



A Branch of the American School Counselor Association

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JANUARY 7, 2017

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Date and Time: 1/07/17 at 9:00 AM

Location: JHU Columbia Campus

Attendees: E. Reed, J. Goldman, E. Humphries, L. Jones, R. Handler, J. Jones, L. Speara. Via phone: V. Lee, N. Blankenstein, K. Ruby, M. Battle, R. Scott, R. Boulden, T. Gearheart

Adjourned:

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - Congratulation to Laura Jones for being recognized as the 2016 MD School Counselor of the Year at the White House
2. Review of Agenda/ Approval of Minutes November 19, 2016
3. President Elect – N. Carlson
4. Past-President – E. Humphrey
 - March 31 is our spring conference; we are going to start promoting conf. next week
 - Still need keynote speaker (Rowland could NOT attend); if you know someone please let Eunice know this week
5. Treasurer's Report – J. Jones
 - \$16,605.05-current balance
 - Need to review and approved this year's budget
 - Suggested an approval system for spending (especially if it goes over the approved amount budgeted)
 - Need membership chair
 - Increase in budget due to group memberships (Thanks Neal and Laura)
 - Reimbursements: send scanned receipts and request form w/in 30 days of purchase to jjones@mscaonline.org
 - Vivian Lee needs money for Grad seminar
6. Post-secondary VP – V. Lee
 - March 4-Grad seminar; looking to host at either MSS in Rockville or JHU Columbia
 - Nancy Carlson is a great resource for planning this event
 - Robin suggested sending info. to Supervisors of School Counselors so that they can invite interns

7. Secondary VP – J. Goldman
 - Attending meeting on Jan. 13 w/MSDE and Reach Higher Outreach Committee (Joel Packer-chair); interested in role of school counselor and Financial Aide
 - Attending meeting on Jan. 19 w/Central Scholarship Breuer; interested in life of the public HS counselor; he is going to email all HS counselor to solicit input, if they have any questions or ideas of how they can help; Vivian wants to talk w/Jeremy before his upcoming meeting to discuss the Reach Higher Initiative
 - Gala: Feb. 3; registration closes on Jan. 21; not all board members have registered, so please do; like to get 100 people
 - Post on Twitter, Rawn will post link on FaceBook
 - Laura and I will meet at Martin's on Jan. 11 to pick menu, etc.
 - Plaques have been ordered; Office Depot-make and print program, certificates; get frames for certificates
 - Jeremy is working on slideshow
 - Laura and Lisa will share video with Jill for her ASCA application
 - Need to pay balance 10 days before event
 - Looking for sponsors to offer something for SCOY winner
 - No DJ this year; Eunice will bring a play list; need box at Martins to connect
 - Looking for either Lisa or Laura to take over as Chair of Gala for next couple of years; Laura said she would take it over if Jeremy helps!
8. Middle VP – N. Bankenstein
 - Thanks Ed for hosting conference call
 - Offering MS seminars on Portfolio building and Group Therapy (looking for a speaker who will do it for FREE)
 - Southern MS Holiday Get Together took place in Charles Co.; 30 people attended
 - Asked MS counselors how MSCA can help; responses included more social events
9. Elementary VP – M. Battle
 - PG counties Elem Counselor Meeting will be held on Jan 12-she will speak to them about membership & share MSCA news
 - want to send our survey to Elem counselors on MSCA needs, wants, ideas, etc.; going to ask Neal to share the one he created for MS and modify it to meet Elem counselors needs; she will share w/Lisa, Laura and Jen to get their input before sending it out
10. Professional Development
 - Ed is looking to see how MSCA can get software/availability to do webinars; ASCA has this capability, we just have to request it
 - Supervisors looking to create webinars for Lauren's Law (15hrs) for all counties to use; have to get MSDE approval
 - American Foundation for Suicide Prevention-Ryan Newcomb (rnewcomb@afsp.org)
11. Membership Position

- Still open; appointed position
- Tess is willing to help transition new person into the position

