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MISSOURI ADDICTION COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION

October 2013

President's Corner By Dian Banks, President

Hello again,

WOW, What a conference! It was small but mighty; the speakers were great! I again what to thank Tracy Savor for the tremendous job she did in putting together the conference speakers. Without her hard work, the conference would not have been as successful.

I want to thank each and every member of MACA for your support while I was president. I have not accepted the nomination as president due to health issues. I want the best for MACA and it needs someone who is more able to occupy the office. Again, thank you for your support during the past two years. It has been a pleasure serving you. Please give the incoming president the same support.

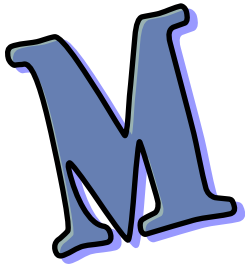
The Spring conference will be March 28 to March 30. Please put this important date on your calendars.

I wish all of you the best holidays and the happiest new year possible.

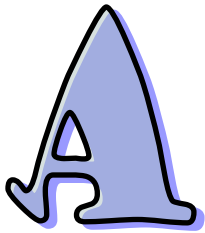
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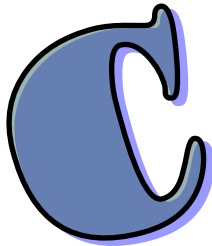
From the MACA Office By Ronnie Beaver, MACA Executive Secretary



Almost another year has passed. As always, I am so very proud of the MACA board and membership. We have had two great conferences and several new members. We have also added two new agency members.



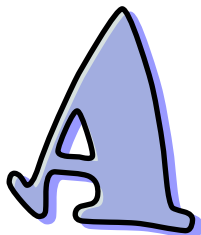
The fall conference is over, and 70 CEU certificates were sent out. Everyone should have received their certificates, and those who had renewals can rest another couple of years. From reviewing the conference evaluations, it looks like everyone had a great time and learned a lot from the speakers. We also had a lot of fun at the banquet. Carolyn Baty won the "Tommy Hallam memorial" membership, Jennifer Avery won the waiver for the 2014 Spring conference Registration fee, and Jenny Peters won the computer. Matthew Silva, Mae Lansford, David Evans and Ronnie Beaver shared the \$100 Wal-Mart gift card for recruiting the most new members. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!



Our board elections are underway. Ballots should be mailed by the 5th of November. Remember to return them as soon as possible. The deadline has been extended to November 26th. Notifications will be made by the 2nd week of December. Check the website for the new board listing. The first Board meeting for 2014 will be January 17th, 10:00 am at the Country Kitchen in Columbia, MO.

I wish everyone a blessed holiday season.

Hope to see everyone in the Spring, and remember to join MACA,
The greatest association going.



Sincerely,

Ronnie Beaver, MACA Executive Secretary

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MACA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2013

Call to Order: President Dian Banks, called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 speakers for providing GREAT workshops.

Minutes of 04/13 Business Meeting: Minutes from the April, 2013 business meeting were reviewed. Elaine Campbell moved, Randall Bacon seconded the minutes be accepted. Motion Passed.

Third Quarter 2013 Financial Report: Lavern Blackorby moved, Matthew Silva seconded the finance report be accepted. Motion Passed.

Committee Reports:

Training & Education: Tracy Sovar reported we were on track for the 2014 Spring conference. There will be three tracks on Friday and Saturday, and one track on Sunday. The 2014 Spring conference will be March 28, 29 & 30th. The Fall 2014 conference will be October 17, 18, & 19. Both conferences will be held at the Inn at Grand Glaize in Osage Beach, Mo.

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. All were reminded to turn in their speaker evaluation and conference evaluation forms to the registration desk.

Membership: A'ndrea Hyde discussed the Membership numbers. She announced the winner(s) of the membership recruitment incentive of \$100 Wal-Mart gift card to the member who recruited the most members since the Spring conference. David Evans, Matthew Silva, Mae Lansford and Ronnie Beaver each won a \$25 gift certificate due to a 4 way tie

Ethics Committee: N/A

Constitution and By-Laws: Linda Christian reported that a review was underway, and hopes to have the revised constitution and By-Laws ready to present to the membership by the Spring conference. The membership will vote on the changes at the membership meeting

Newsletter: .A category has been added to the newsletter to honor our members who passed away during the quarter. Lavern also stated he would like to acknowledge any events in our member's lives such as weddings, birthdays, Graduations, etc. The newsletter will be on MACA's web page; missouriaddictioncounselors.org. All submissions to the newsletter will be accepted and posted after review for appropriateness. Members are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter.

MACA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES - continued

October 19, 2013

MSAPCB Report: Stacey Langendoerfer introduced herself to the membership. She is the New Director of MSAPCB. She reports the office staff is working hard with renewals. There are several workshops scheduled. Please go to the MSAPCB website for updates and announcements.

MACA PROGRESS REPORT: Dian reports MACA is doing well. Our membership has been down, however, with those joining at the conference, our numbers are consistent with the last meetings report. We also have added 2 new agency members this year. Dian announced she will not be seeking reelection due to health issues.

Old Business: Due to the loss of Tommy Hallam, Matthew Silva was appointed by the board to fill the remainder of Tommy's term.

New Business: Board nominations will be closed by the end of next week. The ballots should be out no later than November 7. Members will have 3 weeks from the date they receive the ballots to return them to the MACA office. The new board will be announced on the web site by the end of December.

Next Business Meeting: March 29, 2014, at 6:00pm, Grand Glaize Inn, Osage Beach, MO

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm

Respectively submitted,

Ronnie Beaver, Executive Secretary





Missouri Substance Abuse Professional Credentialing Board: Renewal Season

Where did October go? It is hard to believe that October is already over...but please do not tell the MSAPCB Staff I said that--our office has been hopping with renewal season. The staff is busy reviewing applications while continuing to provide daily services to individuals applying for new credentials as well as helping those professionals who are already credentialed. In October we will be renewing over 1,137 credentials!

If you get a chance, please let Cheryl and Amy know what a wonderful job they are doing. Unfortunately, I have been out of the office for a large portion of the month and the lion's share of the burden has fallen to them. Please keep in mind if you call the office, renewal season is not over for us--and we are actually just getting started. Therefore, please be patient and we will try and answer your questions and process your paperwork as soon as possible.

I also wanted to say "thank you" to everyone I met at the MACA Conference in October. Everyone I met went out of their way to welcome me to the organization. I look forward to working with each of you as the MSAPCB Administrator and as a new MACA Board Member.

Sincerely,

Stacey Langendoerfer--MSAPCB Executive Director

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

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, to all MACA attendees and members, to let us know 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 either 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 why 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 your not and invite a co-worker join with you.

Hope to see you all at the Spring Conference

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