

**OHIO COUNSELING ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm**

Meeting Minutes

Name	Role	Attended Y or N
Martha Flemming	President, OCA	Y
Yegan Pillay	President-elect, OCA	N
Kara Kaelber	Immediate Past President, OCA	Y
Bob Thomas	Executive Director, OCA	Y
Amanda Sines	Lobbyist, OCA	Y
Meredith Montgomery	Secretary, OCA	Y
Jake Protivnak	Archives, OCA	N
Alma Moore	Bylaws, OCA	Y
Jared Rose	Newsletter, OCA	N
Matt Fullen	Government Affairs, OCA	Y
Tom Davis	Parliamentarian, OCA	N
Jim Hyland	Treasurer, OCA	N
Leisl Moriarty	AOCC Conference Planner	N
Chelsea Guerrieri	Finance, OCA	N
Amy Moore-Ramirez	Awards, OCA	N
Faii Sangganjanavanich	Journal of Counselor Practice Editor	Y
Adrienne Johnson	Leadership Development Comm Chair, OCA	Y
Cassandra Storlie	Leadership Development Comm, OCA	N
Bridget Asempapa	Leadership Development Comm, OCA	N
Tara Hill	Leadership Development Comm, OCA	N
Jennifer Scott	Membership Chair, OCA	Y
Andrea Longo	Membership Comm, OCA	N
Megan Abdalla	Membership Comm, OCA	N
Sean Gorby	OCSWMFT Liaison	Y

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Michael Lewis	Chair, Professional Development Committee & President-elect, OCCA	N
Laura Lewis	Membership Committee & COCA	Y
Christie Jenkins	Political Action Committee (PAC)	Y
Mollie Sin-Khay	COCA	N
Stephanie Fellenger	ECCA	N
Steve Durkee	GCCA	N
Darla Menz	GCCA	Y
Susannah Coaston	GCCA	Y
Dawn Poindexter	MVCA	N
Martina Moore	NCOCA	Y
Judith Aungst	NCOCA	N
Christine Banks-VanAllen	NCOCA	N
Alicia Menke	NWOCA	N
George Armitage	NWOCA	N
Juliet Russell	NWOCA	N
Kate Jiggins	SEOCA	Y
Paige Stretton	SEOCA	N
Mike Desposito	ALGBTIC	Y
Kaden Edwards	ALGBTIC	N
Megan Mahon	OACES	Y
Carese Bates	OAMCD	N
Nikol Bowen	OMHCA	Y
Ruthann Anderson	OMHCA	N
Ameena Kemavor	OCCA	N
Julie Lineburgh	OCCA	N
Faii Sangganjanavanich	OCDA	Y
Ryan Wilhelm	OCDA	N

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Staci Buckingham	OASGW	Y
Elizabeth Casali	OASGW	N
Brandi Cooper	OSCA	N
Shawn Grime	OSCA	N
Evan Jackson	OSCA	N
Marcos Ghali	OASERVIC	Y
Victoria Giegerich	OASERVIC	Y
Elif Emir Oksuz	Emerging Leader	N
David Jones	Emerging Leader	N
Mikayla Pollitt	Lobbyist, OCA	Y
Colette Dollarhid	OCSJ	N

10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

Call to Order & Welcome

- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda & 11/16 Minutes
 - Motion: Kara Kaelber
 - Second: Christie Jenkins
 - Vote: passed unanimously

10:05 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Officer Reports

- President's Report (Martha Flemming)
 - Very successful AOCC 2016. Attendance up from previous year. Receipts still in process. Looks like we will make about the same as last year.
 - Plans for AOCC 2017 have already begun. Based on Hilton business changes, we are moving the conference to the downtown convention center. We have received a very good package deal with expansion options for the future. Will set time for OCA & OSCA Presidents & President-elects to tour the facility. AOCC 2017 anticipated dates: Nov. 8-10.
 - Suggest attending the Institute for Leadership Training in July in Washington, DC. The event is sponsored by ACA. May be some grants/monies available for attendance.

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- Strong advocacy push occurred in December to block legislation. Further details to come in Legislative Report.
- Web efforts are underway.
- Discussions about how counselors can meet the needs of refugees and immigrants are also underway.
- President asks that you keep her informed about the events/meetings you will be holding over the next few months so she can support the event. She will attend when/where she can.
- Immediate Past President (Kara Kaelber)
 - Two candidates have been identified for the OCA President-elect: Meredith Montgomery and Adrienne Johnson.
 - Motion: Staci Buckingham
 - Second: Marcos Ghali
 - Vote: unanimously passed
 - Voting will be sometime in February
- Treasurer (Jim Hyland)
 - Over \$58,000 in bank/PayPal. Transfer initiated from PayPal. Balance does not reflect any amounts from the conference.

