

**ACA Governing Council Meeting
March 25-27, 2008**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The ACA Governing Council meeting was called to order, 8:47 a.m., March 25, 2008 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu, Hawaii. President Brian Canfield presided. Governing Council members present for all or part of the meeting were as follows:

Jim Blundo, AMHCA
Loretta Bradley, IAMFC
Kay Brawley, NECA
Brian Canfield, ACA President
David Capuzzi, ACA Treasurer
Maureen E. Colón, ACEG
James M. Devlin, Student Representative
Thelma Duffey, ACC
Kelly Duncan, Midwest Region
Dennis Engels, NCDA
Brad Erford, AACE
Ned Farley, ALGBTIC
David Fenell, Process Observer
Queen D. Fowler, AMCD
Nita Jones, Southern Region
Kelley R. Kenney, North Atlantic Region

Carolyn Kern, ACCA
George Leddick, ASGW
Don W. Locke, ACA Parliamentarian
Colleen Logan, ACA President-Elect
Vonda Long, AADA
Sandy Lopez-Baez, CSJ
Sally Murphy, ASCA
Cynthia Osborn, IAAOC
Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson, ACES
Carolyn Rollins, ARCA
Laura Jo Severson, Western Region
Sonya Vassos, C-AHEAD
Marie Wakefield, ACA Past President
Richard Yep, ACA Executive Director
J. Scott Young, ASERVIC

Others in attendance at the meeting as guests or observers include the following:

Bernal Baca, Chair, ACA Insurance Trust
Carol Bobby, Executive Director, Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs
Althea Brum, ACA Insurance Trust
Thomas Clawson, President and CEO of National Board for Certified Counselors
Holly Clubb, Director, Leadership Services
Doris Coy, ACA Past President
Jack Culbreth, Chair, Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs
Thelma Daley, ACA Past President
Marcheta Evans, ACC President
Linda Foster, Chair, Chair, NBCC Board of Directors
Harriet Gardin Fields, Co-Chair, Public Policy, and Legislation Committee
John Hakemian, NECA, Executive Director
W. Mark Hamilton, AMHCA, Executive Director
Robert "Skip" Hanson, Director of Development, ACA Foundation

Robin Hayes, Director Conference and Meetings Services
Bret Hendricks, IAMFC President
Theresa Holmes, Senior Meetings Coordinator
David Kaplan, Chief Professional Officer
Lynn Linde, ACA President-Elect-Elect
Scott McGowan, JCD Editor
Rich Mozier, Chief Financial Officer
Chris Moll, ACA Member
Carol Neiman, Chief Membership and Association Services
Paul Nelson, Executive Director, ACA Insurance Trust
Beverly O'Bryant, ACA Past President
Mark Pope, ACA Past President
Lee Richmond, ACA Past President
Stacy Shaver, Executive Assistant
Sylvia Short, ACA Treasurer-Designate
Eric Sparks, ASCA President
Denise Williams, Director, Member Programs
Richard Wong, ASCA Executive Director

Welcome and Introductions

President Canfield welcomed the group. He introduced guests in the gallery. Governing Council Members were asked to introduce themselves.

Parliamentarian's Remarks and Meeting Rules

Parliamentarian Don Locke provided remarks and guidelines for the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

It was moved by B. Erford and seconded by C. Kern that: The Agenda for the Meeting be approved as amended. Motion passed.

Amendments:

- Strategic Planning item be moved to later in the morning on Thursday, March 27.
- Add to the Agenda the Procedure for submitting a proposal for the 2009 Conference in Charlotte.

Officers' Reports

Written reports were submitted and each officer provided a verbal summary.

