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Governing Council Meeting July 24-26, 2014

MINUTES

The ACA Governing Council meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m., July 24, 2014 at the Hilton Hotel Mark Center in Alexandria, VA. President Robert Smith presided. Governing Council members present for all or part of the meeting were as follows:

Brian Canfield, ACA Treasurer
Judy Daniels, CSJ
Thelma Duffey, ACA President-elect
Perry Francis, ACCA
Kimberly Frazier, AMCD
Caroline Greer, NECA Observer
Sharon Guild-Stitt, ACEG
Shane Haberstroh, ACC
Ameny Harper, ALGBTIC
Dan Holdinghaus, AMHCA
Catherine Rollins, AADA
Rachel Kristianson, Western Region
Simone Lambert, IAAOC
Gerard Lawson, ACES
Lynn Linde, ACA Process Observer
Anna Flores Locke, Student Representative
Don W. Locke, ACA Parliamentarian
Niloufer Merchant, ASGW
Terry Mitchell, North Atlantic Region
Debbie Osborn, NCDA
Paul Peluso, IAMFC Observer
Dee Ray, ACAC
Chris Roseman, Midwest Region
Shari Seaver, ASCA Observer
Robert L. Smith, ACA President
Shawn Spurgeon, AARC
Melanie Drake Wallace, Southern Region
Cirecie A. West-Olatunji, ACA Past President
Carrie Wilde, ARCA
Richard Yep, ACA Chief Executive Officer

Lisa Jackson-Cherry, ASERVIC, and Michelle Perepiczka, AHC were not in attendance.

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

Deb Barnes, Chief Financial Officer
Julie Beaver, Assistant to the CEO
Carol Bobby, President and CEO, CACREP
Denise Brown, Senior Director of Membership Relations

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Holly Clubb, Director, Leadership Services
Jill Cook, Assistant Director, ASCA
Rebecca Daniel-Burke, Director, Professional Development
Sylvia Fernandez (CACREP Chair)
Robin Hayes, Senior Director, Conference Planning and Professional Education
Theresa Holmes, Manager, Meetings
David Kaplan, Chief Professional Officer
Frank Lane, Executive Director, CORE
Christie Lum, Leadership Services Coordinator
Erin Martz, Director, Ethics and Professional Standards
Carol Neiman, Retired (former ACA Deputy Director)
Sean Nixon, ACA Member
Patty Nunez, President of the Board, CORE
Howard Smith, ACA Member
Shon Smith, Chair-elect, Southern Region
Will Stroble, Director, Center for Counseling Practice, Policy, and Research
Heather Tustison, Past Chair, Western Region
Michele Wade, Ethics Specialist
Kate Williams, Secretary/Treasurer, Southern Region

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by R. Kristianson and seconded by C. Roseman to: Approve the Agenda. Motion passed.

Governance Roles and Responsibilities

Rich Yep provided a reviewed of the roles and responsibilities of Governing Council Members.

Parliamentarian Remarks and Meeting Rules

Parliamentarian Don W. Locke provided remarks and meeting rules.

Reports from Officers and CEO

The President and President-elect provided written reports in the working papers and they provided highlights. Cirecie West-Olatunji gave an oral report. Rich Yep proved the CEO Report with the use of a PowerPoint presentation. These reports were for information only and no action was required.

CACREP/CORE Report

Carol Bobby, President and CEO, CACREP and Sylvia Fernandez, Chair, CACREP, Patty Nunez, President of the Board, CORE and Frank Lane, Executive Director, CORE presented an update from CACREP and CORE.

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Financial Update

Treasurer Brian Canfield provided a PowerPoint presentation on Financial Training, highlighting the fiduciary duties and responsibility of the Governing Council.

Executive Session

Several times during the course of the meeting, the Governing Council moved into Executive Session to hold informal discussions on Framing, Discussion, and Updates of Current Issues.

Consent Agenda

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda: Committee, Task Force, Work Groups, and Planning Committee Appointments. Other amendments include: add Joy Whitman to the Professional Identity and Membership Employment Task Force; Correction to the March 2014 Minutes – Underrepresented Groups.

It was moved by G. Lawson and seconded by R. Kristianson to: Approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion passed.

The Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of the March 2014 Governing Council meeting
- Minutes of the June 2014 Executive Committee meeting
- Government Affairs agenda.

Committee, Task Force, Work Groups and Planning Committee Appointments

It was moved by G. Lawson and seconded by C. Roseman to: Remove the Nominations and Election Review Task Force from consideration, and move forward approving the remaining committees and task forces. Motion passed.

It was moved by R. Kristianson and seconded by A. Locke to: Table the discussion regarding the Nominations and Election Review Task Force. Motion passed.

It was requested that the following statement be reflected in the Minutes:

The Task force For Professional Identity and Membership Employment uses the common ground that came out of the work group and the subsequent Governing Council discussion, to collect data, look at models, gather information, and establish recommendations and a rationale for those recommendations. In order to inform our decision making on issues related to standards, accreditation, portability, licensure, credits to degree, certification, national examinations, and pathways to educate the public and our membership on these issues, this Task Force will bring recommendations and provide data and information to the Governing Council. These recommendations will be made and the information and data be brought no later than the next Governing Council meeting in Orlando.

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It was moved by G. Lawson and seconded by C. Roseman that: Consistent with our existing Governmental Affairs Agenda, the American Counseling Association endorse, support, and advocate for a path to licensure and a unifying professional identity for licensed professional counselors. Specifically we endorse and will advocate for:

- The consensus title adopted by the 20/20 initiative of *Licensed Professional Counselor*.
- The consensus scope of practice adopted by the 20/20 initiative.
- Standards that require graduation from a clinically-focused counselor preparation program accredited by a counseling accreditation body, which is in turn accredited by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Programs must include a minimum of 60 semester credits (or 90 quarter hour credits) of curricular experiences. Within those 60 semester credits (or 90 quarter hour credits), students must complete a practicum of at least 100 hours and an internship of at least 600 hours.
- A clinical mental health exam should be required for licensure as a professional counselor.

We will support a liberal grandparenting period of seven (7) years after the adoption of this language in state regulations, whereby individuals who graduated from non-accredited programs can still achieve licensure.

While we recognize that individuals who are already licensed are not affected by this change in any way, we will continue to advocate for opportunities for those who are currently licensed, but who do not meet specific practice requirements established by external organizations (e.g. TRICARE).

This advocacy will be included in the ACA Governmental Affairs Agenda as soon as is practicable.

It was moved by A. Locke to: Table the Motion. Motion passed.

ACA Elections Review Task Force

It was moved by G. Lawson and seconded by R. Kristianson to: Charge the ACA Election Review Task Force, with Thelma Duffey, Don, W. Locke, and Cirecie West-Olatunji as members to serve in an advisory capacity to the Nominations and Election Committee. The Nominations and Election Committee may consult with current ACA Nominees and general membership with regards to appropriate and effective campaign policies. Motion passed.

Minutes from the March 2014 Meeting

It was moved by A. Locke and seconded by C. Roseman that: The approval of the March 2014 Meeting Minutes be revisited given that a moratorium on Organizational Affiliates application was verbally stated at the Governing Council meeting and this was omitted from the minutes. Motion passed.

Point of clarification: Verbal statements that are part of a discussion are not included in the Minutes. Verbal statements, without a motion, second, and vote are not enforceable.

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Governing Council Work Group Reports

Members of Working Group for Strategic Initiative 2 and Strategic Initiative 6 provided reports of their activities since the March 2014 meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting of the ACA Governing Council was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.