



# Georgia College Counseling Association

Council Meeting Agenda • July 10, 2020 • 10am-12pm  
Zoom Meeting

Present: Gina Barthelemy-Morton, Chris Wheelus, Erica Madone, Amanda Kort, Amy Laughter, Shubha Chatterjee, Traci Westin, Sylvia Shortt, Dorothy Morgan, Elizabeth Humphrey, Nikita Robinson, Katie Jones, Andre Griggs. Shawntell-Phoenix

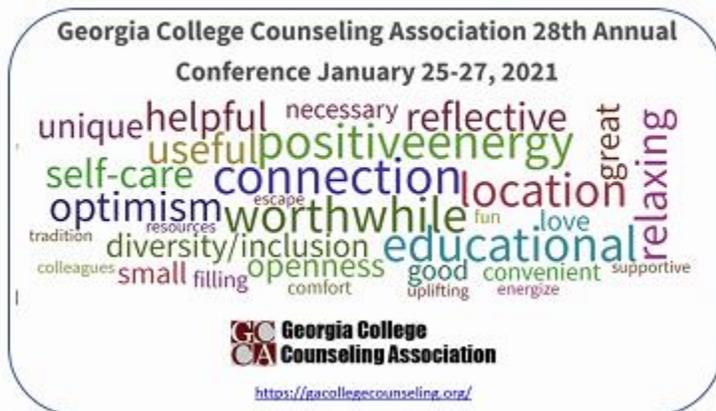
Absent: Pat Mooney, Britani King, Brandi Cameron, Erika Sledge, Jenease Horstead

- Call to Order: 10:05 am
- Minutes: A motion was made to approve the conference minutes submitted by Cheri Mattox-Carroll. Sylvia Shortt made the motion, seconded, all in favor to approve the January GCCA conference minutes and the March 27 minutes. March minutes approved in July due to lack of quorum at previous meeting
- Treasurer's Report (Amy Laughter). Treasurer report was submitted. The only new charge is a check imaging service in the amount of \$3.00. Ms. Shortt made a motion, the motion seconded. All in favor. The only charge pending is web site charge. A change in administration from Haley Reed to Lizy Humphrey was initiated, but Ms. Humphrey indicated there was no recent bill. A motion was made to accept the minutes. Seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

### GCCA Treasurer Report - 7/10/2020

Date	X	Ch#	Recipient	Purpose	Amount
01/01/20				<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$10,692.64</b>
01/22/20	x	1114	Nainyn Designs	Conference T-Shirts	-\$944.46
01/22/20	x	*	Deposit	Membership Fee - Shannon Stephens	\$35.00
01/29/20	x	1115	Dr. Jonathan Orr	Keynote Speaker Honorarium - GCCA Conf.	-\$200.00
01/30/20	x	1116	Dr. Dan Rose	Ethics Speaker Honorarium - GCCA Conf.	-\$200.00
01/30/20	x	1117	Mark Douglas Taracuk	Presidential Grant Award Winner - GCCA Conf.	-\$250.00
01/30/20	x	1118	Gina Barthelemy-Morton	Display Port Adapters/Reimbursement	-\$23.97
01/30/20	x	1119	Broome's Hall of Fame Trophies	Conference Awards	-\$202.93
01/31/20	x	*	Deposit	Conference Registration Checks	\$2,025.00
01/31/20	x	*	Deposit	King & Prince Raffle Check	\$300.00
01/31/20	x	Draft	Bank of America	Check Imaging Services Fee	-\$3.00
02/28/20	x	Draft	Bank of America	Check Imaging Services Fee	-\$3.00
03/16/20	x	1120	CMC Global	Clerical & Consulting Fees GCCA Conf.	-\$1,698.90
03/17/20	x	*	Deposit	CMC Global Revenue	\$11,505.00
03/17/20	x	1121	King & Pring Beach & Golf Resort	Conference Payment for Hotel Use/Banquets	-\$12,390.62
03/24/20				<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$8,640.76</b>
3/31/2020	x	Draft	Bank of America	Check Imaging Services Fee	-\$3.00
07/10/20				<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$8,637.76</b>

