



AMERICAN COUNSELING
ASSOCIATION

Governing Council Meeting
April 24-25, 2018
Omni Hotel at CNN Center
Atlanta, Georgia

Minutes

The ACA Governing Council meeting was called to order at 9:04am on Tuesday, April 25. President Gerard Lawson presided. Governing Council members present for all or part of the meeting were as follows:

Kent Butler, Governing Council Member, AMCD
Judy Daniels, Governing Council Member, CSJ
Suzanne Degges-White, Governing Council Member, AADA
Melanie Drake Wallace, Governing Council Member, Southern Region
Paige Dunlap, Governing Council Member, ARCA
Brad Erford, Treasurer (ex officio)
Leigh Falls Holman, Governing Council Member, IAAOC
Donna Gibson, Governing Council Member, AARC
Shane Haberstroh, Governing Council Member, ACC
Carlos Hipolito-Delgado, Parliamentarian (ex officio)
Lisa Jackson-Cherry, Governing Council Member, ASERVIC
Marty Jencius, Governing Council Member, ACES
Michele Kerulis, Governing Council Member, Midwest Region
Michael Kocet, Governing Council Member, ALGBTIC
Simone Lambert, ACA President-Elect
Gerard Lawson, ACA President
Stacey Litam, Governing Council Member, Student Representative
Lynna Meadows Morton, Governing Council Member, MGCA
Jonathan Orr, Governing Council Member, ASGW
Gray Otis, Governing Council Member, AMHCA
Diana Pals, Governing Council Member, Western Region
Sue Pressman, Governing Council Member, NECA
M.J. Raleigh, Governing Council Member, ACCA
Summer Reiner, Governing Council Member, North Atlantic Region
Catherine Roland, ACA Past President
Mark Scholl, Governing Council Member, AHC
Lisa Severy, Governing Council Member, NCDA
Elsa Soto Leggett, Governing Council Member, ACAC
Carrie Wilde, Process Observer
Richard Yep, Chief Executive Officer, ACA

Bret Hendricks, IAMFC participated in the meeting via conference call.

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

Natasha Rankin, Chief Operating Officer, ACA
Rachel Miller-Bleich, Governance Administrator, ACA
Dave Jackson, Senior Director of Finance and Administration, ACA
Tiffany Erickson, Brand & Engagement Leader, ACA
Lynn Linde, Senior Director, Center for Counseling Practice, Policy & Research, ACA
David Kaplan, Chief Professional Officer, ACA
Jon Hockman, McKinley Advisors
Kelseagh Budris, McKinley Advisors
Kat Coy, Co-Chair, ACA School Counselor Advisory Group
Seneka Arrington, Incoming Governing Council Member, NECA
Jane Rheineck, Incoming Governing Council Member, ALGBTIC
Brandé Flamez, President, IAMFC
Thelma Duffey, Treasurer Designate
Heather Trepal, Incoming President-Elect
Jyotsana Sharma, Graduate Student Assistant to President Lawson
Christian Chan, Past President, Maryland Counseling Association
Rick Gressard, Interim CEO, CACREP
Kelly Coker, CACREP Board Chair
Carl Sheperis, NBCC Interim President & CEO
Tori Torres, NBCC
Angela McDonald, AASCB
James Matta, AASCB
Melanie Popiolek, Midwest Region Chair
Hillary Press, Southern Region Chair
Mark Pope, ACA Past President

Tuesday, April 24

Approval of Agenda

- It was moved by J. Daniels and seconded by M. Jencius to approve the meeting agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Parliamentarian's Remarks

Carlos Hipolito-Delgado presented an overview of parliamentary procedure and provided guidance on ACA's rules for submitting motions.

Officer Reports

Written reports were submitted by the President, President-elect, and Past President as information in advance of the meeting. Each officer gave a brief verbal update based on what was submitted in writing.

CEO Report

CEO Richard Yep presented a verbal update on the staff's accomplishments and expected future progress in the following four focus areas/pillars:

- I. Brand and Engagement
- II. Professional Knowledge and Learning
- III. Organization/Infrastructure
- IV. Leadership and Vision

A written version was distributed to the board via ACA Connect following the presentation.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was discussed and no changes were requested.

