



Missouri Addiction Counselors Association

## The MACA Newsletter

October 2014

### From The President's Corner

By Linda Christian-Dinwiddie, President

I would like to begin with thanking everyone for participating in the 2014 Fall Conference, held at Inn at Grand Glaize, Lake of the Ozarks, MO. We had a great turnout, with exceptional presentations by our speakers. Everyone seemed to have a fun time at the banquet with the raffles and white elephant auction. We really appreciated the hard work of the hotel staff who helped make the conference a big success.

It was with sadness that we accepted Ronnie Beaver's resignation so that she could retire. I personally have known Ronnie for ten years, and am privileged to call her a friend. I have offered and was appointed the duties for taking care of emails, phones and bookkeeping. The other Board members and myself have divided up Ronnie's many other duties and we will all attempt to fill her shoes. Dawn Dinwiddie has also offered her time and expertise to help with this transition.

Our new address for the Missouri Addiction Counselors Association is: MACA, PO BOX 459, Seymour, MO 65704; the phone number is 417-554-1412; we still have our email at [maca@socket.net](mailto:maca@socket.net) and our web site at [www.missouriaddictioncounselors.org](http://www.missouriaddictioncounselors.org).

To remind you of who is on the various Committee Chairs we have; Training and Education Chairperson is 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!

I really want to encourage you and other counselors you know 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 Spring Conference, April 24th thought the 26th, 2015. Who do you know or who would you like to see as a presenter? Is there a special subject that is near and dear to you that would also help others? We encourage each of you to get in touch with Matthew, Tracy or David and let them know! Before we know it, it will be Spring!

**Linda Christian-Dinwiddie**

**MACA President**

## From the Office

By Ronnie Beaver, MACA Executive Secretary

This is a bitter sweet article. I am no longer the Executive Secretary for MACA. After 28 years as a MACA member, serving in various positions on the Board, and as Executive secretary for the past 7 years, I have decided to join my husband in retirement. I will remain a MACA member and attend conferences in the future, after taking some time off.

I have been so honored to have served MACA and its membership for all of these years. As I said at the Fall banquet, I have 2 extended families in my life, my family and my MACA family. I cherish them both with all my heart.

Thanks to everyone for the warm send off and well wishes. The conference was great as always. I won the computer, Dawn Dinwiddie won the 1 year membership, and we added 2 student membership scholarships. These were awarded to Rebecca Richard and Randy Hall. Congratulations to all our winners.

We also have a new Board position of At-Large/Vendor Rep. This position is held by Jim Koen from Guardian Interlock. He will be a GREAT addition.

Linda Christian-Dinwiddie, MACA's President, will be covering MACA office duties. Please give her all of your support. Under her leadership I feel confident MACA will reach new heights.

Thank You for all you have done, and all that is yet to be.

Sincerely,

**Ronnie Beaver**

**Retired Executive Secretary and MACA member**

## MACA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2014

**Call to Order:** President Linda Christian-Dinwiddie called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Membership meeting was at the Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, MO. Linda introduced the MACA Board and Head table. She acknowledged the conference sponsors, and thanked the presenters for providing Great workshops...

**Minutes of 03/29/14 Business Meeting:** Minutes from the March 29, 2014 business meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved.

**Third Quarter Financial Report:** Financial report was approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Training & Education:** Matthew reports the Conference dates for Spring 2015 are April 24-26. He requested help finding trainers for each track. If anyone knows of someone who would be a good presenter please notify the conference chair. The speakers need to be locked in by January board meeting. Confirmations are a must.

**Membership:** Membership numbers have slightly increased slightly. We have 3 new members, and the member incentive available to MACA membership will be continued. During the time period between conferences, the member who recruits the most new members will receive a \$100.00 Wal-Mart gift card, which will be awarded at the membership meeting during the conference banquet. This 6 month winner of the Wal-Mart card was Ronnie Beaver. Membership Information can be found on our web site at; [www.missouriaddictioncounselors.org](http://www.missouriaddictioncounselors.org). Ronnie encourager ALL MACA members to get involved in this incentive program.

**Ethics Committee:** No report.

**Constitution and By-Laws:** Linda Christian reports the committee is working on revising the constitution and by-laws, and developing MACA policy and procedures.

**Newsletter:** Lavern reported the newsletter will be out the end of this month.

**Fundraising:** Randall reports that he is hard at work securing donations from businesses to be used for the conferences. It was suggested this committee could also work on securing sponsors for the conferences. Suggestions were made to try to secure sponsors for breaks, speakers, etc. Corporations, athletes in recovery and companies having EAP programs were suggested to ask for sponsorship.

**MSAPCB Report:** MSAPCB has a new name. They are now *MCB*, Missouri Credentialing Board and is 501.c6 organization. They are no longer under the Department of Mental Health nor housed at DMH. Their new address 428 E. Capitol, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 573-616-2300, fax: 573-616-2303 [www.missouricb.com](http://www.missouricb.com) Scott Breedlove is back with MCB. Stacey reported the ICRC conference went well, adding new credentials for Gambling and Peer Support.

**MACA Progress Report:** Linda reports financially MACA is in good shape. We are continually upgrading MACA services. Membership numbers are improving. Linda thanked the membership for their continued support.

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business:** Discussion about the sponsors and vendors needing a voice on the board. David moved, Randall seconded. Amendment to motion; Appoint Jim Koen as Member at Large.

Elaine moved, A'ndrea seconded. Ronnie Beaver officially is retired. MACA's new mailing address is: PO Box 459, Seymour, MO 65746. MACA phone number is now 417-554-1412.

**Next Business Meeting:** Next meeting on January 16, 2015, at 10:00 am, at the Truman Hotel (Board Room), Jefferson City, MO

## In Memory Of

By Lavern Blackorby, Past President

I am saddened to announce the passing of Robert L. Beaver Sr. on October 10, 2014. He was the father of Robert (Bob) Beaver and Ronnie's wonderful Father-in law. He was the proud father of five children, ten grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was a Army veteran of World War II, and served for 60 years with the American Legion, Post 359, and was a member of the VFW Post #1668. He loved to fish with his children and grandchildren and spending time with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

It is with great pleasure and much sadness that we as a organization said to farewell to our long term board member, officer, and executive secretary Ronnie Beaver after 28 years as a MACA member she has made the decision to enter retirement with her husband Bob. Ronnie will truly be missed, she did a fantastic job in all the positions she has held over the years and MACA owes her a lot of credit for remaining one of the key members in all the conferences we have had over the years. In addition Ronnie has served on the Credentialing Board for several years and has been a positive influence with them as well. The bright side is, that Ronnie is going to remain a MACA member and states she plans to return to the conferences after she takes a break from it all.

**Lavern Blackorby CRAADC, SQP-R**