



Council Meeting Agenda • October 18, 2019 • 10am-12pm • Gordon State College/Zoom

Present: Erica Madoni, Gina Barthelemy-Morton, Cheri Mattox-Carroll, Amy Laughter, Shawntell Phoenix-Martin, Brandi Cameron, Lizy Humphrey, Angie Wheelus, Shubha Chatterjee, Preditia Howard

Absent: Katie Bigalke Jones, Jenease Horstead, Sylvia Shortt, Britney King, Dorothy Morgan, Andre Griggs, Evonne Jones, Cheryl Van Dyke, Alicia Dorton

- Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:15 am
- Minutes: Minutes sent via email to all council members for review and approval during meeting. No changes to the minutes were suggested. Some minutes landed in junk mail reported council members. Angie Wheelus make a motion to approve. Seconded. All approve
- Treasurer’s Report: Amy Laughter reported a current balance of \$10,516.80. Honorarium payment was made to speaker Dr. Spaxena and one membership fee in the amount of \$35.00 was received, and a check fee of \$3.00 was recorded. Shubha Chatterjee will have \$475 from registration fees from the August 27 event to add to balance for the next report. A motion was made to approve treasurer report, seconded. All in favor for treasurer report: Approved.

GCCA Treasurer Report - 10/18/2019					
Date	X	Ch#	Recipient	Purpose	Amount
01/01/19				Beginning Balance	\$11,242.17
01/17/19	X	*	Deposit	Membership Fee (Massey)	\$35.00
01/30/19	X	1102	T. Dawson Woodward	Presidential Grant Award 2019	(\$250.00)
01/30/19	X	1103	Dr. Thommi Lawson	Keynote Speaker Honorarium - GCCA Conf.	(\$200.00)
01/30/19	X	1104	Dr. Marcuetta Sims	Speaker Honorarium - GCCA Conference	(\$200.00)
01/30/19	X	1105	Amy Laughter	Reimbursement/Nametags/Office Depot	(\$36.71)
01/31/19	X	1106	Erica Madoni	Reimbursment for Conference Supplies	(\$913.56)
01/31/19	X	1107	Broom's Hall of Fame Trophies	3 Plaques - GCCA Conference	(\$74.97)
02/07/19	X	1108	CMC Global	Vendor Registration - Lori Albert-Walker	(\$200.00)
02/07/19	X	*	Deposit	Membership Fee (Malone)/Raffle Winner (Madoni)/Registration Fee(L Albert-Walker)	\$435.00
02/07/19	X	*	Bank Adjustment	Deposit above was \$485 - Bank Corrected	\$50.00
02/14/19	X	*	Deposit	Membership Fees (Stephens & Russo)	\$70.00
02/28/19	X	Draft	Bank of America	Check Imaging Service Fee	(\$3.00)
03/22/19				Current Balance	\$9,953.93
03/27/19	X	*	Deposit	CMC Global Conference Revenue	\$13,820.00
04/01/19	X	1109	The King & Prince Beach Resort	Payment for 2019 GCCA Conference	(\$12,062.83)
04/30/19	X	Draft	Bank of America	Check Imaging Service Fee	(\$3.00)
05/16/19	X	1110	CMC Global	Payment for 2019 GCCA Conference Services	(\$1,020.30)
05/31/19	X	Draft	Bank of America	Check Imaging Service Fee	(\$3.00)
06/28/19				Current Balance	\$10,684.80
07/30/19	X	1111	Dr. Abhinav Saxena	Speaker Honorarium - Conference 8/27/19	(\$200.00)
08/30/19	X	*	Deposit	Membership Fee (Hawley)	\$35.00
08/30/19	X	Draft	Bank of America	Check Imaging Service Fee	(\$3.00)
10/18/19				Current Balance	\$10,516.80

Membership and Listserv Report: No report

Social Media/Website Report: Ms. Humphrey reported on a new Instagram page. Members continue to use Facebook and Twitter though not as much activity on Twitter. Facebook is predominant social media outlet. A few new followers have been noted. Annual conference for 2020 is up on GCCA website to include link for call for programs and president grant applicants. Gina Barthelemy-Morton requested a name correction on website. The correction was made.

CE Report: Katie Jones was not able to attend but emailed her request: Ask everyone to share the information about 'Call for Programs' and to spread the word that GCCA is a great place to present. We would love to have a diverse array of presenters and topics at the next conference.

Fundraising Report: Predita Howard will begin contacting vendors late October. She indicated she may need to locate new vendors and vendor contacts as many have moved on to other jobs. Requested information on last year vendor emails.

Grants/Awards/Nominations: Angie Wheelus has stepped back into role. She reported she is putting together materials for the President's Grant. She has requested a deadline for November 8 with a November 15 winner announcement for the grant. There is a \$250 stipend for the purpose of travel. Room and conference registration are covered. There may be additional funding for more than one president grant winner. Only one grant winner last year and only one applicant. The council, under Ms. Humphrey's suggestion, discussed the ability to offer two grants. Last year the stipend amount was not stated in the application. "A small stipend for travel" is noted without full disclosure of stipend so that the application does not need to be changed. All agreed to leave \$250 stipend for travel. Funding comes out of the vendor fee for the grant so we may hold at one, says Ms. Wheelus, until the deadline. Council will determine two recipients if warranted. Nominations for other awards taken until January 10 to ensure time for the award plaques to be created – a three-week turnaround. Same vendor to be used as previously.