It was moved by J. Daniels and seconded by M. Kocet to approve the consent agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Items on the Consent Agenda: Governing Council Minutes - December 19, 2017

- Governing Council Minutes - March 21, 2018
- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - October 10 2017
- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - October 24 2017
- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - November 7 2017
- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - November 21 2017
- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - December 5 2017
- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - December 19 2017
- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - January 16 2018
- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - January 30 2018
- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - February 13 2018
- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - February 27 2018
- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - March 13 2018
- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - March 27 2018
- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - April 10 2018 2018 - 2019 Committee & Task Force Appointments

Awards Committee

Committee Co-chairs: Sandra Lopez-Baez & Kat Coy

GC Liaison: Lynna Meadows Morton

Anna Koch

Fay Roseman

Jennifer Rogers

Lisa Holter

Michael Hannon

Neil Duchac

Kristian Robinson

Branch Development Committee

Committee Co-chairs: Lisa Henderson & Christian Chan

GC Liaison: Summer Reiner

Hillary Press

John Randall

Michael DeVoll

Jordan Pearce

Sadiqa Long

Sandra Kakacek

Bylaws Committee

Committee Co-chairs: John Crawford & Susan Branco

GC Liaison: Elizabeth Forsyth

Leslie Armeniox

Melisa Wheeler

Alfreda Carmichael

Megan Baker

Ethics Committee

Senior Co-chair: Kathy Ybanez-Llorente

Junior Co-Chair: Kevin Doyle

GC Liaison: Carlos Hipolito Delgado

Michelle Wade

Bret Hendericks

John Harrichand

Graduate Student Committee

Committee Co-chairs: Ariann Robino & Ashley Waddington

GC Liaison: Marty Jencius

Emily Flynn

Holly Rhode

Jo Lauren Weaver

Jose L. Tapia-Fuselier Jr.

Lisa McKenna

Shreya Vaishnav

Human Rights Committee

Committee Co-chairs: Carman Gill & Michael Chaney

GC Liaison: Jonathan Orr

Amney Harper

Andrew Campbell

Brittany Garcia

Claire Openshaw

Clark Ausloos

Daniel Gutierrez

Judy Daniels

Lawrence Hal Gerstein

Sam Steen

Susan Levine

Zoya McCants

International Committee

Committee Co-chairs: Daya Sing Sandhu & Ellen Armbruster

GC Liaison: Edil Torres Rivera

Anthony McCrovitz

Benjamin Aiken

Daniel Balva

Daniel Williamson

Jeri Ellis

Maureen Ponce

Paulina Flasch

Shirlene Augustine

Stefania Aegisdottir

Professional Standards Committee

Committee Co-chairs: Margaux Brown & Kim Tassinari

GC Liaison: Mark Scholl

Angela Catena

Claudia Hines

Cynthia Taylor

Jade Letourneau

Kerri Legette McCullough

Rosanne Nunnery

Sarah Zalewski

Public Policy & Legislation Committee

Committee Co-chairs: Patty Nunez & Audrey Elion

GC Liaison: Michele Kerulis

Candice Jackson Ashburn

Duane France

Elisabeth Liles

Laura Thompson

Nikia Collins

Wilma Rivera

Diana Pals

Janelle Bettis

Publications Committee

Committee Chair: Shedeh Tavakoli

GC Liaison: Gerard Lawson

Kirk Bowden

Rhemma Payne

Catherine Roland

Research & Knowledge Committee

Committee Co-chairs: Sejal Barden & Franco Dispenza

GC Liaison: Donna Gibson

Amanda Rumsey

Beverly Smith

Christopher Pisarik

Kathryn Miller

Nils J. Palma

Nina Martin

Stephanie Dailey

Ethics Appeal Panel

Chair: Judith Miranti

GC Liaison: Elizabeth O'Brien

Michael Kocet

Hannah Bayne

Jennifer Williamson

Nominations and Elections Committee

Beverly O'Bryant

Financial Affairs Committee

Thelma Duffey

Compensation Committee

Chair/GC Liaison: Paige Dunlap

Lisa Severy

Elizabeth Forsyth

Audit Committee

Chair/GC Liaison: Jane Rheineck

Kent Butler

Najah Barton

Presidential Initiative – Promoting Mental Health and Averting Addiction through Prevention Strategies

