

GCCA Conference Business Meeting Luncheon • 1-26-17 • King and Prince

Meeting was called to order at 12:44 by GCCA President Terri Ducker. Attention was called to by-law amendments made available to GCCA Conference participants in which a few changes have been proposed to include region reappointment, council positions, and an anticipated treasurer position opening. The meeting was then opened to the agenda.

Minutes: The past minutes for a council meeting held in Macon in October as scribed by Jon Kerr will be made available on the GCCA website.

Treasurers Report: Brittany Bing made available an Annual Conference Report listing conference expenses and credits, website and ACEP maintenance fees, CMC Global conference maintenance fees, CE event transactions, and all other debits and credits, leaving a credit balance of \$9,172.98 as of January 26, 2017. Event expenses and credits were outlined in the report to include speaking honorariums, memberships, and other operating expenses. It was noted that 6-7 student memberships were added.

CEU Report: Chris Wheelus reported that the same system invoked last year was replicated for the 24th annual conference in which coded name badges were scanned electronically into the system, which would generate a monthly report. He noted that the 2016 conference credits and CE certificates were emailed to participants following a conference evaluation submission. This service was provided by Casey Earle and CMC Global. This same process will be in place following the conference in which participants will complete a conference evaluation in order to receive a CE certificate. Social Worker credits, with assistance by Pat Mooney and in conjunction with Savannah State University, will be conferred.

Social Media/Website Report: Haley Reed announced that a \$25 gift certificate would be awarded to the person with the most 'likes' via Instagram selfie post(s) using #GCCA 2017 and #GCCA in Action. Instagram, Twitter@GA Counselors, Facebook posts were also to be included. Conference participants were encouraged to follow Twitter and Facebook posts. Ms. Reed also noted that the website has been updated. She encouraged all members to post information about upcoming CEU events and community events soliciting participation and helping counselors and GCCA members in drawing attention to their events and programs. Blog and social media information can be found at gacollegecounseling.org, the GCCA website. Haley Reed was congratulated by Terri Ducker in her social media outreach by commenting "I am all about social media."

Listserv/Membership Report: Andre Griggs reported 175 members currently on the GCCA Listserv. He encouraged interested participants to be added to the listserv. He indicated that the listserv was a good point of contact for workshops, CE events, employment opportunities, and other topics.

Fundraising Report: Preditia Howard announced that she was pleased to have nine vendors attend the GCCA conference. She invited each vendor to speak briefly about his or her agency or organization. Vendors included Skyland Trail, The Carter Treatment Center, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Certification Board of Georgia, Ridgeview, Timberline Knolls, Twin Lakes Recovery Center, Behavioral Health of the Palm Beaches, Inc., The Ranch, and Coastal Behavior Health of Savannah. Each presenter provided a brief overview of the facility, age group and gender served, treatment modalities, length of treatment and other information.

Conference Report: Angela Wheelus welcomed conference goers and encouraged participants to use the electronic Guidebook to keep track of presentation changes. She encouraged participants to support presenting college students by attending the poster sessions facilitated by students. She announced that the Thursday night musical entertainment would take place in the Solarium beginning at 8:00 p.m.

By-Law Proposals. Sylvia Shortt introduced a number of by-law change proposals. The council put forth a motion to approve the amendments to the by-laws in regard to recognized elected officials and terms of office; a change in regional representatives in which regional representation is proposed to be redistributed from 10 regions to 7 with the addition of two at-large representatives (Southern, Northeast, Northwest, Midwest, Mideast, Coastal, and Central); and changes to the current Continuing Education Program in which CEU certificates will not be distributed for every conference and workshop as had been done in the past. Participants were given the proposed regional map during the meeting as well as the proposed changes to the by-laws. The last change proposed is that all representatives must be employed in the region he/she represents and be a member of GCCA. Discussion of the proposed changes was invited by Terri Ducker. No discussion ensued. A motion was made to accept the proposed changes to the by-laws. Pat Mooney seconded the motion. All in favor. Changes carried by the motion of the vote.

Nominations and Elections: Andre Griggs announced a call for nominations for open positions beginning with a president-elect. Terri Ducker nominated Brittany Bing, who is currently serving as treasurer for GCCA. Mr. Griggs called for additional nominations from the floor. Ms. Bing accepted the nomination and a motion was made to elect her as president-elect. The motion was seconded. All in favor. The motion to elect Brittany Bing as president-elect was carried as Ms. Bing accepted the position.

A call for nominations for the vacant treasurer position was announced. The treasurer position is a one-year position. Erica Madoni from Gordon College was nominated. Ms. Madoni accepted the nomination. A motion was made for electing Ms. Madoni as treasurer and seconded by Preditia Howard. A vote of all in favor carried and Ms. Madoni accepted position as treasurer.

A call for nominations for the expiring term of secretary was made. Terri Ducker nominated present secretary Cheri Mattox-Carroll for another term. She accepted the nomination to continue as secretary. There were no other nominations. A motion was made, seconded, and all in favor carried the nomination. Ms. Mattox-Carroll accepted the position.

Haley Reed was nominated to continue her post as social media and website chair. She accepted the nomination. A motion was made, seconded, and an all in favor vote carried to confirm Ms. Reed's appointment as social media chair for an additional term.

Grouped by region, nominations were considered for the new 7-region appointments with two at-large representatives. Andre Griggs recognized the following nominations after a vote confirmed the appointments: Evonne Jones (Piedmont College) as NE representative; Dorothy Morgan (Georgia Highlands) as NW representative; Elizabeth Humphrey (Augusta University), Mideast representative; Ruth Hagemann, (Middle Georgia State University) Central Representative; Gina Barthelemy-Morton (Chattahoochee Technical College), Midwest Representative; Brendan Dochney (Savannah State University), Coastal representative; Shubha Chatterjee (Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College), Southern Representative. Two at large representatives nominated and approved: Jenease Horstead (Paine

College) and Alicia Dorton (Gordon State University). All new and continuing council members were to report to Butler Room that evening for a 5:30 council meeting.

