



Mississippi Counseling Association
A Branch of American Counseling Association
Serving Mississippi since 1950

MCA
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ELECTION SPECIAL EDITION 2016

MCA Officer Candidate Process:

This year we are voting on candidates for **President Elect-Elect** and **Treasurer**.

- The **President Elect** is responsible for coordinating conference programs and has the opportunity to shadow the President and Strategic Planning Committee in order to learn the role and continue the forward progress towards MCA's mission and goals.
- The **Treasurer** works closely with the Executive Director and accountant to manage the day to day checks and balances of MCA finances. This position requires a good mind for detail and numbers.

Below is the process that candidates will follow for the election.

- Candidates are to make their OWN election poster, mounted on foam board. Size: No larger than 16"x16"
- Bring candidate boards Wednesday 11/04 to display on an easel in the main lobby, near voting station. NOTE: Posters are the responsibility and at the expense of the candidate, not MCA.
- Contact Lynn Etheridge, Election Committee Chair, for information related to Officer elections and voting at: lynthridge41@gmail.com

Now for a look at this year's candidates!

THE COMPASS

Candidate for President Elect-Elect

Douglas Copeland



Doug Copeland has a BS in Psychology with a minor in English from Mississippi College; an M Ed/EdS in School Counseling from Mississippi College. He has post graduate studies at Mississippi State University in Education Leadership.

Doug is in his 29th year in education. He taught diploma-bound IDEA students at Clinton High School from 1988-1992, He has been a school counselor at FMS since 1992. Doug has been selected twice in 24 years as Educator of the Month for the Rankin County School District. He also obtained his National Board Certified Counselor in July 2000 and National Board Certified School Counselor in July 2000. Doug is the first male

school counselor in Mississippi to achieve this. In the fall of 2000, he was chosen by the Department of Counselor Education of Mississippi College as the recipient of the Charles Scott Scholarship, presented in November 2000 at MCA.

Doug has served in various positions with Mississippi Counseling Association, serving on the Executive Board, Emerging Leaders, Co-chair of Exhibits and Vendors, and Registration.

Doug has also been active served in various positions with Mississippi School Counselor Association including Middle School VP (3 times in 24 years), President-Elect 2013-14, President 2014-15. He represented Mississippi School Counselors at National conferences in Philadelphia, PA (2013) and Orlando, FL (2014). Over his many years of service, Doug has also served on various Leadership Teams with the Mississippi Department of Education where he made numerous trips to the Gulf Coast and surrounding areas during the Katrina Crisis. Most recently Doug served as Co-Chair of School Crisis – Prevention and Intervention. Doug was also a Charter member of MCPAC has been active with MCPAC since its infancy.

Candidate for President Elect-Elect

Joshua Magruder



Josh Magruder, PhD, LPC-S, NCC, has been a member of MCA since 2007 and has been an active presenter, ILT attendee, and leader in the organization. Josh's leadership with MCA started in 2012 with the Governmental Relations Committee. He was an MCA Emerging Leader in 2014.

Josh attended The University of Mississippi for his Master and Doctoral Programs. In the past, he worked as a Staff Counselor at The University of Mississippi Counseling Center, a career counselor, and a play therapist at a non-profit and for the Lafayette County Schools. Josh works as a Counselor Educator at The University of Mississippi and works with clients through the Department's clinic.

Josh currently serves as the president of the Mississippi Licensed Professional Counselor Association (MLPCA) and serves on MCA's Ethic Committee. His current leadership focus is the growth of MCA, its Divisions, Regions, and Interest Groups. He wants to focus on bridging the gap between professional and personal growth for all counselors practicing in this great state. Josh believes that the counseling community of Mississippi requires a great network of professionals and a place to learn and grow through conferences, meetings, and self-care opportunities.

Josh knows that MCA is the organization to find continuing education, professional growth, and other great professionals to not only consult, but to find lasting friendships. His goal is to continue this tradition of professional and personal relationships within the state organization and to expand the membership and advocacy power of MCA – a goal that is paramount to this profession in Mississippi.

Candidate for Treasurer

Dr. Darren Wozny



Dr. Darren A. Wozny is a Professor of Counselor Education at MSU-Meridian. Dr. Wozny has taught at MSU-Meridian for 15 years and counseling courses include: Counseling Skills; Counseling Children; Cultural Foundations; Developmental Counseling; Family Counseling; Facilitative Skills; Legal and Ethical Issues; Crisis Counseling; Intro to Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and Research Techniques. Dr. Wozny has had the most publications in ACA VISTAS for the past several years. Dr. Wozny has published over 28 peer-reviewed articles and has given over 125 peer-reviewed presentations and professional workshops at local, state, regional, and national organizational levels. Dr. Wozny was the principal investigator (PI) and program director of the MSU-Meridian Campus Suicide Prevention Program that had been funded by two three-year SAMHSA federal grants for \$326,727 from 2006 to 2012. Dr. Wozny received the 2009 Professional Development Award from the American Counseling Association for his professional work in developing the MSU-Meridian Suicide Prevention Program. Dr. Wozny is past treasurer for MCA, past president of MACES, and has presented workshops annually at MCA for the past 14 years.