Dee Ray (chair)

Matthew Truelove-Lemberger

Emily Goodman Scott

Michele Kielty

Maureen Kenny

Erin Morpeth

Kristie Opiola

Leigh Holman (GC liaison)

Counselor Compensation Task Force:

Sue Pressman (chair)

Angie Anderson

Catherine Eaton

Michael Lazarchick

Karol Taylor

William “Bill” Fenson

Melanie Drake Wallace (GC Liaison)

Parity Task Force:

Gray Otis (co-chair)

Rita Westermann-Bolton (co-chair)

J. Shannon Hodges

Allison Arnekrans

Jeremy Enzor

James Ruby

Anne Brainerd Marko

Thomas Templeton

Tara Wilson

Jordanna Saunders

Seneka Arrington (GC Liaison)

Portability Task Force:

Shane Haberstroh (chair)

Thelma Duffey

Robert Smith

Sandra Kakacak

Judy Daniels

MJ Raleigh (GC liaison)

Cultural Encounters Task Force:

Kent Butler (chair)
Harriet Glosoff
Farah Ibrahim
Dannette Gomez Beane
Monica Band
Cheryl Holcomb-McCoy
Rafe McCullough
A'tasha Christian
Stacey A. Litam (GC Liaison)

Crisis, Disaster, and Trauma Counseling Task Force

Stephanie Dailey (co-chair)
Casey Barrio Minton (co-chair)
Stephen Lenz (Resources Work Group Lead)
Anita Jones
Laura Shannonhouse
Marcela Kepic
Mark Stebnicki
Rachael Goodman
Seth Hayden
Jean LaFauci Schutt
Laura Land
Erin Binkley
Paul Peluso (GC Liaison)

- Approval of Treasurer, Parliamentarian & Process Observer

2018-2019 (Appointed by Simone Lambert)

- Parliamentarian: Judy Daniels
- Process Observer: Niloufer Merchant

2019-2020 (Appointed by Heather Trepal)

- Treasurer: Thelma Duffey
- Motion from Human Rights Committee on Women and Harassment
Resolution on Mental Healthcare and Advocacy Focused on Gender-Based Harassment among Girls and Women

The American Counseling Association (ACA) stands with girls and women who experience gender-based harassment including sexual and physical abuse, exploitation, and gender inequality. ACA recognizes that gender-based harassment is unjust and violates the human rights of girls and women. ACA supports the use of culturally-responsive mental health support and advocacy for girls and women who are survivors of gender-based harassment. Further, ACA stands in solidarity with the United Nations and its

work to promote gender equality and globally prevent gender-based harassment.

Harassment involves any type of unwanted or agitating actions or behaviors of one individual or group directed toward another person or group, which may lead to fear and distress. Sexual harassment includes unwanted sexual advances, demands for sexual requests, and verbal and physical harassment framed in sexual behavior. Recently, public awareness of the influence and prevalence of sexual harassment in the lives of girls and women has increased. Specifically, one in two women experience some type of sexual harassment or unwanted sexual behavior in her lifetime. In the workplace, an estimated 25% of women experience sexual harassment. One out of six American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime. Younger girls and women (12-34 years) are at highest risk of sexual violence. Female survivors represent 82% of all juvenile rapes and 90% of adult rapes.

Though greater visibility has been given to sexual harassment among girls and women, the psychological consequences associated with this type of harassment continues to be a major mental health issue that affects many individuals, groups, and communities. Girls and women who have experienced some form of sexual harassment are at increased risk for post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and suicidality, substance use disorders, poor work and academic performance, and interpersonal relationship difficulties. As a result, preventing sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment, and promoting gender equality have been highlighted as top-priority issues by the United Nations. Moreover, the United Nations has developed a set of Millennium Development Goals, one of which is focused on achieving gender equality and empowering all girls and women. This goal underscores the discrimination and violence towards girls and women that is perpetuated throughout the world. According to the United Nations, "Gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world."

The eviscerating impact of sexual harassment, if left untreated, can be incapacitating. Therefore, well-trained counselors are in an excellent position to respond to the resultant deleterious mental health consequences associated with sexual harassment in the lives of girls and women. ACA is committed to promote counselor competence as it pertains to access to and delivery of culturally-responsive care for all girls and women who have been negatively affected by sexual harassment regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, culture, physical ability, age, sexual or affectional identity, and socio economic status.