- Membership and Listserv Report (Jenease Horstead / Andre Griggs). A check for conference goers and new members deposited. A new council list needs to be generated. Ms. Humphrey will send council list and make sure all current members are listed. Mr. Griggs said 174 members on listserv.
- Social Media/Website (Elizabeth Humphrey): A couple of people joined our FB group following the conference. Not required to be members but should be related to the college. Instagram page does not have as much traffic though newer members in the field may generate more traffic. The website was down recently due to updates and changes. The website should be accessible to all. Council and contacts updated. Gina Barthelemy-Morton to post a welcome.
- CE Report (Katie Jones/Chris Wheelus): Presentations are easier to do online and generate CEs while reaching more people. Consider opportunities for regions and keep Katie Jones notified of new sessions. Presentation recently by Georgia Southern was well received. Noted to be engaging for a full day platform. Presenter could be a consideration for an ethics speaker.
- Fundraising Report (Erika Sledge). No report
- Grants/Awards/Nominations (Erica Madoni): No information presented during meeting. Will retrieve forms from Angie Wheelus closer to conference. All forms are on the website but not activated, indicated Ms. Humphrey. She will check for activation and accessible. Chris Wheelus built in Google Docs forms as well. Speaker forms will be sent to Chris Wheelus for 2021 conference.
- Old Business
  - 2020 Conference: No further information discussed in regard to 2020 conference.
- New Business
  - 2021 Conference. Chris Wheelus shared possible conference graphic:



Information from a recent survey was shared: Attendance Survey Results and Save the Date promo proposed: "The Spirit of College Counseling." Survey resulted in 30 responses. Some indicated reluctance to attend an in-person conference due to COVID-19. Preparations might be considered for alternatives. Responses showed 54.8% (17 respondents) indicated they were planning to attend the GCCA Conference set for January 25-27, 2021, while 38.7% indicated "maybe." Around 6.5% indicated "no, they would not attend."

Many colleagues indicated that they could not have access to travel funds and therefore may not attend. ACCA has used cancellation insurance in the past. Currently \$850.00 is charged for cancellation insurance. It was noted that fine print excludes COVID-related cancellation.

Attrition insurance may not be available. ACA uses COVID and terrorist related insurance if available. King and Prince noted GCCA would be responsible for 10% or 90% of room being filled at \$140 room nights at 40%. GCCA would be responsible for \$4900 and catering of 9000; GCCA would owe the difference between the costs covered or incurred. Mr. Wheelus indicated he cannot locate insurance to cover that due to COVID. If it was not for COVID, we would be in good shape, he noted. With that information, GCCA will pass on insurance.

Ms. Shortt indicated King and Prince must be responsible for social distancing, so how will they ensure social distancing with the small rooms? She will help with negotiations.

With a last-minute change at GA Southern, the event ended up having a great response with \$30.00 cost. Mr. Wheelus suggested asking speakers for an alternate plan if the conference was cancelled in person. It was anticipated that not all speakers could present if web based and make some type of profit in this scenario. He suggested council consider all alternate plans. In related college travel discussion, Ms. Humphrey indicted there would be no supported non-essential travel with or without a budget. Even paying out of pocket could be challenging due to restrictions. At Gordon College, it was noted that travel is not supported for faculty and staff. Chris Wheelus indicated GCCA cannot cancel without consequence except for a state mandate or stay at home order from the governor. Many current GCCA members will not travel due to age or compromise of health.

Andre Griggs noted past patronage and since 1995 and indicated that one year, GCCA was made to move due to remodeling efforts. Is it possible to remind King & Prince of our long patronage to negotiate possible cancellation?

Conference Theme: The Spirit of College Counseling. Mr. Wheelus used words associated with the conference as a result of 25 responses. From those words, created a word cloud. Will be used for save the date cards and possible T-shirts. Promotional items might include face covering instead of a T-shirt. Multiple uses and option to purchase the gaiter head covering at a cost of \$7.00 for one or the other. A two-color face masks could be procured for \$5.00 each. Items could sell on website as all signs indicate we will be wearing masks for a while.

Registration might have an option to add t-shirt and mask suggested, Ms. Humphrey. CMC Global could easily add this option to the registration.