- President's Report presented by Brian Canfield
- President-Elect's Report presented by Colleen Logan
- Past President's Report presented by Marie Wakefield
- Executive Director's Report presented by Richard Yep

Approval of Consent Agenda

It was moved by B. Erford and seconded by S. Vassos that: The Governing Council approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed with the removal the following items:

- Headquarters Lease/Purchase Options Report (for information only).
- Updates to ACA Manual of Policies and Procedures
- Graduate Student Task Force Report

Items under Consent Agenda:

- Minutes – Governing Council Meeting, October 26-28, 2007
- Minutes – Executive Committee, October 28, 2007
- Minutes – Executive Committee, February 26, 2008
- Appointments by Brian Canfield
 - Branch Development Committee
 - Scheila Dennin – Chair
 - Michele Kerulis – Member
 - Cindy L. Nardini – Member
 - Bill Braden – Member
 - Mary Keane – Member
 - Jan Friese – Member

- Task Force on Branch Division Affiliation
 - Bret Hendricks – Chair
 - Jeff Siskind – Member
 - Sharon Bowles – Member
 - Eric Sparks – Member
 - Gary G. Gintner – Member
 - Michele Carpentier – member
 - Scheila Dennin – Member
- Appointments by Colleen Logan
 - Bernal Baca – Parliamentarian
 - Colleen Connolly – Process Observer
 - Jane Goodman - Treasurer
 - David Capuzzi – ACAIT Chair
- Bylaws changes for ACCA
- Bylaws changes for C-AHEAD
- Bylaws changes for Hawaii Counseling Association
- Bylaws changes for North Carolina Counseling Association
- Bylaws changes for Washington Counseling Association
- Approval of 2008 ACA Legislative Agenda
- Committees, Task Forces and Interest Networks reports
 - Awards Committee
 - Bylaws and Policies Committee
 - Cyber-Technology Committee
 - Ethics Committee
 - Human Rights Committee
 - International Committee
 - Interprofessional Committee
 - Nominations and Election Committee
 - Professional Standards Committee
 - Public Policy and Legislative Committee
 - Publications Committee
 - Special Committee on Military and Veteran Affairs
 - Grief and Bereavement Interest Network
 - Historical Issues in Counseling Interest Network
 - Multiracial/Multiethnic Counseling Concerns Interest Network
 - Network for Jewish Interest (Interest Network)
 - Women’s Interest Network

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer David Capuzzi presented a report on the financial status of the Association. The report was for information only and did not require any action by the Governing Council.

Financial Affairs Committee Motions

Professional and Student Member Dues Rates:

It was moved by the Financial Affairs Committee that: Policy #201.2 Dues be suspended for FY 2009.

A request was made to amend the motion.

It was moved by Erford and seconded by S. Vassos to: Suspend Policy # 201.2 indefinitely. Motion defeated.

With the defeat of the amendment, the original Motion was voted upon.

It was moved by the Financial Affairs Committee that: Policy #201.2 Dues be suspended for FY 2009. Motion passed.

Increase in Membership Dues Rates:

The Financial Affairs Committee moves that: Dues rates are increased by \$4.00. Motion passed.

FY 2009 Management Service Agreement Rate:

The Financial Affairs Committee recommends: The suspension of Policy #1501.7. Motion passed.

Increase in FY 2009 Management Service Rates:

The Financial Affairs Committee recommends that: ACA increase its management service rate from \$9.95 and \$8.50 per member for division with journals and without journals respectively, to \$11.95 and \$9.95. Motion passed.

Adjusting Per Diem Rates

The Financial Affairs Committee recommends that: ACA modify policy #1501.11 Section J. Per Diem Reimbursement. Motion passed.

FY 2009 Proposed Budget

The Financial Affairs Committee recommends: Governing Council's adoption of the FY 2009 proposed budget reflecting \$9,722,439 in revenues, \$9,329,686 in expenses, and excess revenue over expenses of \$392,753. Motion passed.

FY 2007 Audit Report

The Financial Affairs Committee moves: The adoption of the FY 2007 audit report provided by Tate & Tryon. Motion passed.

Process Observations

Dr. Canfield asked the Process Observer, David Fenell to provide feedback regarding the process thus far. Dr. Fenell commented that business was being transacted cordially and respectfully. One issue that was apparent was the loyalties to divisions as opposed to loyalties to ACA. Good dialogue or communications between ACA and Divisions is important.