The ACA and its members stand in solidarity with counselors in schools, agencies, and other work settings who counsel and advocate on behalf of all people who have been directly or indirectly affected by sexual harassment, exploitation, abuse, and gender-based inequality. The ACA and its members

are dedicated to creating safe spaces for those impacted by adverse treatment and establish opportunities for ongoing culturally-responsive counselor training and effective counseling services that directly address these issues. The ACA and its members pledge to advocate on behalf of and with girls and women who experience these issues by working to remove barriers, promoting equality, and increase access to mental health care.

Based on the aforementioned, be it resolved that ACA staff and leadership team in conjunction with the Executive Committee will assess which of the following specific actions will be feasible for the organization to do over the next 18-24 months:

That the ACA charge a specific group/taskforce of volunteer leaders to develop culturally-responsive competencies for counseling girls and women who are survivors of gender-based harassment;

That the ACA promote the use of school and clinical mental health counselors, college counselors, and other professional counselors working with girls and women as primary stakeholders in gender-based harassment prevention, treatment, and advocacy;

That the ACA supports and initiates short- and long-term actions that promote awareness of gender-based harassment including, but not limited to, articles in Counseling Today, podcasts, webinars, and continuing education opportunities.

Motion from Human Rights Committee on Trauma

- The Human Rights Committee moved that Governing Council adopt the following resolution:

Resolution on Trauma-focused Mental Health Care and Advocacy

The American Counseling Association (ACA) stands in alliance with individuals who have experienced some form of trauma and recognizes that feeling safe from trauma is a basic human right. Further, ACA supports the use of trauma-focused mental health support and advocacy for individuals, groups, and communities negatively influenced by trauma.

Trauma is any event or experience that leads to extreme emotional distress or psychological impairment. Trauma can be the result of discrimination and prejudice, bullying, oppression, physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, natural disasters, institutional policies that disenfranchise, vicarious and historical trauma, violence, and war. Public awareness of the impact of trauma has increased in recent years; however the psychological ramifications of trauma continues to be a major mental health issue that affects many individuals, groups, and communities. Moreover, trauma has been underscored as a top-priority public health threat by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The debilitating impact of trauma, if left untreated, is even more devastating. Counselors are

increasingly being called upon to deal with individuals, groups, and communities who have experienced various forms of trauma. Well-trained counselors are in an excellent position to respond to the causes of trauma and the resultant deleterious mental health consequences associated with traumatic events.

Albeit anyone can experience trauma, women, children, and adolescents are particularly vulnerable to traumatic events, which can have lasting and lifelong consequences if it is not addressed or is treated ineffectively. Therefore, ACA is committed to promote counselor competence as it pertains to access to and delivery of trauma-focused care for all individuals, groups, and communities who have been negatively affected by trauma regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, culture, physical ability, age, sexual or affectional identity, and socio economic status.

The ACA and its members stand in solidarity with counselors in schools, agencies, and other work settings who counsel and advocate on behalf of all people who have been directly or indirectly affected by trauma. The ACA and its members are dedicated to creating safe spaces for those impacted by trauma and for establishing opportunities for ongoing culturally-responsive trauma-focused counselor training. The ACA and its members pledge to advocate on behalf of and with those individuals, groups, and communities who experience trauma via removing barriers to access to trauma-focused mental health care.

Resources for Counselors:

Counseling Today (ct.counseling.org), an official publication of the American Counseling Association has published several articles highlighting trauma and its care including, but not limited to:

- “Informed by Trauma” by Laurie Meyers
- “The Toll of Childhood Trauma” by Laurie Meyers
- “The Transformative Power of Trauma” by Jonathan Rollins

The American Counseling Association has produced a number of trauma-related webinars, which can be accessed at aca.digitelline.com/aca including, but not limited to:

- “ABCs of Trauma” with A. Stephen Lenz
- “Children and Trauma” with Kimberly N. Frazier
- “Traumatic Stress and Marginalized Groups” with Cirecie A. West-Olatunji

The American Counseling Association has established a Traumatology Interest Network (counseling.org/aca-community/aca-groups/interest-networks).