Grants and Awards. The President Grant Recipient was nominated and described as a “student in a graduate program who exemplifies quality for a future college” as noted by the Director of Counseling at Augusta University. The Graduate Student Meritorious Award recognition was presented to Traci Westin.

The College Counseling Advocacy Award was presented to Sally Vander Straeten, ACSW, Suicide Prevention Coordinator for the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for her works in student advocacy toward suicide prevention. Ms. Vander Straeten’s most recent student advocacy for suicide prevention was through the ‘Toward Zero Suicide’ Conference held last fall in which representative from 35 colleges, universities, and technical colleges attended.

The Clinical Program of the Year was awarded to Savannah State University for its “Last Tuesday” programming in an effort to increase students’ comfort in processing difficult health issues and address their concerns using a mutual aid approach to helping. The program is an open large group session that is held on the last Tuesday of every month with topics including mental health, homelessness, sexual violence and healthy relationships. This award recognizes the development or implementation of a unique clinical program or clinical group for college students.

Terri Ducker made two parting announcements: The Silent Auction bidding will end at 5:00 p.m. for a stay at St. Simon’s King and Prince. T-shirts are being collected to produce a GCCA quilt to be crafted by Sharon Nunnally.

A motion was made to adjourn the business meeting. Seconded. Motion carried.

GCCA Bylaws

Article III Section One

Section 1. Elected Officials

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

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Article III Section Two G

CURRENT LANGUAGE

(g) Regional Representatives

1. To report to the Executive Council the needs of the general membership.
2. To serve on the Education Committee (Article VI,2d).
3. To serve on the Membership Committee.
4. To perform other duties as directed by the Executive Council.
5. There shall be ten Representatives, one from each of ten Regions, which are Albany, Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, Dahlonega, Macon, Rome, Savannah, Waycross.

NEW LANGUAGE FOR NUMBER 5

Number 5: There shall be seven Representatives, one from each of seven Regions, which are Northeast, Northwest, Mideast, Midwest, Central, Southern and Coastal. There will be two At Large Representatives, elected from any Region of the state of Georgia.

Article III Section Three: Terms of Office

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NEW LANGUAGE:

Article IX continuing Education Program

The Association shall have a Continuing Education Program to help the professional membership meet continuing education requirements for certification and/or licensure and to otherwise enhance the professional members' counseling knowledge and proficiency

A continuing Education committee shall facilitate programming and, if necessary, create additional rules to support the following guidelines. See Article VI, Committees, Section 2d.

A record of attendance shall be maintained for future reference by the committee. Individual members shall independently maintain a record of her or his attendance at the sponsored programs and periodically verify its accuracy with the Education Committee Director.

Continuing Education shall be provided at the annual conference and at jointly sponsored programs with Georgia's institutions of higher learning. Coordination between the Association and the participating institutions of post-secondary education shall be conducted under the following rules:

New Regions Proposed and Accepted by GCCA

Southern

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Thomas College
Albany State University	Coastal Georgia Community College
Albany Technical College	South Georgia College
Andrew College	Southern Crescent Technical College
Georgia Southwestern State University	Southeastern Technical College
Bainbridge College	Valdosta State University
Darton College	Wiregrass Technical College
South Georgia Technical College	Waycross College
Southern Regional Technical College	Coastal Pines Technical College

Northeast

Athens Technical College	Piedmont College
Brenau University	Reinhardt College
Emmanuel	Toccoa Falls College
University of North Georgia at Gainesville	Truett-McConnell College
Lanier Technical College	Young Harris College
University of Georgia	
University of North Georgia	
North Georgia Technical College	

Midwest

Georgia Regents University	Augusta Technical College
Paine College	Oconee Fall Line Technical College

Central

Columbus State University	Central Georgia Technical College
LaGrange College	Fort Valley State University
Columbus Technical College	Georgia College and State University
Georgia Military College	Middle Georgia State University
Gordon College	
West Georgia Technical College	
Mercer University	
Weslyan College	

Coastal

Argosy University	Savannah College of Art and Design
Armstrong Atlantic State University	Savannah State University
Brewton Parker College	Savannah Technical College

East Georgia College
Georgia Southern University
Ogeechee Technical College

South College

Midwest

Georgia State University
American InterContinental University
Argosy University of Atlanta
Atlanta Christian College
Art Institute of Atlanta
Atlanta Metropolitan State College
Atlanta Technical College
Bauder College
Beulah Heights Bible College
Chattahoochee Technical College
Clark Atlanta University
Clayton State University
Columbia Theological Seminary
 DeVry Institute of Technology
Georgia Baptist College of Nursing
Georgia Institute of Technology
Luther Rice Bible College and Seminary
University of West Georgia

Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service
Gwinnett College
Herzing College
Interactive College of Technology
Interdenominational Theological Center
Kennesaw State University
Life University
Mercer University of Atlanta
Morris Brown College
Morehouse College
National–Louis University
Oglethorpe University
Oxford College of Emory University
Point University
Spelman College
Agnes Scott College
Gwinnett Technical College
Georgia Piedmont Technical College

Northwest

Berry College
Covenant College
Dalton State College

Georgia Northwestern Technical College
Shorter University
Georgia Highlands College

Respectfully submitted by Cheri Mattox-Carroll, GCCA Secretary