ACA Bylaws Changes

The following two motions, passed at previous Governing Council meetings, have been reviewed by the ACA Bylaws and Policies Committee and were presented for final approval by the Governing Council.

Sunset of Standing Committees:

It was moved by the Bylaws committee that: The Governing Council approved the following ACA Bylaws change: Article XII add Section 5. “Sunset of standing committees.” Each standing committee shall automatically “sunset” (cease to exist) after five years of existence, unless affirmed by Governing Council upon recommendation of the Executive Committee. Affirmed standing committees shall be reinstated for an additional period of 5 years. Motion passed.

Governing Council Member Term:

It was moved by the Bylaws Committee that: The Governing Council approved the following ACA Bylaws change: Article X, Section 1b – “The term of office for each member of the Governing Council shall be three years. A member of the Governing Council may have the option of running for re-election to a second three-year term immediately after the first except that:” Motion passed.

Motions regarding ACA Policies and Procedures

It was moved by B. Erford and seconded by S. Young that: Policy 201.20 is rescinded. The motion was sent to Financial Affairs Committee for cost analysis.

It is moved by B. Erford and seconded by K. Duncan that: Policy #1501.7 is rescinded. The motion was sent to Financial Affairs Committee for cost analysis.

Review of Standing Committees

It was moved by C. Logan and seconded by D. Engels that: 15 of the 16 Standing Committees are re-affirmed. The Cyber-Technology Committee shall cease to exist. Motion passed.

Membership Alternatives

Rich Yep provided an update regarding the direction given to staff regarding the Membership alternatives motion passed at the October Governing Council meeting. This was for informational purpose only and did not require action by the Governing Council.

President Canfield also provided comments regarding the Membership Alternatives. He noted that there is no recommendation from the committee – staff will continue to do what they were directed to do and report back to the Governing Council at the fall 2008 meeting.

Counselor Pay

It was moved by D. Engels and seconded by C. Kern that: The ACA President direct the ACA Research and Knowledge Committee and Professional Standards Committee and other appropriate entities to conduct a thorough comparison study of opportunity costs (actual financial cost of education based on CACREP 2009 Standards requiring 60 credits, as well as reduced or eliminated income during the preparation process and LPC requirements for 3000 hour post-degree, extra-institutional, supervision and return on that investment (pay) for entry level counselors in various settings, and parallel costs and returns for related professions, yielding specific recommendations related to findings, aimed at pay parity for counselors. The motion was sent to Financial Affairs Committee for cost analysis.

Severance of Membership

It was moved by the Ethics Committee that: The ACA Policy and Procedures for Processing Complaints of Ethical Violations, add Section N.8: to read: Co-Chairs of the ethics committee will make a determination when an ACA member is sanctioned by a licensure/certification board to sever or suspend that member only if it is in accordance with one or more of the following, ACA Ethics Committee mission, ACA Bylaws and ACA Code of Ethics. Severance or suspension of membership will be determined on a case by case basis by the Co-Chairs. Motion passed.

Bibliometrics Task Force Motion

It was moved by Bibliometrics Task Force that: The Governing Council:

1. Direct the ACA Publications Department and Publications Committee to monitor and provide annual reports on indexing of ACA journals and issues pro and con related to indexing, such as impact factors.
 2. Direct the ACA Publications Department and Publications Committee to monitor and provide annual reports on ACA journals' respective costs, including attention to economy of scale in journal production.
 3. Stipulate sole responsibility to the ACA Publications Staff for seeking inclusion of ACA Division journals in SSCI.
 4. Stipulate joint responsibility to the ACA Publications Staff and Division journal editors and Division officials for seeking withdrawal of ACA Division journals from SSCI.
 5. Request that Division journal editors annually review and report circulation and acceptance/rejection data to the ACA Council of Editors and ACA Publications Committee.
 6. Require that Division journal editors annually review and report to the ACA Council of Editors and ACA Publications Committee on respective indexing data and any issues pro and con related to indexing, such as impact factors.
 7. Recommend that Divisions strive for a rigorous editor selection process and aspire to elect editors and editorial board members with as much experience and expertise as possible, including a significant publication record and previous editorship of a state journal or other publication. Further, that the GC Require Divisions to report annually on the expertise, diversity and related quality factors of the division journal editor and editorial board.
 8. Direct the ACA Publications Committee to collaborate with ACES and appropriate ACA and ACES entities to study and make recommendations regarding: a) how counseling faculty's publications are evaluated by chairs and deans; and b) how counselor educators can educate fellow counselor educators about communicating to their administrators the quality of their publications in ACA-sponsored journals?
- The motion was sent to Financial Affairs Committee for cost analysis.