Ideas for keynote and ethics requested. One past presenter, Sonja, is not available. Mr. Wheelus indicated a possible speaker, though due to distance keynote would have to Skype or Zoom in. Both could speak to the spirit of college and counseling. Proposal: Ethics of spirituality in college counseling. Societal trends might be addressed as well. Spiritual Coping is an option as well as other ideas. The conference may be different than in previous years but the intention is to keep everyone safe. May introduce other options for sessions.

### **Regional Reports**

\* Central (Brandi Cameron). No report

\* Southern (Shubha Chatterjee) Shubha Chatterjee brought up undergrads for poster presentation for GCCA conference. A token of \$100 for poster was suggested. This has been discussed in a previous year: options for undergraduate participation. Due to uncertainty of this next conference, council members suggested GCCA may have to table it in case we go virtual for the conference. May consider for another year as an opportunity for networking and recognition. Currently grants are set up for Masters and Doctoral students. We would have to incorporate another system of recognition and reward, said Ms. Humphrey.

It was noted that GCCA will have to be strategic in budgeting especially in today's environment. Still have the honorarium for presenter is in the amount of \$200.00. It was suggested that reps choose something for 4-5 CEs. We also need to ask for money if the presentation is not in person. Consider accepting payment for Zelle or PayPal. Ms. Shortt indicated we can use SCCCPC PayPal account less 1%. Otherwise PayPal or checks could be considered.

\* Midwest (Brittney King). No report

\* Northwest (Dorothy Morgan): Nothing currently in the works, though considering a shorter session using Zoom or similar platform. May not have to pay a speaker. College counselors are usually included, though a large group in my area of private practice therapists, she noted. They need CEs as well. That is a group that we could tap into in terms of skill and expertise. Though I realize we are college counseling, noted Ms. Morgan, it could be relevant to tap into that group of counselors. Yet another way to share and network and build connections within the community. We recognized those partners in our community who may also see college age/college students. Counselors in private practice may also present without the honorarium. Ms. Shortt said we tried to get them to go to conference but some cannot take several days from practice to attend the conference. One of highest rated presentation was by Rhonda Rivers.

\* Mideast (Traci Westin): At Augusta University we are discussing, researching, and discussing racism. It is helpful in understanding what other colleges are doing/providing to

the University community and students of color. Considering providing some type of CE event in this vein. Seizing the virtual formats is important. Ms. Barthelemy-Morton reminded regional representatives that they can present personally. That is the main thing: simply a graduate degree in helping field. NBCC but GPA (working through ACCA) is being approved for non-LPC said Mr. Wheelus. Katie Jones and Dorothy Morgan can help with forum such as Black Voices Matter.

\* Northeast (Sylvia Shortt): SCCCCP will need to be virtual this fall. Is looking for pairing for sessions this fall. Zoom will be used. Activist in Athens. Education Technology and could co-present. Struggle with coming back to new normal. Have not yet found a speaker but called for people to work with her.

\* Coastal (Amanda Kort): Some plans in the works. There is a plan to consult with Katie Jones for CE information. Trends include self-compassion and suicide topics. It was noted that Becca Smith has done a lot of presentations on those topics and could assist with a workshop. Fall offerings will be finalized at the end of July.

\* At Large (Nikita Robinson and Shawntell Phoenix-Martin). No updates from Nikita Robinson. Ms. Phoenix-Martin is considering a self-compassion workshop and offered to work with Amanda Kort to collaborate on a presentation.

For all regional reps: Ms. Humphrey mentioned a link for template flyer and application and request for honorarium on website. Contained on the website exists all the forms to apply for CEs similar to presentation for conference. Presenters must have credentials, resume, topic, learning objectives and time allotment submitted for review. Current resources are required to support topic.

No other business: Next meeting will be in October. In anticipation of virtual meeting, WebEx option will be in place, noted Ms. Barthelemy-Morton. She ended the meeting by welcoming new members and offering support. The next meeting is Friday, October 9 10-12 noon.

\* With no new business, Ms. Shortt moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. All in favor. At 11:38 am, meeting adjourned.

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