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# The MACA Newsletter



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MISSOURI ADDICTION COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION

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## President's Corner By Laverne Blackorby, President

Well, it appears the membership of MACA has spoken once again and proclaimed the 2009 Fall Conference as a huge success. Boy, this really makes me feel proud to be the President of such a fine organization, which has such an outstanding group of individuals as its members. I have reviewed the program appraisals and feed back, and from all your comments, it appears the conference committee has done very well once again. Please feel free to contact any of the board members with any suggestions for speakers you might have for up-coming conferences. Your input is very important to the conference committee and the board as a whole. It appears the plans for the Spring Conference 2010 are almost complete and it looks good. I think we will have our third outstanding conference in a row.

I want to thank you all for the support you have given me and the board as they worked through some tough financial times over the past two years. We are now becoming stable enough that we can start saving a few dollars, and my hope is that soon we will be able to bring our conference a well-known speaker, which was one of our goals. I'm not sure how soon we will be able to do this, but I hope it will be within the next year or so.

I do want to welcome all the new members that have joined both at the conference as well as throughout the year. As our association grows in numbers, so does our ability to ensure that the education and training you receive at the conferences will only get better and hopefully be fun-filled as well.

In closing, I would like to remind you all that as an individual member of MACA you are able to receive a \$5.00 discount on all MSAPCB sponsored trainings. And as a certified Counselor in any of the fields now covered by the MSAPCB, it does not automatically make you a member of MACA. MACA and MSAPCB are separate organizations, but we are supportive of each other. Also, if your agency is an agency member of MACA, then it qualifies for free quarterly employment postings on the MACA Web Site under employment opportunities. To make this available to your member agency, please contact myself for more information at [lblackorby@pfh.org](mailto:lblackorby@pfh.org) or call (660) 785-8879 and leave me your information.

Remember, it is election time and you will soon be receiving your ballot to elect the officers to the MACA Board of Directors, so please take a minute and vote. New officers will assume their office at the January Board meeting.

I hope to see you all at the Spring Conference, and try to bring a co-worker with you. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season. May God Bless You All For All The Good Work You Do,  
Lavern Blackorby, MACA President

**MSAPCB Latest News:** By Scott Breedlove, MSAPCB Administrator

As I write this article, it is October 13, 2009, and MSAPCB staff is swimming under the load of October 2009 renewal season. (Ok, maybe I'm exaggerating a little bit.) October is always one of our busiest months of the year due to renewals, so you have a couple more weeks if you need to get your renewal packet in. In addition to renewals, we have just completed a successful grandfathering period for our two new Co-occurring credentials. During June, July, and August, we received 264 Co-occurring applications. We are still processing some of the applications but should end up with well over 200 certified Co-occurring professionals.

In other breaking news, if you haven't heard, the

MSAPCB will be taking over the credentialing of individuals for SATOP starting January 1, 2010. We have begun to transition the files to our area from ADA and will be entering people into our database and preparing letters and new certificates. These letters and certificates will be mailed to SATOP individuals on January 1, 2010. The letter will provide you with the information you need to know as far as changes to the SATOP credentialing process. While we know you can't please everyone involved with an endeavor this big, we hope that most of you will benefit and appreciate the changes we have made to the process.

Finally, we head into the end of the year with two positions coming open on our Board. We will be selecting a representative for the SW and NW sections of the state. We received 12 nominations from the NW region and 7 from the SW region. Thanks to all of you who submitted nominations. The Board will be selecting new reps at our November Board meeting.

To all of the wonderful substance abuse professionals within the state of Missouri,

Have a great fall season,  
Scott Breedlove  
MSAPCB Administrator

**Did You Know...**

Three of our agency members saved over \$900 by sending their staff to our Fall 2009 conference. With Agency membership costing \$195 per year, they more than paid for their yearly membership at this single conference.

MACA is continually expanding membership services, so keep an eye on the newsletters for updates.

If you need to know if your agency is a member, call the MACA office at: 816-232-3411, or e-mail; [maca@socket.net](mailto:maca@socket.net)



## News from the Office By Ronnie Beaver, Executive Secretary

Things continue to be really busy here at the MACA office. Since the last newsletter, MACA has added a new benefit for our Agency members. Agency members are now able to post employment opportunities on MACA's Web site. Contact Lavern Blackorby at; [LBlackorby@pfh.org](mailto:LBlackorby@pfh.org). for further information. We have seen progress in our membership numbers. Currently we have a total of 125 members. We have had 10 new members and 5 returned members which results in 114 professional members, 2 associate members, 4 retired members, 1 student member, and 4 agency members.