The American Counseling Association offers trauma and disaster mental health training (<https://www.counseling.org/knowledge-center/trauma-disaster>).

Competencies for Counselors and Related Helping Professionals:
The American Psychological Association developed Trauma Competencies for helping professionals. Acquisition of these core competencies is necessary for all trauma-related clinical work. Five broad competencies were delineated within this model including:

- Scientific knowledge about trauma
- Psycho-social trauma-focused assessment
- Trauma-informed professionalism
- Trauma-focused psychosocial intervention
- Trauma informed relational and systems

To access the complete text of Trauma Competencies go to the following link:<https://www.apa.org/ed/resources/trauma-competencies-training.pdf>

- Revision to Policy 407.2 Eligibility Criteria to Run for President-elect
 - It was moved by the Nominations & Elections Committee, that the Governing Council revise Policy 407.2 Qualification for President-elect Candidates by adding a new criterion #5 under section A. Requirements of President-elect, "Has not previously served as President of the American Counseling Association.
- Motion to Approve FY2017 Audit & Final FY2017 Audit Report
 - It was moved by the Audit Committee that the Governing Council approve the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2017 as provided by RSM US LLP.
- Acceptance of Reports:
 - Bylaws Committee Report
 - Crisis Preparedness and Trauma Counseling Task Force Report
 - Cultural Encounters Task Force Annual Report 2017-2018
 - Ethics Committee Report
 - Graduate Student Committee Report
 - International Committee Report
 - Professional Standards Committee Report
 - Public Policy and Legislation Committee Report
 - Publications Committee Report
 - Research and Knowledge Committee Report

This ends the consent agenda.

Report from the Audit Committee

Kent Butler reported on the activities of the Audit Committee, which included the acceptance of the FY2017 audit report. The auditors gave a clean opinion, demonstrating that ACA has proper internal controls and processes in place.

- It was moved by K. Butler on behalf of the Audit Committee to approve the FY2017 ACA Financial Audit Report. MOTION CARRIED.

Report of the Nominations & Elections Committee

- It was moved by the Nominations & Elections Committee, that Governing Council approve S. Kent Butler, Judy Daniels, Brandé Flamez and Sue Pressman as candidates to run for 2019-2020 ACA President-Elect. MOTION CARRIED.

Report of the Publications Committee

Catherine Roland presented the Publications Committee's submission of two candidates for the Governing Council's consideration to select the JCD Editor-elect. The candidates submitted in ranked order were:

1. Matthew Lemberger-Truelove
2. Joshua C. Watson

Concerns were raised regarding why the Publications Committee's recommendation did not include the other two applicants for the position. It was noted that the committee submitted its recommendation in accordance with internal policy and past practice, which limited it to presenting two names for consideration to Governing Council. The Governing Council considered the implications of the current practice and discussed potential solutions moving forward to ensure greater transparency in the vetting and selection process.

- It was moved by K. Butler and seconded by J. Daniels to appoint Matthew Lemberger-Truelove as JCD Editor-elect (2018-2019). MOTION CARRIED.

Report of the Ethics Committee

- It was moved by the Ethics Committee to adopt the new policy titled *Alignment of Entity Codes of Ethics with ACA Code of Ethics*:

The ACA Code of Ethics is the ethics code for the counseling profession. In cases where any entity chartered by ACA chooses to develop a code of ethics specific to their function, that code must be aligned with, and not in conflict with, all statements within the ACA Code of Ethics.

When an entity revises a code of ethics, the revised document shall be submitted to the ACA Ethics Committee for review to determine alignment with the ACA Code of Ethics. The ACA Ethics Committee shall forward their review to the ACA Governing Council. Any such revision cannot take effect until approved by the American Counseling Association Governing Council.

In order to promote the alignment of the entity codes of ethics with the ACA Code of Ethics, the ACA Ethics Committee will review 1/3 of all existing entity codes each year until all entity codes have been reviewed. With the release of a new version of the ACA Code of Ethics, the review process will begin again as described above. If the review determines that any sections are out of compliance with the ACA Code of Ethics, those sections will be immediately deemed unenforceable, and the entity will have one year to revise its code to comply with the ACA Code of Ethics. MOTION CARRIED.