Headquarters Lease/Purchase Report

Rich Yep provided a report on the status of the Headquarters lease/purchase option. This report is for information purpose only and does not require action by Governing Council.

Updates to the Manual of Policies and Procedures

A question was raised and answered regarding APCO. Dr. Canfield provided a history of the Alliance of Professional Counseling Organizations (APCO) and the link between ACA and other Professional Counseling Organizations.

Graduate Student Task Force Report

James Devlin the Chair of the Graduate Student Task Force shared his report that recommends the Graduate Student Task force becomes a Standing Committee.

20/20: A Vision for the Future of Counseling Update

David Kaplan provided an update on 20/20: A Vision for the Future of Counseling. Dr. Kaplan pointed out his report provided in the working papers the *Statement of Principles* that will be presented at the meeting in Honolulu for endorsement by the Delegates.

Warren Throckmorton Letters of Complaint

Dr. Canfield provided a summary of the letters of complaint and his response letter to Dr. Throckmorton. This was for information only and did not require Governing Council action.

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

The Financial Affairs Committee met on Wednesday morning to do a cost analysis of the Motions from the previous day that was referred for review.

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2. Direct the ACA Publications Department and Publications Committee to monitor and provide annual reports on ACA journals' respective costs, including attention to economy of scale in journal production.
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Motion passed. Note this will cover all journals published by all the divisions.

Counselor Pay

It was moved by D. Engels and seconded by C. Kern that: The ACA President direct the ACA Research and Knowledge Committee and Professional Standards Committee and other appropriate entities to conduct a thorough comparison study of opportunity costs (actual financial cost of education based on CACREP 2009 Standards requiring 60 credits, as well as reduced or eliminated income during the preparation process and LPC requirements for 3000 hour post-degree, extra-institutional, supervision and return on that investment (pay) for entry level counselors in various settings, and parallel costs and returns for related professions, yielding specific recommendations related to findings, aimed at pay parity for counselors.

Motion passed.

ACA Graduate Student Standing Committee

It was moved by the Graduate Student Task Force that: The ACA Governing Council creates an ACA Graduate Student Standing Committee. Motion passed.

Updates to the ACA Policies and Procedures Manual

It was moved by G. Leddick and seconded by S. Lopez-Baez to: Accept the updates to the ACA Policies and Procedures Manual. Motion passed.

2008-2009 Committee Appointments

Awards Committee

Dr. Bernadine Craft - Chair

Dr. Shannon Ray - Member

Bylaws and Policies Committee

Dr. Ed Cannon – Chair

Ms. Rachel Kristianson – Member

Ms. Janice Sims – Student Representative

Ethics Committee

Dr. Shawn L. Spurgeon – Co-Chair

Dr. Karen McCleskey – Co-Chair

Dr. Gary Goodnough – Member

Dr. Mary Kate Reese – Member

Ms. Jacqueline Swank – Student Representative

Human Rights Committee

Dr. Roman Alvarez – Chair

Dr. Phyllis Mogielski-Watson – Member

Dr. Yvonne Quintanilla – Member

Mr. Fred Theobald – Student Representative

International Committee

Dr. Jane Webber – Chair

Dr. Joy Whitman – Member

Dr. Yegan Pillay – Member

Dr. Wairimu Wanjau Mutai – Member

Dr. Bengu Erguner-Tekinalp – Member

Ms. Evadne E. Ngazimbi – Student Representative

Interprofessional Committee

Dr. Lorna Lee Anderson – Chair

Dr. Edith Carlisle – Member

Dr. Julie Day – Member

Dr. David Hargis – Member

Dr. Randyl Smith – Member

Dr. Lee Teufel – Member

Mr. Alexander Cooper – Student Representative

Professional Standards

Dr. Caroline Wilde – Chair
Dr. Teresa Coogan – Member
Dr. Adrienne Johnson – Member
Dr. Jill Onedera – Member

