

ACA GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Action Minutes

June 14, 1995

Call to Order

The Governing Council conference call meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on June 14, 1995. President Doris Rhea Coy presided. Governing Council members who participated in the meeting were as follows:

Carol G. Barr, Southern Region
Joyce Breasure, ACA President-Elect
David Capuzzi, AADA
Doris Rhea Coy, ACA President
Thelma Daley, ACA Treasurer
Donna M. Ford, Western Region
Rae C. Gundersen, Midwest Region
James Hiatt, AMHCA
Thomas W. Hosie, ACES
Diana Hulse-Killacky, ASGW
John L. Jaco, ACA Executive Director
Judith Kovacs-Long, AHEAD
Donald C. Linkowski, ARCA
Don W. Locke, IAMFC
Carole W. Minor, NCDA
Kay Monks, NECA
Beverly J. O'Bryant, ACA Past President
John Wagenhofer, ASERVIC
Nancy B. White, IAAOC
John D. Wilgeroth, North Atlantic Region

AAC Representative George A. Grisdale was unable to attend the meeting, and the Division was represented by Patricia Elmore.

ASCA Representative Mary E. Gehrke was unable to attend the meeting, and the Division was represented by Margaret Jennings.

Governing Council members Queen Fowler, Mary Finn Maples, and Nancy Perry did not participate in the meeting.

Other persons participating in the meeting were:

Donald Anderson, Chair, ACA Insurance Trust
Richard Mozier, ACA Chief Operations Officer/Chief Financial Officer
Carol Neiman, ACA Director of Association and Branch Relations
Paul Nelson, Executive Director, ACA Insurance Trust
Gail P. Robinson, ACA President-Elect-Elect
Richard Yep, ACA Associate Executive Director

Approval of Meeting Agenda

President Coy noted that there were three agenda items listed, and need to add a fourth and fifth item. Therefore, the proposed agenda items were as follows:

1. Sale of Property
2. ACA Insurance Trust
3. American School Counselor Association (ASCA)
4. American Mental Health Counseling Association (AMHCA)
5. Evaluation of the Executive Director

It was moved by O'Bryant and seconded by Wagenhofer that: The Agenda be accepted as amended to cover the five items listed. Motion passed.

Approval of Governing Council Alternates

President Coy announced that the AAC representative George Grisdale was unable to participate and the Division had officially asked Patricia Elmore to replace him. Also, the ASCA representative Mary Gehrke was unable to participate and Margaret Jennings had been asked by the Division to replace her.

It was moved by Gundersen and seconded by Minor that: The Governing Council accept the substitution of Patricia Elmore for George Grisdale to represent AAC and the substitution of Margaret Jennings for Mary Gehrke to represent ASCA. Motion passed.

1. Sale of Property

The Executive Director advised the group of a possible buyer for the ACA warehouse property. He gave details of this possibility and responded to questions.

It was moved by O'Bryant and seconded by Breasure that: The Executive Director be directed to move forward with the sale of the warehouse property for an amount of \$240,000 or above. Motion passed.

2. ACA Insurance Trust

Attention was called to the background materials that had been supplied to members of the Governing Council, and it was noted that this issue of approval of the Insurance Trust Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation revision had been referred to this meeting by action in April 1995.

The Executive Director presented some of the issues related to taxes, liability, and rationale for an expanded ACA role with the Insurance Trust. In addition, the Chair of the Insurance Trust, Donald Anderson, spoke at length to the group regarding the background of relations between ACA and the Insurance Trust over the last several years and of the Trust's operation and direction.

In the course of the discussion, the feeling emerged that action should not be taken at this time in order to assure that everyone would have complete information to understand all of the issues.

It was moved by O'Bryant and seconded by Daley that: Action on the Insurance Trust be postponed to the September 1995 Governing Council meeting, and that all necessary background materials be received by Governing Council members in a timely fashion prior to that meeting. Motion passed.

3. American School Counselor Association (ASCA)

President Coy summarized developments since the action taken by the American School Counselor Association Delegate Assembly during the Denver convention. That action was to proceed towards disaffiliation with ACA and to begin collecting their own membership dues effective July 1, 1995, while no longer requiring ASCA members to join ACA.

There was considerable discussion about the ramifications of this action by ASCA, and it was agreed that the proposed action is not in compliance with ACA's Bylaws and Policies, Procedures, and practices. Attention was also called to a proposed letter that had been prepared by legal counsel to advise ASCA of the legal consequences in the event ASCA continues to pursue its present course of action.

It was moved by Capuzzi and seconded by Hulse-Killacky that: The President be authorized to appoint an ACA ASCA Task Force. Motion passed. (The Task Force would be charged with discussing the problems raised by ASCA's recent vote and how best to move ahead so that both organizations are satisfied.)

President Coy subsequently appointed the following as members of the Task Force:

Joyce Breasure (ACA President-Elect), Chair
Gail Robinson (ACA President-Elect-Elect)
Doris Coy (ACA President)
Thelma Daley (a past President of ACA and of ASCA)
John Jaco (ACA Executive Director), ex officio member

Following further discussion, it was moved by Linkowski and seconded by Ford that: The letter from the attorney be moved forward and sent to ASCA President Mary Gehrke and that it be signed by the attorney, and that the proper individuals from ASCA and ACA be copied. Motion passed.

The consideration then turned to how best to accommodate those persons who might wish to remain as ACA members during any interim period if ASCA moves forward with disaffiliation. Following a lengthy discussion of possible solutions to this dilemma, the following motion was submitted:

It was moved by Daley and seconded by Hosie that: The Governing Council approve a membership waiver for displaced ASCA and AMHCA members who hold single division membership only, for one year. Motion defeated (6 for; 7 against; 2 abstain). (Feeling was expressed that such persons could be advised that they join one of the other Divisions which they felt to be most appropriate rather than setting up a special temporary category.)

4. American Mental Health Counseling Association (AMHCA)

President Coy outlined the situation regarding the American Mental Health Counseling Association Revised Bylaws whereby the Division is proposing to no longer require that its members belong to ACA effective July 1, 1995.

It was moved by Daley and seconded by O'Bryant that: President Coy forward a letter to AMHCA notifying them that they are in non-compliance and also citing the policies and procedures and bylaws by drawing from some of the language that has been drawn up for ASCA. Motion passed.

5. Evaluation of the Executive Director

It was agreed that a Governing Council conference call is to be scheduled for June 27, 1995, beginning at 9:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. This entire conference call will be an executive session, and President Coy will supply members of the Governing Council with the backup materials in sufficient time that they can study those prior to the call. There was no further action taken on this item at this point.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the conference call meeting of the ACA Governing Council was adjourned at 11:09 p.m., on June 14, 1995.