



AMERICAN COUNSELING
ASSOCIATION

Governing Council Meeting
March 21, 2018
Conference Call

Minutes

Members Present:

Gerard Lawson, President
Simone Lambert, President-elect
Catherine Roland, Immediate Past-President
Donna Gibson, Representative, AARC
Suzanne Degges-White, Representative, AADA
Elsa Soto Leggett, Representative, ACAC
Shane Haberstroh, Representative, ACC
MJ Raleigh, Representative, ACCA
Mark B. Scholl, Representative, AHC
S. Kent Butler, Representative, AMCD
H. Gray Otis, Representative, AMHCA
Paige Dunlap, Representative, ARCA
Alan Burkard, Representative, ASCA
Lisa Jackson-Cherry, Representative, ASERVIC
Judy Daniels, Representative, CSJ
Bret Hendricks, Representative, IAMFC
Sue E. Pressman, Representative, NECA
Summer Reiner, Representative, North Atlantic Region
Diana Pals, Representative, Western Region
Stacey A. Litam, Student Representative
Brad Erford, Treasurer (Ex Officio)
Carlos Hipolito-Delgado, Parliamentarian (Ex Officio)
Carrie Wilde, Process Observer (Ex Officio)
Richard Yep, Chief Executive Officer (Ex Officio)

Members Absent:

Marty Jencius, Representative, ACES
Michael M. Kocet, Representative, ALGBTIC
Jonathan Orr, Representative, ASGW
Leigh Falls Holman, Representative, IAAOC
Lynna Meadows Morton, Representative, MGCA
Lisa Severy, Representative, NCDA

Michele Kerulis, Representative, Midwest Region
Melanie J. Drake Wallace, Representative, Southern Region

Guests:

Jon Hockman, McKinley Advisors
Heather Trepal, 2018-2019 President-elect

Staff:

Natasha Rankin, Chief Operating Officer
Rachel Miller-Bleich, Governance Administrator

Welcome, Call to Order, Approval of Agenda

President Lawson welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 2:00pm ET. Members met by video and telephone conference. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established. The agenda was adopted by consent.

Review of Draft Strategic Plan

President Lawson introduced Jon Hockman of McKinley Advisors who facilitated a brief discussion of the draft strategic plan. Hockman collected input from Governing Council members regarding their general reactions to the draft plan and fielded questions regarding the plan's general direction. A final plan will be brought forward to the Governing Council for final approval in April.

ACA - ASCA New Collaborative Partnership

President Lawson reminded Governing Council of the American School Counselor Association's (ASCA) forthcoming separation from ACA as a Division and the new partnership opportunities this change presents. The Governing Council reviewed a draft agreement with ASCA articulating the terms of separation, including a provision to ensure that ACA branches are given the option to decide how they will affiliate with ASCA on the state level. In addition to discussing the agreement, Governing Council considered next steps in ensuring that ACA remains equipped to serve the needs of those school counselors who remain with or choose to join ACA. CEO Yep noted that staff is already working to convey the message to members and customers that there will always be a home for school counselors at ACA. Efforts are also underway to stand up an advisory group to advise Governing Council and staff on the needs of school counselors.

A motion was made by Kent Butler and seconded by Elsa Soto Leggett that the Governing Council approve the proposed agreement with the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) affirming the new collaborative relationship between ASCA and ACA and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreement on behalf of the Association. MOTION CARRIED.

New Business

President Lawson informed Governing Council of the status of a gun violence *Call to Action* that was signed on to following the Executive Committee's adoption of a resolution on Gun Violence in Schools. A forthcoming motion is expected to identify potential activities ACA could engage in

to carry out the call to action. President Lawson also briefed the Governing Council on the outcome of a recent presentation at the American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB) which has generated new ideas for advancing ACA's Licensure Portability model. There was brief discussion of logistics for the Governing Council meeting in April 2018.

Adjourned at 3:01pm

Approved by the Governing Council, April 24, 2018.