



Michigan Counseling Association
“A state branch in the Midwest Region of the
American Counseling Association”

Governing Council Meeting

April 11th, 2020

10AM-11AM

Start: 10:05am

Recognizing Representative Issac Robinson

Review of chapters and divisions

Review of meeting structure

I. Roll Call of Divisions and Chapters

- a. MACES- Aja (President), Caroline
- b. WMCA- Nicole
- c. Other chapters/divisions
 - i. LPCMN- George

II. Agenda from last meeting (12.14.2019)

- a. Review- Michael
- b. Approval- Motion: George Approved: Aja

III. President’s Report

- 3a) Thanking everyone who is supporting MCA through reconstructing the organization.
- 3b) View of values

IV. Treasurer's Report

- a. Finding a new bank
- b. Michael is serving as treasure until the position is filled.
- c. Beginning balance in December
 - i. Membership dues is the revenue
 - ii. Dues total \$1650.
- d. Reporting on expenses:
 - i. Reporting on banking fees
 - ii. Wild Apricot
 - iii. Report on meeting expenses
 - iv. Report on Gator
 - v. Postal fee renewal
 - vi. Annual fee for using zoom
- e. Balance today:
- f. No discussion Approved: George and Aja Second: LaShonda

V. Covid 19 Response

- a. Peer Support Groups
- b. Material for counselors, including insurance guides
 - i. If you see anything that helps your populations please email us
- c. Pro Bono/Reduced Fee Clinician List

VI. Public Policy Committee Report

- A. Registration of chair
- B. Reporting on
 - a. Mental Health Task Force
 - b. Advocacy Day
 - i. Brian Banks at ACA have offered to support MCA on Advocacy Day
 - c. Materials for Counselors

VII. Professional Development Committee Report

- a. Welcome new chair- Alana Nicolazzo
- b. Waiting on result of NBCC Audit
- a. Holding events with CEs while an audit is happening?

VIII. Helping School Counselors

- a. Becoming credentialed to offer school counselor sketches
 - i. Every 5 years they need 50 CE hours for licensing
 - ii. WMCA is assisting MCA to be a sketch provider

IX. Supervision Trainings

- a. Working with MACES to establish a task force
 - i. Aja has volunteered her time to create a task force to try to put on training for LPC Supervisors
- b. Researching and exploring training criteria, as well as instructors

X. Building Organizational Structure

- a. Job Descriptions
- b. Policies and Procedures Manual
- c. Recruitments Letters
 - i. Taking recommendations for new leaders for MCA

XI. Elections

- a. Have them within the next few months
 - i. Trying to have past president run elections
 - ii. Ballots go out June 30th
 - 1. Ballots have 20 days for people to vote
 - 2. MCA members will vote
 - 3. July 20th decisions will be made
- b. Shorter terms for elect positions
- c. Will coordinate with chapters and divisions

XII. By Law Changes

- a. Last bylaws were revised in 2012
- a. 2 year terms for all board members
 - i. Will the positions be staggered or will all leadership terms end at the same time.
 - ii. Before previous lengthy 2 years 1 year president elect (3 year term)
 - iii. 2 year term means: 1 year President Elect, 1 year President
- b. TBD when changes will actually be approved
 - i. Movement: George Second: Aja
 - 1. Michael will bring discussion to ACA
 - a.

XIII. Discussion/Questions

- a. Wayne State's Counseling Clinic is doing telehealth for the summer, sessions are free, Aja will ask if they are interested in sending a list.
- b. Attended the ACA Advocacy Power Hour: they sent out a request for counselor stories to protect our jobs during COVID-19 for the third stimulus package.

End: 11:11 am