12. Legislative-J. Jones

- Attending Ways and Means Committee meeting Jan. 25 @ 2pm-push for s counselors through college and career readiness and the social/emotional impact on student achievement; Invite Laura Jones to attend as the 2016 SCOY
- Time for county budget hearing; encourage s counselors to speak about ratios, positions, and budget for school counselors; if you can't attend, write letters
- Bill coming up "Keep the Door Open Act"; looking to increase rate of pay for Medicare providers
- Feb. 7-MD Counselor Assoc. proposed Advocacy Day
- Mental Health Assoc. Bills: TelaHealth-to remove provider restrictions and Patients Bill of Rights
- MSEA-State Union Level (legislative priorities) #13-push for more counselors

13. Technology/Communications

- Working with Bill to get calendar on website; email Bill all important dates and times so he can post on website
- Richard will send Jen updated numbers on s counselor testing involvement and s counselor demographic chart

14. Graduate Students – R. Boulden, Jr.

- See Rawn's graduate student membership committee notes
- Looking for more grad students to join council
- Lisa and Laura will contact Hood, Loyola, JHU and McDaniel counseling departments and encourage grad students to join MSCA and Grad Council

15. Public Relations-R. Scott

- Transitioning from Dan Peobody
- MD Counselor Assoc PR-want to model after them
- Vendors for conference: Milton Hersey School, Naviance, ASVAB
- Looking to finalize other vendors/sponsor by end of week

16. Scholarship Committee

- Top 15 scholarships were chosen; need to review and select top 2; email Bill your top 2 and he will select winners
- Ed motioned to offer \$500 scholarship for each HS senior
- Motion was approved
- MSCA will offer 2, \$500 scholarships to 2 graduating seniors

17. Regions

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-Social Feb 10 from 5-7pm at Seasons 52 in Bethesda

i. Southern-B. Marchoine

ii. Eastern-K. Ruby

-Put Eastern shore SC conf on hold for this year; will encourage their counselors to attend MSCA conf.

-Happy Birthday Kelly!

-Laura met someone from Delaware at the ASCA celebration that didn't know about the conf and the association; since close in proximity, it was suggested to reach out to nearby states to get participation

iii. Northern-L. Spera

-Just became an adjunct at McDaniel College-Congratulations Lisa!

-2 Fellowship positions for teachers but expanded to other school personnel to include school counselors; she is applying for this position

-Teacher Ambassador Fellowship webinar-will offer more details about the position

-Mont Co School Counselor Supervisor position will be open and posted soon

iv. Central-G. Hedges

v. Western-R. Haney

-Work on building relationships w/MSDE (Lynn Mueller) to support MSCA

-Planning a social in spring with Fred and Washington Counties

-S. counselors in Wash Co are looking for Professional Development: How to support ED kids; concerns about ratios and "other duties as assigned" and how it effects student/counselor relationships

-Looking for support for Supervisors of S counselors and empowering them to be a voice of change in how to protect the role of the school counselor; what systems do you have in place for those that support others?; Healthy minds committee

-NPR-"Not 'guidance' Counselor"-article; very good, will share with Ed to put on MSCA website

-Principals want to know: How do s counselors support/remove academic barriers? What data pts do you have to show positive impact of school counseling program?

-Another good article: The College Board National Office of School Counselor Advisory, "8 Component of College and Career Readiness Counseling"

18. President's Report – E. Reed

a. MD Task Force on Habitual Truancy-Next Meeting-Feb. 4; Get student voice-why kids aren't coming to school? Why are they dropping out?

-Ed can't go to meeting; J. Jones will attend

- Talk to S Counselors about issues/best practices to prevent dropout & truancy; send responses to Ed
 - b. House Ways & Means Committee Presentation
 - c. MSCA – Areas for Growth
 - d. Calendar Review/Revisions
 - i. Gala – February 3, 2017
 - ii. Grad Student Workshop – March 4, 2017
 - iii. MSCA Conf. – March 31, 2017
19. For the Good of the Group
- National School Counseling Week Feb. 6-10, 2017; Check ASCA website for Toolkit, proclamation, and other ideas
 - Send Bill any ideas that you do for NSCW to post on MSCA website
 - Send all correspondents for Robin Handler to handler.robin@gmail.com
20. Next Meeting – April 29, 2017 @ 9:00 AM at Johns Hopkins University. Columbia Campus
21. Adjournment