10:10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Executive Director's Report: (Bob Thomas)

- Complete report sent prior to call.
- Website updates have been completed. Please review and provide changes/updates as appropriate.
- Please direct any questions re: report directly to Bob.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Committee Reports

- Parliamentarian: (Tom Davis)
 - Not in attendance
- Advocacy Update / Legislative Report: (Amanda Sines)
 - Very active month in December battling proposal to consolidate several boards into 3 boards that would put counselors on a Behavioral Health board. Under the original proposal, counselors weren't guaranteed a seat on the new board. Changes were made after our advocacy efforts to give counselors a seat but the name was then changed to the State Behavioral Health and Social Work board – which raised a new set of concerns. We were able to get letters to every representative. We do expect to see the item again – particularly in the Governor's proposed budget. We will

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- take action at that time. Thank you for all of your efforts to contact your legislators! Your efforts paid off.
- Expanding coverage for Autism services was passed in HB350 during the lame duck session. We suggested changes this time last year to include service providers to include counselors. Originally was supposed to apply to anyone under age 21. Now only applies ages 14yo and under. New ruling now applies to all state plans.
 - Discussion on requiring cultural competency CE in the context of SB 332 (Infant Mortality Legislation). You can find a summary of the issue in the legislative report. We oppose efforts to legislate how we educate counselors.
 - Looking ahead: Board consolidation issue (as discussed above), state budget (expected to be a tight budget; ongoing issues re: how state is handling managed care funds)
 - Planning for 2017 Advocacy Day is underway. Currently scheduled for April 26th at the Riffe Center in downtown Columbus. Details and Save the Date will be coming soon. The event will be scheduled in the heart of budget discussions so we will have specific topics we want to discuss.
 - Telemedicine Rule through Ohio Dept of Medicaid is being edited. Amanda has reached out to learn more about the schedule & the appropriate time for us to voice our concerns. Currently, only certain professions can provide telemedicine. Our interest is being sure that counselors are included as approved service providers.
 - Currently a lawsuit pending to challenge a health transparency law. Requires that all providers provide patients with a good faith estimate of what their services will cost when providing non-emergency services. Study committee & report were supposed to be convened. Those steps were not completed. The law has been delayed until the lawsuit can be resolved.
 - Counseling Journal (Faii Sangganjanavanich)
 - Preparing for April 2017 issue. Two articles in place. Looking for one more to complete the issue.
 - Significant increase in submissions this month.
 - CAIT (Jennifer Scott)
 - This Taskforce was formed as result at earlier EC meeting to discuss how we communicate with our constituents.

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- Communications Advancement & Improvement Team
- Input/direction provided re: the OCA website content
- Reviewed membership application to align the paper & online applications. One change was that members were not always marking their chapter when they register. It is now a requirement on both applications.
- Drafts of updated applications were sent out with materials for this call. Please respond to Jennifer Scott or Bob Thomas with any comments after reviewing the new applications.
- Looking into assuring that every chapter has its own website. Seeking feedback re: why you may not have a website or any concerns/issues your chapter has with managing a website.
- Archive Report: (Jake Protivnak)
 - Not in attendance
- Finance: (Chelsea Guerrieri)
 - Not in attendance
- By-laws: (Alma Moore)
 - nothing to report
- Ethics: (Jared Rose)
 - Not in attendance
- Government Affairs Report: (Matt Fullen)
 - Nothing to report
- Leadership Development: (Adrienne Johnson)
 - Nothing to report
- Membership: (Jennifer Scott)
 - Continuing our initiatives on outreach to Ohio graduate programs. Benefits of membership will be communicated to students. Long-term goal is to convert student-members to new members as we currently lose a lot of students in that transition phase.
 - Still looking into CE workshops to be sure training is available/accessible to everyone in the state. Doing this in conjunction with the professional development committee.
 - Looking at how best to offer booth space at AOCC 2017.
 - Reviewing member demographics to learn where our members are and how they are represented. Current OCA membership makes up $\frac{1}{4}$ of all licensed counselors in the state – indicating a large opportunity to increase membership. Second opportunity identified is in current membership because $\frac{3}{4}$ of current members

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have not identified their chapter. Making members aware of chapter membership should help increase chapter memberships.