Public Awareness and Support Committee

Dr. Steve Guinta – Chair
Dr. Kathleen Armstrong – Member
Dr. Doreen Marshall – Member

Public Policy and Legislation Committee

Ms. Harriet Fields – Chair
Ms. Nita Jones – Member
Ms. Amy Freadling – Student Representative

Publications Committee

Dr. Lee Richmond – Chair
Dr. Paul Peluso – Member
Dr. Laura Hensley Choate – Member

Research and Knowledge Committee

Dr. Daya Singh Sandhu – Chair
Dr. Barnaby Barratt – Member
Dr. Jeff Cochran – Member
Dr. Lisa Hooper – Member
Ms. Lydia Boldt Smith – Student Representative

Ethics Appeals Panel

Dr. Joanne Jefferson – Member
Dr. Andrea Cooper – Member

PPI Limitations

It was moved by K. Brawley and seconded by S. Lopez-Baez that: The Financial Affairs Committee in conjunction with the study of motion that proposed elimination of policy for “PPI” limitations, FAC and ACA Executive Director study and make recommendations for a policy requiring the implementation of all inclusive cuts in expenses to balance to anticipated revenues without eliminations of essential services. Motion defeated.

Task Force on ACA Sponsored Insurance Program

It was moved by the Task Force on ACA Sponsored Insurance Program that: The ACA work closely and collaboratively with the ACA Insurance Trust to partner with and negotiate with the Health Providers Services Organization (HPSO) for the best possible professional liability insurance program that will Maximize the benefits to ACA members. In addition, that the Governing Council further explore ACA’s future relationship with the ACA Insurance Trust.

It was moved by J. Blundo and seconded by B. Erford to: Table the Motion from the Task Force on ACA Sponsored Insurance Program. Motion passed.

Cyber-Counseling Task Force

It was moved by C. Logan and seconded by D. Pehrsson to: Establish a Cyber-Counseling Task Force. Motion passed.

Evaluation of MSA Services

It was moved by G. Leddick and seconded by D. Pehrsson that: ACA will annually distribute an evaluation of MSA services to each Division and Region. Strengths and Growth areas will be summarized in an annual report to Governing Council. The report will include suggestions for improvement. Motion referred to Financial Affairs Committee.

Petitions for Interest Networks

Establishment of Forensic Counseling Interest Network

It was moved by M. Wakefield and seconded by C. Logan that: The Governing Council approves the establishment of Forensic Counseling Interest Network.

It was moved by C. Osborn and seconded by G. Leddick to: Table the Motion for establishment of Forensic Counseling Interest Network. Motion passed.

ACA Interest Network for Professional Counselors in Schools

This petition was tabled because it was not received 60 days prior to the Governing Council meetings as indicated in the Manual of Policies and Procedures.

ASCA Charter

It was moved by Logan and seconded by L. Severson that: A notice of intent to revoke the Charter of ASCA be submitted to ASCA due to non-compliance with ACA Bylaws.

It was moved by D. Engels and seconded by C. Rollins to: Table the Motion regarding ASCA's Charter. Motion passed.

President Canfield moved in to a Committee of the Whole to discuss the issues raised by the previous Motion. At the end of the discussion, Dr. Canfield asked for feedback from the Process Observer.

Changes to the Policy and Procedure Manual

It was moved by B. Erford and seconded by K. Duncan to: Rescinded Policy 201.2b and allow the Financial Affairs Committee to make an annual recommendation about dues increases for students, new professionals, and retired members. Motion passed.