Dr. Wozny received his B.A. (Psychology - Advanced; University of Manitoba), M.A. (Counselor Education/Marriage and Family Therapy - University of Louisiana at Monroe), and Ph.D. (Human Development and Family Studies with Specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy - Iowa State University).

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Dr. Darren A. Wozny is married to Dr. Cheryl A. Wozny and they reside in Meridian, Mississippi.

WHY YOUR BADGE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DOCUMENT YOU WILL HAVE AT CONFERENCE

BIG CHANGES FOR CEUS AND CONTACT HOURS. MCA recently changed the way attendance is counted for CEUS and CES. Our association moved to electronic tracking for credit. Your badge will contain a QR Code that is unique to you. This code will track which content sessions you went to and how long you stayed. More importantly we will have an accurate record of attendance for NBCC and Mississippi College. These records can be easily accessed if you lose your certificate or transcript.

IN ORDER TO GET CREDIT YOU MUST BE IN A SESSION 90% OF THE ALLOTTED TIME.

Your badge will be scanned in and out of each session.

If you must leave the session for any reason you will scan out and then back in and then out at the conclusion of the session.

MCA has an app that you can download next week and plan your schedule.

Evaluations can be completed two ways.

Use your phone or tablet to complete the evaluation while you are in the session or

Complete the survey evaluation that is sent to you on Survey Monkey

Once evaluations are completed and the files are double checked you will be emailed a certificate of attendance with the total hours earned and a transcript listing all the sessions you attended.

Finally, your badge will have a unique badge # that will serve as door prize numbers.

At the conclusion of the Opening General Session, the Awards Luncheon and Closing General Session we will have our computer to generate a random list of numbers. If you win at one session that does not preclude you from winning at another door prize opportunity. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.

CHANGE IS ALWAYS STRESSFUL. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THOSE SCANNING ARE MCA VOLUNTEERS AND FOLLOWING THE TRAINING THEY RECEIVED.

YOU MUST WEAR YOUR BADGE AT ALL TIMES

Conference Reminder

Don't forget to renew your membership. If you have pre-registered for the MCA Fall Conference, your membership needs to be current at the time of the conference. If it is not, you will have to pay your membership fee prior to picking up your registration packet.

Felder Resolution

To be voted on at conference

Whereas, Dr. Charles Felder was born October 8, 1932 in Pike County, Mississippi to Edward S. Felder and Carrie Mae Spence Felder;

Whereas, Dr. Charles Felder served in the U. S. Army from 1957 to 1959;

Whereas, Dr. Charles Felder was a devoted son, husband, father, and grandfather;

Whereas, Dr. Charles Felder graduated from Carter's Creek High School, Southwest Mississippi Junior College, Mississippi College, and the University of Southern Mississippi where he earned a Doctorate of Education Degree in School Administration; and

Whereas, Dr. Charles Felder served 54 years in public and private education serving as a teacher, coach, school counselor, elementary school principal, junior high principal, high school principal, and college professor at Mississippi College, Clinton, MS;

Whereas, Dr. Charles Felder was active in Mississippi Counseling Association, Mississippi School Counseling Association, and The William Glasser Institute; and

Now Therefore, Be it resolved that on this day, November 3, 2016, be known as Dr. Charles Felder Day at the Fall Conference of the Mississippi Counseling Association.

The Compass, Fall 2016

Article Submission Deadlines

Publication Date: December 10, 2016

Editorial content and photos due

November 30, 2016

Email to susan@nonprofit-growth.com

Why A Dues Increase Is Necessary

Dear MCA Members:

We have checked records as far back as 1999 and cannot find where MCA had a dues increase of any kind. That was more than 18 years ago. As you are aware the dollars you spent in 1999 will not buy as much today in 2016. While our membership prices remained the same the costs of servicing members has increased. Today MCA has two employees, who are necessary to keep conferences, CEUs, taxes, banking and technology up to date. We have Regions and Divisions hosting workshops and we must keep accurate records of any contact hours earned. MCA does not charge for CEs earned at fall conference whereas other states and national associations do. Our website and data systems cost an average of \$300 per month and that does not include any extras we request from the company. Technology to keep up with CEs cost us \$5,000.00 per year.

Convention costs have also increased. Just using a convention center (something we must have) costs between \$20,000 to \$40,000. Providing laptops and mics in the breakout rooms and general session areas generally run \$16,000 to \$25,000. Food is our biggest expense and we budgeted \$67,000 for this year and each year food costs increase. We are one of the few states that still provide a meal and beverage breaks included in our conference registration fee. Other states in the Southern Region charge \$35 to \$40 per food event. Even water is not free; we are charged \$25 for each gallon of water we drink at break stations and \$42 for each gallon of coffee. The \$150 early bird rate for members barely covers the costs involved with attendance at the conference. MCA believes that the conference is a member benefit and cannot in good conscious ask for another increase in conference fees.

Thus it falls to membership to pick up the costs of running MCA as a professional organization. MCA is asking for an increase of \$25.00 for regular membership bringing regular dues to \$125 and \$10 for retired membership bringing retired dues to \$50.

Jayne Sullivan
MCA President

Carolyn Anderson
MCA Executive Director