Informal Sessions

The Governing Council moved to informal sessions to discuss licensure portability and state compact options and to finalize work related to the strategic plan.

Approval of the Strategic Plan

Upon reconvening in formal session, President Lawson presented a motion for the Governing Council's consideration to formally approve the new strategic plan that was accepted by the board in the earlier informal session.

- J. Daniels made a motion, seconded by M. Drake Wallace That Governing Council adopt the newly revised, Mission, Vision, Values and Strategic Goals and Objectives as outlined in the 2018-2021 ACA Strategic Plan. MOTION CARRIED.

Financial Affairs Committee Report

Treasurer Brad Erford presented an update on ACA's current financial position for FY2018.

Treasurer Erford and Treasurer-Designate Thelma Duffey presented an overview of the proposed budget package for FY2019, as vetted and recommended by the Financial Affairs Committee (FAC).

To meet the ACA's desired goals and budgetary objectives, the FAC recommended a dues increase. Per, ACA Policy 201.3 all dues increased must be approved by the Governing Council based on the recommendation of the FAC.

- It was moved by the Financial Affairs Committee, that Governing Council increase membership dues for Fiscal Year 2019 by \$6 for Regular and Professional members and \$3 for Student, New Professional, New Professional 2 and Retiree members. MOTION CARRIED.

In addition to the approved member dues increase, the FY19 budget assumes:

- A \$7 increase in conference registration for Professional and Regular members.
- A \$3 increase in conference registration for Student and New Professional members.
- An increase of \$0.50 per member for division managed service agreement fees.
- An increase of \$2.50 per member for division journal processing fees.

- It was moved by the Financial Affairs Committee that the Governing Council adopt the Fiscal Year 2019 proposed budget reflecting \$13,662,637 in Operating Net Revenues, \$13,656,550 in Operating Expenses, and excess Operating Net Revenues over Operating Expenses of \$6,087. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting recessed for the day at 5:10pm.

Wednesday, April 25

Call to Order

President Lawson called the second day of the Governing Council meeting to order at 9:06am on Wednesday, April 25.

Informal Session

The Governing Council moved to an informal session to participate in a prioritization exercise related to the newly adopted strategic plan.

Executive Session

The Governing Council moved to executive session to discuss how to provide increased transparency in financial and budget reporting.

No actions were taken in Executive Session.

Recommendation Regarding Policy 301.7

- It was moved by J. Daniels and seconded by S. Lambert, that POLICY 301.7 – POLICY AND ROLE ON NON-CONSENSUS SOCIAL ISSUES OF CONSCIENCE be revised and the new policy is:

Having respect for the individual's values and integrity in no way restricts us as individuals from finding legitimate avenues to express and support our views to others, who decide and make policy around these issues. To this end, it will be ACA Governing Council policy to encourage its members to find and use every legitimate means to examine, discuss, and share their views on such matters within the Association. We also endorse the member's right to support social, political, religious, and professional action groups whose values and positions on such issues are congruent with their own. Through such affiliations, every member has an opportunity to participate in the shaping of government policies which guide public action.

To truly celebrate our diversity, we must be united in our respect for the differences in our membership. To this end, the role of the Association in such matters is to support the rights of members to hold contrary points of views, to provide forums for developing understanding and consensus building, and to maintain equal status and respect for all members and groups within the organization.

The American Counseling Association engages in advocacy efforts that are congruent with our ethical guidelines, core values, mission, vision, and strategic plan, which includes advocating for professional counselors, the counseling profession, human

rights, and social justice issues. In doing so, the American Counseling Association advocates for the promotion of mental health and wellness among clients and communities. The Governing Council selects advocacy issues to educate ACA members and the public on related evidence-based and practical strategies.
MOTION CARRIED.

