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MISSOURI ADDICTION COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Corner By Linda Christian-Dinwiddie, President

I would like to start with thanking everyone for participating in the election of our new Board. First of all, for those who do not know me, I have been coming to MACA conferences since 2004. I have been working in the counseling field for over 20 years. I am so impressed with the counselors and presenters that come to our conferences. Such amazing, talented people that I am proud to work with!

Along with having new board members, we also have new Committee Chairs that I'd like to introduce. Training and Education Chairperson will be Matthew Silva, with Tracy Sovar and David Evans serving on the committee. Membership Chairperson is Elaine Campbell, with A'ndrea Hyde and Mae Landsford serving on the committee. The Ethics Advisory Committee Chair is Randall Bacon, with Elaine Campbell also serving on the committee. The Constitution and By-Laws will be chaired by the Executive committee. The Fundraising Chair is Randall Bacon with A'ndrea Hyde serving on the committee. The Newsletter Chair continues to be Lavern Blackorby, with Matthew Silva on the committee to help with MACA's Facebook page and LinkedIn. I encourage all MACA members to help out with these committees. You do not have to be on the Board to help! This a great way for you to be in on the action and help build our membership!

We on the Board are excited to be here and to serve you. We would love to hear about what ideas, thoughts, concerns, etc. you might have. I encourage you to visit the web site at <http://www.missouriaddictioncounselors.org/> and get in touch with your representative. Do you know new counselors? Let them know about us! Let's get the word out! What a better way for a new counselor to know they have a voice and a way to get training and network with other experienced counselors!

We are also looking for presenters for the Fall Conference, October 17 through the 19th. Who do you know or who would you like to see as a presenter? We encourage each of you to get in touch with Matthew, Tracy or David and let them know!

Our Spring Conference is scheduled for March 28 through the 30th. I am looking forward to seeing you all there. Bring a friend and have fun learning and sharing with us!

See you at the conference! Linda Christian, MACA President

President's Corner

From the MACA Office By Ronnie Beaver, MACA Executive Secretary

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2014 has started with a bang. Weather has been crazy, and everyone has been busy.

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We had our first board meeting with the new Board this month, and I must say those of you who voted did yourselves proud. You will see on the President's corner that committees have been formed and they are all ready to get to work. It has been a long time since I have seen so much energy and excitement to help MACA grow. If you are not on the Board, but would like to be a part of any committee, just contact the committee chair, and/or Linda Christian-Dinwiddie to let them know. It is a perfect way to be A part of MACA's future. The board contact information can be found on the web site; missouriaddictioncounselors.org.

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The spring conference is ready to go. You probably noticed an e-mail From the MSAPCB announcing the conference dates and location on the MACA web site, where you can find the schedule, registration and sponsorship forms. I hope this works for everyone. I have already been getting calls from people interested in attending and/or being a sponsor. This year, we are offering an opportunity for anyone to sponsor a break, speaker or the Sunday breakfast. I hope you check out committee articles in this newsletter to find out what they are working on. As always, I am honored to serve MACA, its membership and Board of Directors. I get to "fly with the Eagles" in this position.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Beaver, MACA Executive Secretary

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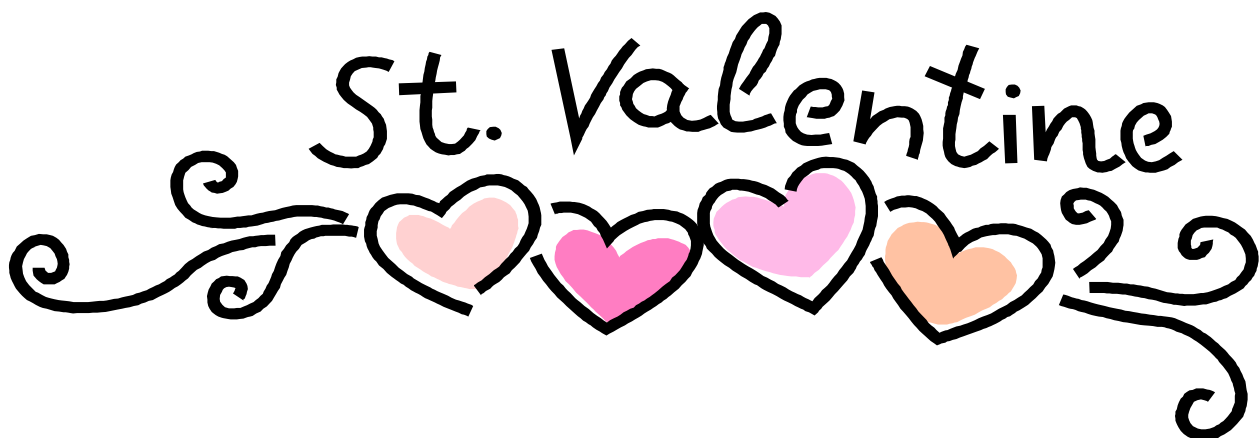
The Eastern Region is striving for growth in our membership. We would also like to see current Missouri Addiction Counselors Association, MACA members to become more involved with the Association. The Eastern Region is in the process of starting an Eastern Region Committee. This Eastern MACA committee will be open to all MACA members and allow them to be more involved. The committee will meet and discuss ideas for the Eastern Region and MACA. The Eastern Regional Representative will be responsible for reporting the ideas at the MACA Board Meetings.

Missouri Addiction Counselors Association is a wonderful opportunity and we want to make sure every addiction counselor and every student has the chance to join and get involved. I had the opportunity to share MACA to the entire Maryville University's Rehabilitation Program. The young student seemed to be excited and enthusiastic.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Spring Conference.

Matthew Silva, MA, MBA, CRAADC

MACA Eastern Region Board Member



MACA FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The fundraising has been going well at this time as we have been in contact with the St. Louis Cardinals and the Kansas City Chiefs for possible donations for the upcoming spring conference. I have also been in contact with the Kansas City Royals and plan on working with Target and Wal-Mart for possible donations.

The board has been working on getting sponsors for breaks, the Saturday banquet, and the Sunday breakfast. We are also looking for agencies that are willing to join our organization as an agency member. The benefits of membership for an agency include reduced conference rates, a booth to advertise and promote their business two times a year, and the agency can utilize the MACA website to post employment opportunities that are available. If your organization would be willing to sponsor a break, the banquet, or the breakfast, or if your agency would like to become a member, please contact either myself at (660) 342-1883 or contact Ronnie Beaver at (816) 232-3411.

Randall Bacon

Western Representative

You Are Invited to Send in Articles By Lavern Blackorby, Northern Representative

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

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.

In Memory Of

I'm very happy to announce that during that during the last quarter we have not lost any of our members.

However, I would like to extend an invitation, to all MACA attendees and members, to please notify us of birthdays, wedding anniversaries, new family additions, sobriety anniversaries, graduations, or death of a member of the counseling friends and family, or any other hard working member of the counseling field. Please let Ronnie or myself know and we will share it with all in the next quarterly newsletter.

I would like to also take just a moment to thank all of you who attended the Fall Conference, and a very special "Thank You" to the presenters. It was a great conference and everyone I spoke with had a great learning experience. They enjoyed the breakouts and the relaxed atmosphere where they had a lot of fun while learning and earning their CEU's.

Please keep in mind that YOU are the reason we are able to have these conferences. MACA has strived from our conception to provide an affordable, educational, and fun learning experience for all who attend. I would like to encourage each and every one of you to become a member of MACA, if you are not already an member, and encourage you to invite a co-worker join as well.

Hope to see you all at the Spring Conference

Lavern Blackorby

Northern Representative

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