MSAPCB continues to work with our individual members to provide the benefit of a \$5 discount to all of their trainings. Keep in mind; you are not a MACA member as a result of having a credential. MACA membership is separate from MSAPCB credentialing. If you are interested in becoming a MACA member, just call the office at 816-232-3411, or e-mail; [maca@socket.net](mailto:maca@socket.net), and I will send you application information.

We had 139 participants at the Fall conference, and hope to have more in Spring 2010 which is on April 23-25, at the Inn at Grand Glaize, Lake of the Ozarks.

We also had 6 vendor booths, and a total of 10 sponsors. A total of 121 CEU certificates were mailed to conference participants.

Thanks to all of the participants, sponsors, speakers, and Board members for helping to make the Fall conference a very positive experience.

We will be having MACA Board election ballots sent to our members by the end of October, with the new Board starting in January, 2010. If you are running for a Board position, you will find out the results at the close of November, and will be notified of the date and location of the January Board meeting.

I also want to take a second to tell all of you how proud I am of MACA and the work we do, and plan to see many more changes in the future.

Thank You for allowing me to be of service to MACA and its members, and I will see you in the Spring.

Sincerely,  
Ronnie Beaver  
Executive Secretary

### **2010 MACA Board Meeting Dates**

Friday, January 15, 2010

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Friday, July 23, 2010

Thursday, October 7, 2010

January and July meetings are held at the Country Kitchen restaurant on Providence Rd. in Columbia, Mo. These meetings begin at 10:00am

April and October meetings are held at the Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, Mo. These meetings begin at 7 pm.

## MACA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES October 9, 2009

**Call to Order:** President Lavern Blackorby, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Membership meeting was at the Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, MO.

**Minutes of April/2009 Business Meeting:** Minutes from the April, 2009 business meeting were reviewed. Tommie Hallam moved, A'ndrea Hyde seconded the minutes be accepted. Motion Passed.

**Third Quarter 2009 Financial Report:** Dian Banks moved, Scott Breedlove seconded the finance report be accepted. Motion Passed.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Training & Education:** Elaine reported we were on track for the 2010 Spring conference. There will be three tracks on Friday and Saturday, and one track on Sunday. The 2010 Spring conference will be April 23, 24 & 25. The Fall 2010 conference will be October 10, 11, & 12. Both conferences will be held at the Inn at Grand Glaize in Osage Beach, Mo.

**Membership:** Membership numbers have increased by 20%.since the first of the year. We currently have 121 individual members and 4 agency members. A new Agency benefit added is; Agency members will be able to post employment opportunities on MACA's Web site. For more information on this benefit, contact Lavern Blackorby at [lblackorby@pfh.org](mailto:lblackorby@pfh.org).

**Ethics Committee:** MACA will continue working with MSAPCB to review our Code of Ethics in order to insure that Missouri Counselors are "on the same page" statewide.

**Constitution and By-Laws :** No new action.

**Newsletter:** The newsletter is "up and running" on MACA's web page; [missouriaddictioncounselors.org](http://missouriaddictioncounselors.org).

**MSAPCB Report:** Scott reported there were 264 applicants for the Co-Occurring credential. MSAPCB will be taking over SATOP credentialing on January 1, 2010. Those with SATOP credentials will be getting a letter from MSAPCB explaining the changes.

MSAPCB has applications, renewal applications, and newsletters on their web page. Postcards will be mailed about 6 weeks prior to renewal dates, and you can get the packet on the web.

**Old Business:** No Report

**New Business:** MACA Board elections are in process. Nominations will be taked for all Board positions through October 19<sup>th</sup>. Ballots will be mailed to MACA members by the end of October. The new Board will take effect at the January 2010 meeting. Lavern reported MACA is showing a steady improvement in financial status.

**Next Business Meeting:** April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, at 9:00am, Grand Glaize Inn, Osage Beach, MO  
Tommy Hallam moved, Becky Long seconded motion to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 10:15a.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Ronnie Beaver, Executive Secretary

### **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

*\* All individual memberships*

#### **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.***