- Newsletter: (Jared Rose – presented by Bob Thomas)
 - Content is greatly needed. Please submit articles/information to be included in the April publication.
- Professional Development: (Michael Lewis – presented by Bob Thomas)
 - We are on track for provider status renewal for the next couple of years.
- Board Liaison: (Sean Gorby)
 - Nothing to report
- Social Media: (Nicole Hyland – presented by Bob Thomas)
 - Seeking helpers for social media. Please contact Nicole if you are interested in participating.

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Chapter Reports

Please be sure to send mtg minutes & Year-end reports (due June 30) to Bob

- COCA (Laura Lewis)
 - Preparing for 1st official set of elections. Looking to ground the process and have new leaders coming in.
 - Providing CE training at Capital University on March 24th. CEs have already been approved.
 - Self-care event scheduled for April
- EOCA (Stephanie Fellenger)
 - Not in attendance
- GCCA (Susannah Coaston)
 - We are in a self-reflection period. Meeting again at the end of the month. Working on developing our goals and how to serve our members.
- MVCA (Dawn Poindexter – presented by Meredith Montgomery)
 - New president-elect Adrienne Johnson.
 - Several training opportunities scheduled for this Spring.
 - Exec Council meets 3rd Friday of every month.
- NCOCA (Martina Moore)
 - Workshop planned for May 19th. Partnered with local ADAMHS board. Marketing efforts have begun.
- NWOCA (Julie Russell)
 - Not in attendance
- SEOCA (Kate Jiggins)

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- Struggling with basic technology (website, bank accounts). Have trouble getting input from previous presidents/members. Would appreciate any resources/help we can offer to her.
- Connected with local CSI chapter to get students connected with SEOCA. Likely will happen in February.
- Working on putting together a newsletter for the spring.

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Division Reports

- ALGBTICO (Mike Desposito)
 - Next mtg 4th week of every month.
 - Highlighting marketing for Annual Agent of Change Workshop on Feb 24th at Bowling Green State University, 9a-12p. Offering 3 CEs (1 supervision, 2 ethics). Co-hosting with BG CSI.
 - All ancillary committees will be focused on the workshop.
 - Working on 2-5year sustainability plan after the workshop.
 - Elections will take place at end of July.
- OACES: (Megan Mahon)
 - Still working on securing speaker (Thelma Grieser). Unsure if CEs will be approved because her license has been retired. Martha recommended checking with Patty to be sure. Bob will send contact info.
- OAMCD: (Carese Bates)
 - Not in attendance
- OACC (Ameena Kemavor)
 - Not in attendance
- OCSJ (Colette Dollarhide)
 - Not in attendance
- OMHCA (Nikol Bowen)
 - Struggling to find time for all Board members to meet to have a quorum. Struggling to find a president-elect.
 - Scheduling a strategic planning meeting to reach out to members – including Facebook page and site-based outreach.
- OCDA (Faii Sangganjanavanich)
 - Hosting a member networking event tomorrow. Expecting 20+ people.
 - Spring conference planned for May. Advertising will begin at end of this month.
- OASGW (Staci Buckingham)
 - Mtg in 2 wks to finalize spring workshop.

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- Still looking for speakers, esp supervisors with experience supervising group work, in order to supply CEs for supervision.
- Please contact Staci if you have any speaker suggestions.
- OSCA (Evan Jackson)
 - Not in attendance
- OASERVIC (Marcos Ghali)
 - Excited to have conference on January 21st: When Religious Values and Ethics Collide. Speakers: Dr. Lee Wetherbee and Dr. Cecile Brennan. Offering 6 CEs (3 supervision, 3 ethics). Thanks to Christie Jenkins for hosting the event at her agency.
 - Updating by-laws.

11:00 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.

Topics of Discussion (ALL)

- Location of next EC meeting
 - Options: Wed, April 12th in Columbus or Sat, April 8th, 22nd, or 29th
 - Selected: Sat, Apr 22nd at 10am at the Embassy Suites Dublin

11:07 am

Adjournment

- MOTION: Meredith Montgomery
- SECOND: Kara Kaelber
- VOTE: passed unanimously

2016-2017 Meeting Schedule

- **August 27, 2015** – Columbus, Ohio
- **September , 2016** - Go-To- Meeting Teleconference
- **November , 2016** – Meeting During the AOCC Conference
- **January , 2017** - Go-to-Meeting Teleconference
- **April , 2017** – Embassy Suite, Dublin, Ohio

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