnie Beaver and Cheryl Gardine. A new policy was passed allowing the board to make revisions to all ethics codes and to disseminate the revisions through the monthly newsletter. (found at www.msapcb.com) All conduct by professionals will be compared to the code in place at the time an alleged ethics violation has occurred. The MSAPCB currently has 4 Code of Ethics as follows: MRSS Ethics code, MRSS-P Ethics code, Prevention Ethics code-MSAPA, CRPS, and MACSAPP, and the Treatment Ethics code. A section, called Relationships with Former Clients, was added. The language added is: **Relationships with Former Clients.**

Professionals shall not engage in sexual intimacies with former clients within a minimum of two years after termination of the counseling relationship.

Professionals shall not cultivate and shall make every effort to avoid any type of relationships with former clients for a period of two years. This may include, but is not limited to; familial; social; financial; business; or other types of close personal relationships with former clients.

The section regarding the reporting of crimes was changed. The new language is: "Anyone who is convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor offense shall report the conviction to the MSAPCB".

For other updates from MSAPCB, please check out the web site at www.msapcb.com.

You Are Invited to Send in Articles By Lavern Blackorby, Immediate Past President

Individuals wishing to write and have their article posted in the MACA newsletter are welcome to send your article to myself lblackorby@pfh.org and cc the same article to Ronnie Beaver ronnieabeave@live.com. We welcome articles on Wellness relating to physical and or Mental Health. All articles need to be submitted prior to the 15th of the month, ending the quarter. All articles will be considered and screened for appropriateness.

Thank You

Lavern Blackorby

Daily Meditations from the book “Help for Helpers”

Time

Take time to work, it is the price of success

Take time to think, it is the source of power

Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth

Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom

Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness

Take time to dream, it is hitching your wagon to a star

Take time to love and be loved, it is the privilege of the Gods

Take time to look around, the day is too short to be selfish

Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.

(An old Irish Proverb)



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.