



GCCA Minutes • 1-30-20 • GCCA Annual Conference Business Luncheon

Current GCCA president Erica Madoni opened the meeting at 12:38 pm. She welcomed participants to the 27th annual conference. She thanked president-elect Gina Barthelemy-Morton for arranging the conference. Conference attendees were encouraged to participate in the silent auction bid for two nights at the King and Prince.

Minutes: The minutes were provided by Secretary Cheri Mattox-Carroll prior to the meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. A call for approval. Motion carried. All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Amy Laughter provided an overview of the treasury report, noting a beginning balance of \$11,242.17 and an ending balance of \$10,692.64 as of December 31, 2019. The bank statement was balanced. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer report. The motion was seconded and approved. A call for approval. Motion carried.

Old Business: A call for old business was made. No old business introduced.

Council Reports

Membership and Listserv Report: Andre Griggs reported 177 members on the listserv.

Social Media/Website: Elizabeth Humphrey reported on use of Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram as social media platforms to encourage networking and connecting with others. She cited the GCCA website as a good means to share upcoming workshops and position openings. She also noted that beginning last year, the website hosts copies of presentations, handouts, and PowerPoints from the past GCCA conference. This will be a trend moving forward and 2020 conference presentations will be represented on the website.

CE Report: Chris Wheelus, on behalf of Katie Jones, announced set up of Google Forms to retrieve information and evaluations from conference goers to create CE certificates for each session attended. Participants will have until the following Friday after conference end to submit forms for each session attended. Participants will receive certificates within two weeks. He noted that sign in for each session is the best authority for verifying and receiving CEs. Additional information will be required for social workers and psychologists, which involved collaboration with Pat Mooney and Chris Corbett.

Fundraising Report: Predita Howard reported that five vendors are representing various agencies at this year's conference. Vendor participation allows funds for the President Grant winner. The vendors attending include Amare, Ridgeview, Timberline Knoll, St. Simmons By The Sea, and Sally VanderStraeten, formally with DBHDD, representing a new business affiliated with suicide prevention. Each vendor presented a short overview of their program, business, or agency.

Regional Reports: No upcoming events to report.

Grants/Awards/Nominations: Angie Wheelus will announce the seven award recipients on Friday morning during breakfast. She indicated a tremendous response for award nominations.

Regional Representatives: New nominations were made for regional representatives. Each region broke into groups to initiate nominations for the upcoming year. All regions are elected to a one-year term. Currently there are two vacancies for regional reps. Following nominations and acceptances, the following persons will be regional representatives:

Northeast: Sylvia Shortt

Northwest: Dorothy Morgan will continue in her role

Mideast: Traci Westin was nominated by her region and accepted

Midwest: No new nominations. Britney King will continue in her role

Central: Brandi Cameron remains in her role

Coastal: Amanda Kort was nominated and accepted the new role

Southern: No new nominations. Shubha Chatterjee will remain in her role

At Large: Alicia Dorton and Shawntell-Phoenix Martin are past members. Nikita Robinson was nominated and accepted the new role

President Elect Nominations: In nominations for president-elect, Chris Wheelus from Shorter College was nominated and accepted.

A motion was made to accept new council members. Seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

In other council positions, each two years either secretary or treasurer is chosen. For the next term, Amy Laughter was nominated as treasurer and accepted. A motion was made, seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

As the presidency responsibilities shifted from president elect to president, the gavel was passed from president Erica Madoni to incoming president, Gina Barthelemy-Morton. She made the following announcements:

- The GCCA Council, to include new members, meets at 5:30 pm in the Butler Room
- All GCCA conference attendees will meet on Friday after breakfast for a group photo in the hotel lobby
- The annual "Pick and Grin" musicians will play from 8-10 pm this evening in Solarium
- An afternoon presentation by Tamara Grosz is cancelled

The business luncheon concluded with no additional new business. A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried. The business luncheon concluded at 1:25 pm.