Old Business: In the last meeting, plans were discussed to review bylaws as a group and if specific changes were to be made, those changes, as amendments, would be agreed upon by the council and submitted at the conference business meeting for a vote. Four persons volunteered to be on the Bylaw Review Committee – Ms. Humphrey, Ms. Madoni, Ms. Mattox-Carroll, and Ms. Barthelemy-Morton. As stated in previous minutes, the committee would be tasked to review ACCA bylaws and suggest changes council would like to make and propose as possible amendments. Plans will be made in the near future to begin this endeavor.

New Business

2020 Conference Update: Ms. Barthelemy-Morton reported that she reached out to Casey Earle for CMC Global assistance with the registration process. He will not be the rep this year and a new rep will be introduced. If there is an increase in pricing, this will be made known in the near future. Ms. Barthelemy-Morton also contacted the King and Prince to make arrangements for the 2020 conference. Establishing a conference registration link is most important in coming weeks. Council agreed now is a great time to open up registration. All agreed to put up link as soon as possible. Ms. Madoni and Ms. Barthelemy-Morton discussed possible Ethics speakers. Discussion ensued as to the best time to have the Ethics presentation

during the conference. In years past we have gotten more people if we have it on Wednesday to increase hotel revenue, it was noted. Most people do not come in until Wednesday or Thursday for Ethics – if presented later-- and all need Ethics. It was proposed that Ethics could follow a Wednesday morning brief “meet and greet.” Feedback in regard to meet and greet activity indicated it needs to be shortened and not replace a possible session. If Ethics was presented first, everyone will be together and we could have a brief welcome and summary of CE accumulation, suggested Ms. Humphrey.

It was also brought up that council members could be at the registration table to greet first-time attendees. It was suggested that the registration form could flag first time attendees and those participants could be welcomed at check-in.

Amy Laughter noted that at check-in last year, many arrived to the conference and still needed to pay. It was decided that a computer station could be set up for people to check in and pay. One to two computers at the side, with council members to assist, would make check-in smoother. Two tables could be prepared for check in: one for those who have not registered and/or paid and check in for those who are ready to pick up tags and bags. Ms. Humphrey and Ms. Mattox-Carroll will bring laptops to use for those who need to register and pay. Ms. Laughter will have advance notice of some who had not yet paid. Ms. Madoni indicated that CMC Global could also add to application – register by a certain date, suggested January 3, to get a T- shirt. To speed registration, again move bags to adjacent room to pick up. Council members will ready/pack bags the night before.

Ms. Wheelus asked if Solarium is open following last year’s renovations. Ms. Madoni indicated that the construction appeared to be completed as per her recent visit. Butler Room was too small for many of the sessions according to last year feedback and space limited due to renovations on lower floor.

Regional Reports

- Central (Brandi Cameron): A workshop at LaGrange College campus will take place on Monday, October 21. Topic is Counseling Education and Supervision Training currently promoted on GCCA Listserv. Ms. Cameron will propose another workshop in the spring with a different topic. Details to follow.
- Southern (Shubha Chatterjee): A 4-hour workshop with Dr. Saxena on behavioral health and addiction treatment in a rural setting was presented on August 27 in Tifton. She reported 62 attendees. The local hospital provided setting and a meal. Ms. Chatterjee reported that many ABAC students attended. She posed the question: Can students present? Though restrictions may be present, a request was made from the region. Ms. Chatterjee suggested an increase numbers of attendance if undergraduates are allowed to attend the conference and would allow good exposure to GCCA and its conference rather than GA Sociological at Jekyll. Ms. Humphrey proposed a poster presentation for undergraduates in a future GCCA conference. Many undergraduates seem interested in the profession and GCCA could begin supporting that interest as students move from undergraduate programs to a graduate program in social work, counseling, psychology, etc. Ms. Wheelus said that undergraduate/graduate students could co-present so that CE credits could be applied. GCCA is not well known to undergraduates, so

future efforts to cultivate that interest could be considered such as a poster session(s) open to undergraduates in the future.

- Midwest (Britney King): No report
- Northwest (Dorothy Morgan): No report. A workshop upcoming on November 15 as a presentation to counselors and school counselors regarding barriers students may face. Drs. Chris Wheelus and Angie Wheelus will present. Upcoming a 4hour CE on Play Therapy and the College Student was mentioned.
- Mideast (Jenease Horstead): No report
- Northeast (Evonne Jones): No report
- Coastal (Cheryl Van Dyke): No report
- At Large (Alicia Dorton and Shawntell Phoenix-Martin): Planning a Mindful Self Compassion workshop but presenter did not have the credentials at the time. She is official trainer for the presentation. Still have it in the works for this region. Dates will be considered. Other people are willing to do training but need to review the need.

Call for additional new business:

A "Save the Date" was sent out. Ms. Humphrey encouraged council to ensure adequate and diverse number of proposals for the conference. While a few proposals have been received, there is a definite need for more. Discussion included:

- Council members should consider presenting or ask colleagues to submit a proposal as it is a fairly easy process. Requirements include learning objectives, a CV, and presentation.
- Council members were encouraged to consider colleagues and professionals in one's area and encourage them to consider presenting. Think about past presenters and ask if willing to present again. Colleagues who presented last year might be consulted since contact information is available.
- Council members were encouraged to revisit a topic that was learned recently and consider a presentation. "Envision the Possibilities" is the theme of the conference.
- No new business

The next meeting will be at the conference in January. It was agreed to meet and eat at the hotel restaurant the evening before the conference begins. Council will need to meet to organize the conference, put together the bags and plan for volunteers at each session to help with CE and sign in for each session as was done last year.

Adjourn: Ms. Mattox-Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 am. Seconded. All in favor. Adjourned.