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The MACA Newsletter



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MISSOURI ADDICTION COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION

President's Corner By Laverne Blackorby, President

I am very pleased to inform you that MACA continues to accomplish new and better things. Not only was the Spring Conference a huge success thanks to all of you and the wonderful presenters we had. It sounds like the Fall Conference is complete, the conference information is posted on the web site, and mailings have gone out. It looks like another very good conference is about to take place on October 7-9 at the Inn of Grand Glaize.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the conference participants, MACA membership, and the Board of Directors for all the support you have given to me and MACA during the past four years of my presidency. For those of you who are not aware, this fall we elect a new board of directors which assume the reign of our organization. I would like to ask you as members of this wonderful organization to step up and help make it better, nominating individuals for the offices that represent you, as well as making sure you vote for the individual that will help to make MACA an even better counselor organization. I have been very proud to represent such a fine group of people and such a fine organization. We have done a lot; for example, as of this conference, you will now be able to pay for your membership and conference fees by Credit or Debit card, and we now are providing lower membership rates than in the past. Our membership has grown and appears to be more stable even in these tough financial times. I will continue to work with the new board as the immediate past president, and will be as involved as I can.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the conference this fall due to a couple of unavoidable things that just seemed to happen during that week. It is planned that my son will have a daughter on or near the date of the conference and my youngest daughter will be turning 16 and we had planned a special birthday for her, and as luck will have it they all fall on the same time as our conference. Be assured if anything changes I will be there. I will be there in spirit even if I'm not there in person.

In closing, I am very proud to have been able to serve as president of the finest counselor organization there is. Thanks again for the privilege to serve you, the finest people the world has to offer.

Lavern Blackorby

MACA President

Message from the President

From the MACA Office By Ronnie Beaver, MACA Executive Secretary

I hope you are all surviving the heat. It has been a difficult few months for so many, with the flooding, tornadoes and heat. I am so proud to be part of a profession where no matter what our own hardships are; we continue to strive to make the lives of others better. Well, on to MACA office news.

You can find membership and conference information on our web site. As you check membership and conference information, please take some time to review our entire site. The conference flyers are in the mail, and should be reaching you soon. You will notice on the registration form that MACA is now accepting Visa, MasterCard and Discover card payments. I am really pleased by this new addition to MACA services. This is a new experience for me, and I am learning to improve my skills. If you have any questions on credit card payments, feel free to call me. Also, current members don't forget, with each new individual member you recruit (up to 5) you get \$25 off your Fall 2011 conference registration.

We will be having elections for Board members and officers in October. You should be getting nomination forms mailed to you in September. We will also be taking nominations at the conference on October 7-9, 2011. Be thinking of who you would like to have serving on the Board. The MACA board of directors works hard to provide our membership with great benefits and conferences. Speaking of the Board, there has been a schedule change for the Board meeting and membership meeting. The Board will meet on Friday, October 7 from 12:30 – 2pm. The membership meeting will be held during the Banquet on Saturday night. This should not affect the banquet time of 6 – 9 pm. I hope to see you at our 2011 Fall conference. It will be October 7-9, at the Inn at Grand Glaze, Lake Ozark, Mo. We already have plans for a fun, educational and hopefully energizing conference. Please visit our web site for any changes and/or updates on the conference schedule.

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Thanks again for another great MACA year.

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MSAPCB News By Scott Breedlove, MSAPCB Administrator

The MSAPCB continues working to ensure our professionals possess the knowledge, skills and attitudes to provide the best care to those clients struggling with a substance use disorder. Our last Board meeting was held on July 21, 2011. Some of the items to report from that meeting include the following:

1. MSAPCB is considering creating a specialty endorsement training program for an Intervention Specialist. The next steps in this process will be to survey the field to see what interest there may be in this type of program and to talk with the National Association of Intervention Specialists.
2. The MSAPCB will soon have a Substance Abuse Professional training packet available. After going through the training packet, an individual would be allowed to take an online exam and become a SAP for the Department of Transportation. This will only be available for those who hold a reciprocal level credential per the DOT.
3. MSAPCB will be working with the Missouri Recovery Network and the Missouri Youth Adult Alliance to encourage more professionals to join these two organizations.

As always, if we can be of assistance, please contact us at help@msapcb.com or at 573-751-9211.

Sincerely,

Scott Breedlove

MSAPCB Administrator



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.