It was moved by B. Erford and seconded by K. Duncan to: Change Policy 201.2a to read "a Recommendation for Dues increases for all member categories will be made by the Financial Affairs Committee to the ACA Governing Council for approval. This recommendation will consider market forces. Motion passed.

It was moved by B. Erford and seconded by S. Young to: Replace the final sentence of Policy 1501.7c "However, in any given year the rate of increase should not exceed the annual increase in the Producer Price Index" with "The Financial Affairs Committee will recommend a management services increase to the ACA Governing Council. These recommendations will consider Market Forces." Motion passed.

Liability Insurance

It was moved by J. Blundo and seconded by S. Vassos that: The ACA Governing Council explores all options to providing liability insurance to its members.

It was moved by B. Erford and Seconded by C. Kern that: The Motion regarding the Liability Insurance be tabled. Motion passed.

ACA Compliance with Bylaws

It was moved by C. Kern and seconded by N. Farley that: ACA Leadership and ASCA Leadership dialogue regarding specific concerns about Bylaws Compliance within the next six months to resolve concerns and report back before the next Governing Council meeting. Motion passed.

School Counseling E-Newsletters

It was moved S. Murphy and seconded by N. Jones to: Suspend planned production of electronic newsletters for counselor educators, mental health counselors, and school counselors and instead to develop e-newsletters to meet the needs and interests of ACA members that are not currently met by existing division e-newsletters. It is further moved to direct ACA staff to work with all divisions to offer the division newsletters to ACA members who are not members of those divisions. Motion referred to Financial Affairs Committee.

Strategic Planning

President Canfield moved to a committee of the whole to allow a discussion regarding the ACA Strategic Plan.

Thursday, March 27

Selection of Representative to Executive Committee and Nominations and Election Committee

Executive Committee

Division Representative – Scott Young

Region Representative – Laura Jo Severson

Nominations and Election Committee

Division Representative – Ned Farley

Region Representative – Kelley Keeney

Bylaws Compliance

It was moved C. Logan and seconded by Lopez-Baez that: President Canfield and ACA Staff conduct an audit of all Divisions documents, materials, websites, etc. to ensure compliance with ACA Bylaws, Section 2.b. The results of the audit shall be reported to the Executive Committees during the next meeting. Motion passed.

Additional Committee Appointments

It was by C. Logan and second by Lopez-Baez moved that: The following student members serve on the Graduate Student Committee:

Chair: James Devlin

Members: Allison Buller, Kathryn Henderson, Mindy Parsons, Jennifer Leslies, Greta Bardhoshi, Brandi Flamez.

It is further moved to appoint to the Financial Affair Committee: Jim Blundo and Kelly Duncan. Motion passed.

Strategic Planning Task Force

It was moved by Lopez-Baez and second by N. Farley that: The President-Elect shall appoint a representative task force composed of the necessary delegates from Governing Council, COPARC, 20/20 and the Strategic Planning Committee to draft a strategic proposal plan that focuses on the following: 1) the underlying core issues (sense of community, finances, membership development, community/collaboration; 2) the six strategic areas of focus by the Governing Council. Motion passed.

Strategic Plan

It was moved by Lopez-Baez and seconded by J. Blundo that: The Strategic Plan draft crafted by the Strategic Planning Task Force with input from ACA staff, be presented to the Governing Council for feedback, input and action by the Fall Governing Council Meeting. Motion passed.

Corporate Affiliate Reports

CACREP

Jack Culbreth, Chair, Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs; Carol Bobby, Executive Director, Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

Updates:

- Moving into the final stages of the Standards Revision to go before the board for adoption at the July Board meeting. If adopted it will go into effect July 2009.
- Project with NBCC to create an International Registry of Counseling Programs
- Introduction of Chair-Elect, Dr. Craig Cashwell

NBCC

Thomas Clawson, President and CEO of National Board for Certified Counselors
Linda Foster, Chair of the NBCC Board of Directors

Highlights of the previous year:

- Ended a 25th year of certification – 42,500 active certificants.
- Number of NCC's has risen about 1000 since last year. The affiliate organization, Center for Credentialing in Education, has more than 11,000 certificate holders.
- Advocacy role has also increased. Have legislative efforts that often coincide with ACA and seek to be corporative with joint lobbying and advocacy efforts of the profession.
- Established an office in Alexandria, VA.
- NBCC has attended or presented at numerous ACA Divisional or Branch meetings
- NBCC asked to serve as a joint and participating sponsor of three international conferences – Turkey, Italy, and Nicaragua.