Archiving Governing Council Actions

- It was moved by M. Kocet, and seconded by S. Pressman, that The ACA Governing Council is the official governing body of the association. The motions approved by this body need transparent and consistent dissemination to the general membership and stakeholders of the association. ACA will create a digital/online repository of all GC motions approved by past, current, and future councils. This digital/online repository will be located on a prominent/visible location on the ACA website, in a clearly identified category for easy accessibility. Motions will be recorded in the online repository by categories determined by staff (i.e. budget/financial, advocacy, etc.). The repository will include information such as the dates motions were approved, the subject of the motion, and the language of the original motion.
- It was moved by C. Roland and seconded by E. Soto Leggett, to amend the language of the motion as follows:
 - In the sentence beginning “Motions will be recorded in the online repository,” strike “will” and replace with “may.”
 - In the statement in parentheses replace i.e. with e.g.MOTION CARRIED.
- It was moved by C. Roland and seconded by E. Soto Leggett to amend the motion to include at the end, the following statement: “The repository will include motions dating back to 1952.”
MOTION CARRIED.
- The ACA Governing Council is the official governing body of the association. The motions approved by this body need transparent and consistent dissemination to the general membership and stakeholders of the association. ACA will create a digital/online repository of all GC motions approved by past, current, and future councils. This digital/online repository will be located on a prominent/visible location on the ACA website, in a clearly identified category for easy accessibility. Motions will may be recorded in the online repository by categories determined by staff (e.g budget/financial, advocacy, etc.). The repository will include information such as the dates motions were approved, the subject of the motion, and the language of the original motion. The repository will include motions dating back to 1952. MOTION CARRIED.

Report of the Professional Standards Committee

- It was moved by the Professional Standards Committee that Governing Council endorse the proposed Counselor Education and Supervision Training Clinic Guidelines as submitted by the Professional Standards Committee in response to the need for standardized training clinic standards across counselor education programs. MOTION CARRIED.

Strategies to Support Efforts Against Gun Violence & Other Follow-up

- It was moved by J. Daniels and seconded by L. Falls Holman that Governing Council adopt the following statement resolution:

Given that the American Counseling Association (ACA) has signed on in support of the Call for Action to Prevent Gun Violence in the United States of America by the Interdisciplinary Group on Preventing School and Community Violence (February 28, 2018) (statement located at <https://curry.virginia.edu/prevent-gun-violence>), it is moved that the ACA staff in conjunction with the Executive Committee, examine five of the eight strategies (listed below) that relate to counseling and propose how ACA can actively respond to and support these action strategies. Some examples of how this can be accomplished are to develop taskforces and/or volunteer leadership initiatives, articles in the CT, position papers, supporting legislation, and any other strategies that are appropriate and feasible.

1. A national requirement for all schools to assess school climate and maintain physically and emotionally safe conditions and positive school environments that protect all students and adults from bullying, discrimination, harassment, and assault;
2. (Not counseling related)
3. Adequate staffing (such as counselors, psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers) of coordinated school- and community-based mental health services for individuals with risk factors for violence, recognizing that violence is not intrinsically a product of mental illness;
4. Reform of school discipline to reduce exclusionary practices and foster positive social, behavioral, emotional, and academic success for students;
5. (Not counseling related)
6. A national program to train and maintain school- and community-based threat assessment teams that include mental health and law enforcement partners. Threat assessment programs should include practical channels of communication for persons to report potential threats as well as interventions to resolve conflicts and assist troubled individuals;

7. Removal of legal barriers to sharing safety-related information among educational, mental health, and law enforcement agencies in cases where a person has threatened violence;

8. (Not counseling related)

MOTION CARRIED Partner Presentations

Updates from the following ACA Partners were presented:

- CACREP Update | Rick Gressard & Kelly Coker
- NBCC Update | Carl Sheperis and Tori Torres
- AASCB Update | Angela McDonald & James Matta

Informal Session

The Governing Council moved to informal session to receive an update on the ACA/ASCA New Collaborative Partnership, to discuss a membership focus for all counselors and to discuss recent requests to establish new Interest Networks for Integrated Care and Yoga/CAM.

Selection of Governing Council Representatives to Committees

Executive Committee

Division – Donna Gibson

Division – Paige Dunlap

Region – Michele Kerulis

Under-Represented Groups – Elsa Soto Leggett

Nominations and Elections Committee

Division – Jonathan Orr

Region – Melanie Drake Wallace

Financial Affairs Committee

Division – Marty Jencius

Region – Summer Reiner

Adjournment

There being no further business, the April 2018 meeting of the ACA Governing Council was adjourned at 5:11pm.

Approved by the Governing Council, July 9, 2018.