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Present: Chris Wheelus, Amy Laughter, Andre Griggs, Sylvia Shortt, Gina Barthelemy-Morton, Pat Mooney, Lizy Humphrey, Shubha Chatterjee, Cheri Mattox-Carroll, Britani King, Brandi Cameron, Amanda Kort, Erica Madoni, Jenease Horstead, Dorothy Morgan, Erika Sledge, Nikita Robinson, Traci Westin

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm in the Butler Room

New council members were welcomed. All attendees announced their new or continuing council position and affiliated college. Erika Sledge accepted the position of fundraising chair, replacing long time council member Preditia Howard.

To clarify the responsibilities of regional reps, Gina Barthelemy-Morton explained that each region would host a CE event(s) either presented by the regional rep and/or co-presenter or someone from the community. If the regional rep is not qualified to present in order to offer CEs, he or she could partner with an LPC, psychologist, psychiatrist or another qualified presenter. She encouraged each representative to choose a topic(s) one was passionate about. Each workshop or seminar would be posted to the GCCA website for promotion. Generally, GCCA members would not pay for the CE generated event(s). She reminded all that we all have knowledge to share with others and often can be successful by getting buy-in and assistance from others. She also noted that At-Large representatives are to help regional reps plan and execute workshops, co-present, provide ideas for possible workshops, and help where needed.

In other business:

- Council members to include incoming president, president-elect, treasurer, secretary and others will meet at St. Simon's Bank of America following the last Friday session to enact changes to council.
- A meeting will be scheduled in March for an in-person council meeting for those who could physically attend. Typically, past meetings have been held in Macon as a centralized locale. For council members unable to travel, a virtual meeting via Zoom or similar platform will be offered. Council members agreed to a Friday, March 27 meeting from 10 am to 12 noon at Middle Georgia State University.
- A tentative date for the 28th annual GCCA conference was named for January 27-29, 2021 at the King and Prince. This date will be confirmed by the King and Prince.
- The conference recorded 65 attendees and four absentee participants. One conference participant requested a one-day attendance for \$90.00.
- The Member and Listserv manager will send a reminder for the \$35.00 annual membership fee for those persons who did not attend the conference, in which the annual membership fee for GCCA is included. Members who did not pay the \$35.00 membership fee would be purged from the listserv within two months. It was noted that reminders would be helpful for those persons who did not attend the conference but would be interested in remaining with GCCA with access to the listserv.

- Discussion of forms needed to offer workshops and conduct other GCCA business matters.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm

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Angie Wheelus opened the Awards Ceremony with the announcement that more nominations were received than in previous years. She announced the winning bid for the two-night stay at King and Prince was submitted by William Hight.

2020 President Grant Winner: Mark Taracuk, a Georgia Southern intern who will begin doctoral studies at Oklahoma State University. Mr. Taracuk was nominated for his work with ASD and LGBT, considered marginalized groups within a rural population.

Advocacy Award: Benita Jenkins, an Augusta Technical College coordinator who serves military and special populations groups.

Clinical Program: Angela Landers at Georgia Southern, a certified yoga instructor, who offers a Mindful Yoga program. She is a Wellness and Practicum Coordinator who has compiled empirical research for body image, anxiety and depression

Graduate Meritorious Service: Caroline Miller from Georgia Southern University accepted the award as master education and clinical education program. She is affiliated with graduate assistant sexual assault response team.

Outstanding Professional Contribution: John Frevert from West Georgia University who was praised for his counseling intern supervision dedicated to grooming better counselors.

Professional Leadership Award: Lizy Humphrey at Augusta University accepted the award. Ms. Humphrey completed her licensure requirements and was recently promoted to assistant director of counseling and was praised for her contribution to the field of counseling at her university.

College Counselor Director: Tonja Simmons, Executive Director at Central Georgia Technical College, was cited by her nominator as “readily available and made a difference at her college.”

Counselor of the Year: Dorothy Morgan, a counselor and counseling intern supervisor at Georgia Highlands, accepted the award. She was praised for her compassion and advocacy for the field of counseling.