- Held the first meeting of the NBCC Foundation.
- Started training for the NBCC International Mental Health Facilitator Project in connection with the World Health Organization.
- New Publication, Preventing Suicide: A Resource for Counselors. Published in conjunction with the World Health Organization

ACA Insurance Trust

Paul Nelson, Executive Director, ACA Insurance Trust, and Bernal Baca, Chair, ACA Insurance Trust.

Dr. Bacca referenced his written report provided to the Governing Council Members.

- Provide a brief history of relationship with HPSO – currently in the second year of a five-year contract.
- Opened up negotiations with HPSO. Returned a proposal that double the amount of money the Trust Receives from HPSO; free insurance for students; provided more money to pay off the loan to ACA.
- The Trust is currently at an impasse as to continue negotiations with HPSO or to invoke a 90-days clause to open to competitive insurance companies to submit bids.
- Received an unsolicited bid from another insurance company at their fall Meeting, which has been put to the side.
- Currently in a holding pattern with HPSO – neither accepting nor rejecting their proposal.

Doris Coy and Judy Lewis, ACA Past Presidents and Past Chairs of the Insurance Trust, provided statements regarding their relationship with current insurance carrier.

Following the report from the Insurance Trust, President Canfield called for a move into executive session to discuss a previous motion from the Task Force on ACA Sponsored Insurance Program, which had been tabled.

The group moved out of executive session to vote on the following motion:

It was moved by N. Jones and seconded by S. Murphy to: Approved the appointment of the Task Force on ACA Sponsored Insurance Program. ACA Insurance Trust Chair, Bernal Baca will be included on this Task Force. Motion passed.

The body moved back into executive session. Following the conclusion of executive session, the following motion was presented:

It was moved by B. Erford and seconded by S. Young to: Remove from the table the Motion presented by Task Force on ACA Sponsored Insurance Program. Motion passed.

It was by the Task Force on ACA Sponsored Insurance Program moved that: The ACA work closely and collaboratively with the ACA Insurance Trust to partner with and negotiate with the Health Providers Services Organization (HPSO) for the best possible professional liability insurance program that will Maximize the benefits to ACA members. In addition, that the Governing Council further explore ACA's future relationship with the ACA Insurance Trust.

It was moved by C. Osborn and seconded by B. Erford that: The motion from the Task Force on ACA Sponsored Insurance Program be split into two separate motions. Motion passed.

It was by the Task Force on ACA Sponsored Insurance Program moved that: The ACA work closely and collaboratively with the ACA Insurance Trust to partner with and negotiate with the Health Providers Services Organization (HPSO) for the best possible professional liability insurance program that will Maximize the benefits to ACA members. Motion passed.

It was moved that: The Governing Council explores ACA's future relationship with the ACA Insurance Trust. Motion tabled.

Region Audit

It was moved by C. Rollins and seconded by L. Bradley that: The ACA President and ACA Staff conduct an audit of all Regions documents, materials, website, etc. to ensure compliance with ACA Bylaws. The results of the audit shall be reported to the Executive Committee. Motion passed.

Branches Audit

It was moved by C. Rollins and seconded by L. Bradley that: ACA President and ACA Staff conduct an audit (Article IV, Section 2b) of all branches, documents, materials, websites, etc. to assure compliance with ACA Bylaws. The results of the audit will be reported to the Executive Committee. Motion passed.

Process Observer

Dr. Canfield asked Dr. Fenell to provided final comments regarding the meeting process.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting of the ACA Governing Council was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. on March 27, 2008.