



**MCA February 26, 2017 Board Meeting
7-9 PM
Zoom Meeting**

- 1) Roll Call (Christian/Cathie) Christian, Karol, Missy, Michelle W, Sarah P, Nick, Keyona, Janelle, Rose, Tony, Rawn, Cathie, Michelle S, Marilyn, Ajita (regrets: Lisa, LaNail, Maya)
- 2) Approval of Agenda -Motion by Karol, seconded by Tony, unanimously adopted
- 3) Approval of Previous Minutes---motion previously submitted by Cathie online via email with no responses. Cathie submitted motion to adopt Dec minutes, Karol seconded, passed unanimously.

MCA Executive Committee

- 4) President's Report (Christian) Update on division projects, nominations for MCA leadership, ACA conference reminder of joint social event w/NECA and Johns Hopkins
- 5) Treasurer's Report (Christian on behalf of LaNail)—all is going well, bills are paid and running smoothly
- 6) Executive Director's Report (Marsha)— no report
- 7) Past-President's Report (Stephanie)—Working on nominations, please submit nomination or self nomination to Stephanie soon.
- 8) President-Elect's Report (Karol)—Working with Kaiser to explore possible benefit of group coverage to our membership, playing phone tag. Advocacy was a tremendous success! Looking forward to continuing communication with our elected leaders and expanding Advocacy day.
- 9) Member-at-Large's Report (Sarah Gilden)—no report

Additional Agenda Items

- 10) Logo Contest (Marilyn) preliminary update: Most people want to keep colors and currently there is a clear winner of selection #6. Discussion of preliminary vote as well as modifying entry to improve clarity of words "Maryland Counseling Association". Concern expressed of discussing winner before advertised voting ended. Motion by Karol that Board will have final approval next meeting, seconded by Ajita and passed unanimously. Marilyn will discuss modifying logo of presumptive winner after voting deadline of Mar 1.
- 11) Adding Advocacy Information to MCA Website---Janelle discussed with Marilyn protocol how/when to update web to list current advocacy news items as well as

weekly eblast. Tony submitted motion granting permission for Advocacy to submit website, seconded by Cathie and passed.

MCA Standing Committees Reports

- 12) Newsletter (Michelle)—Next deadline is April 21, keep submissions coming! Advertising opportunity as well.
- 13) Public Relations (Marybeth/Emily)— no report
- 14) Membership (Nick)— There has been transition within his committee with changes in active participants of committee. There is now a comprehensive list of contacts at education institutions and plans to make contact to increase membership base as well as advertise our anniversary Conference.
- 15) Advocacy (Janelle)— Fantastic Advocacy Day! We are working on article for newsletter to highlight our achievements. Met with our representatives with positive results, including offers to write letters on our behalf to Dept Mental Health and Hygiene to include counselors on state forms as able to diagnose mental illness. Want to continue momentum and have advocacy blurbs weekly and encouraged continued contact with representatives throughout the year. Consider another advocacy effort near Conference.
- 16) Technology (Marilyn)—Still waiting on flow chart to help redesign website. Wanted to change website with new logo. Happy to have help or train others on how to make changes. Michelle W. offered to learn, consider adding next emerging leaders as well. Motion to add Foster Child Month Fun Run mentioned by Sara P to website by Tony, seconded by Cathie.
- 17) Bylaws (Missy Wheeler) - Reviewing other organizations to model their processes for bylaws. Working to align our bylaws and protocols with ACA and other state organizations.
- 18) CE/Credentialing (Michelle W.) Michelle attended conference on Law and Ethics in New Orleans and was intrigued by the ease of registering and execution of CE credits. Michelle will talk with organizer and review with NBCC to see if we can adopt same procedure.
- 19) Program Planning (Lenese/Sarah Vayda) working with Marsha and Karol to prepare for Annual Conference and support other division events
- 20) Emerging Leaders (Sara Pula)—Program is success! Looking forward to working with next set of emerging leaders. Rawn and Keyona discussed their projects and progress with program.
- 21) Awards (Maya)— no update

MCA State Divisions

Division Updates

- a) MAMCD (Sherritta)—no report
- b) MACES (Ajita)— Conference scheduled April 7&8 in Rockville, focusing on tele-health. Please come out and support our divisions! MCA is helping with flyer and online registration.
- c) MASERVIC (Lisa)—will submit report later

d) MCDA (Rose)—Following up on email correspondence to clarify our non-profit status. Per Marsha, we can reconsider becoming a 501-c non-profit need to discuss costs/benefits of conversion. Having conference April 27&28, Karol and Marilyn will be presenting, please attend and support our division!

g) MAMFC (Vacant)—no report. Request for board members to reach out to MAMFCs to explore filling this position and division

h) MALGBTIC (Tony)—Looking forward to ACA's Illuminate June 8-10 and how to collaborate and build membership. Instead of conference will host movie night and discussion on April 28, tentatively 12-3. Need to clarify copy write regulations about showing movie in public. Melissa recommended partner or cosponsor event with a university to include as curriculum and see if that can assist with permissions and renting space and time. Tony will look into using that and ask Marsha for assistance as well as Chi Sigma Iota.

19) Announcement of Next Board Meeting--
March 30, 2017, 7-9 PM via Zoom

20) 8:30pm Board Meeting Adjournment motion by Cathie, seconded by Tony