

Pre-Conference GCCA Council Meeting Minutes * Decoy Restaurant * January 26, 2016 * 6:00 pm

Present: Terri Cordle, Sylvia Shortt, Sean Skalin, Dorothy Morgan, Angie Wheelus, Chris Wheelus, Alma Keita, Preditia Howard, Thommi Odom, Haley Reed, Ruth Hagemann, Terri Ducker, Jon Kerr, Amy Marshall, Andre Griggs, K.C. Hewitt, Cheri Mattox-Carroll

The meeting was called to order by Andre Griggs at 6:34 pm. Introductions were made all around.

Minutes from 10-23-16 were not available. To be made available via listserv to council for approval.

Routine Business Reports

No Treasurer Report

No Membership Report

No Social Media Report

Terri Cordle reported there would be no paper/pencil sign in or evaluations at each session. Badges will be scanned at beginning of sessions via app to scan QR codes. Evaluations available Friday afternoon via email instead of being completed after each session. Ruth Hagemann called for constructive evaluation of sessions and critical assessment of the programs. She asked participants to think closely about the material presented at each session. Casey Earle with CMC Global will send out CEU certificates.

Fundraising Report: Preditia Howard reported that four vendors reserved spaces at the conference. While an anticipated seven vendors considered, many did not have the budget for a table. She said that raffle tickets would be sold at a cost of \$3.00 per ticket or 2 for \$5.00. King and Prince two night stay would raffle at \$10.00 a ticket.

Grants/Awards Report: Two President Grants were awarded. Research Projects were completed and submitted and would be presented at poster session. Conference goers encouraged to attend poster sessions presented by Kini Roland and K.C. Hewitt. Ms. Hagemann indicated that upon review, found the research was wonderful; topics relevant. A call was made to support our President Grant winners. It was noted that Thommi Odom was last year's President Grant recipient.

Awards: Ruth Hagemann reported she was excited about the nominations that were submitted and indicated new nominees were to receive awards this year and some nominations were supplied by directors and supervisors.

A call was made for nominations for vacant positions. Council members were encouraged to network to find interested candidates to handle finances, website and social media. Ask others to learn about skills and interest in vacancies to make nominations from the floor. Regional rep areas open to include Waycross and Columbus. Savannah may be open as well as potentially Carrollton.

Shubha Chatterjee's event at Tifton was mentioned. Meeting participants were encouraged to think about new counselors in their regions, award nominations for next year, and regions to be represented and/or changed following merges and consolidations.

It was announced that Angela Wheelus will seek nomination as president-elect. Other nominations will be taken from the floor during the business meeting.

Terri Ducker, President Elect, welcomed GCCA conference attendees to 2016 conference. She indicated the theme "All In" and presented T-shirts to be given at the conference with the winning logo and quote: "Strength does not come from what you do. It comes from what you though you couldn't do."

While she indicated that paper guides would be available, changes in presentations had already been made due to cancellations and other requests made by presenters. Though there were some shifts, a stronger program overall was the outcome. All were encouraged to download the guide from the Guide App. Type in 'Georgia College Counseling Association' to download the electronic guide. Any and all changes would be updated continuously during the conference.

Ribbons are being made available: Council, Old Timer, Newbie, Trouble Maker, Ask Me, etc. All were encouraged to pick up a ribbon to identify oneself but also pick up a ribbon "Ask Me" to help newcomers feel welcome and to answer questions. She encouraged all to be open and inviting to new people. And for those passionate about food, a waffle chef will prepare special breakfast orders on Friday morning before the first presentation on ethics. A regular buffet will also be available.

In other conference reminders:

- Conference begins in the morning at 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. One to two persons to help get T-shirts out, and assist with registration at 7:45 am.
- Thommi Odom called for giveaways to be given to her this evening in the hotel lobby so that she can ready bags.
- All time slots have at least two choices. Three programs will be conducted in three rooms at 1:45.
- Keynote speaker will present at the noon keynote address: Tamara Knapp-Grosz
- Ethics presentation will be on Friday morning. Dr. Sonja Sutherland will present.

Regional Representative Reports

Athens: Sylvia Shortt noted that Joy Evans had planned to co-present a workshop but had another commitment. Instead, Jon Kerr will collaborate to present a workshop.

Atlanta: Andre Griggs noted that he and J Ingram are planning a spring event.

Carrollton: Angela Wheelus: Nothing to report

Dahlonge: Jon Kerr: Many have disappeared but there is a lead from Reinhardt. May not attend conference.

Macon: Ruth Hagemann noted that Middle Georgia hosted GCCA Council Meeting. Ft. Valley State, Mercer, etc., attempted to get collaboration.

Sylvia Shortt noted that with Tamara Knapp-Grosz's leave from SCAD, Chris Corbitt may begin attending GCCA, taking Ms. Knapp-Grosz's former position as Director of Counseling at SCAD.

New Business

Alma Keita mentioned she was very excited about regional site. The guide books are great.

Terri Ducker called for nominations for replacement for Bayo Onabule, the website administrator. Old links are getting confused with new links. Thommi Odom noted that same person would be called on to execute her social media plan as well. Attendees were encouraged to think about who might be interested and had the skills to take the position.

No new business to report. Ruth Hagemann made a motion to adjourn. Terri Cordle seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Cheri Mattox-Carroll, secretary