



Mississippi Counseling Association
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MCA
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MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

I would like to take time to thank you for allowing me to serve as your MCA president from July 2015 through June 2017. When I was elected, I did not know my term would be in place a year before scheduled. I would like to take time to thank all individuals that worked hard to plan, organize, serve as leaders of regions, divisions and committees in our organization. I would like to thank all the volunteers that worked under the leaders to provide our membership with learning opportunities, presentations, and served as representatives of our profession in your communities. I would like to thank members of the administrative councils, strategic planning committees and the executive boards that served during my presidency. I would like to thank Carolyn Anderson and Susan Nicolais for their devotion to MCA and for their professionalism that promoted the issues we addressed during this time.

During my term, we were finally able to see the addition for Licensed Professional Counselors added to the provider list of Medicaid for Children. The devoted team of counselors and our lobbyist with Capitol Resources worked endless hours on this victory for the children of Mississippi. All should be very thankful to those that work on this task. School counselors in Mississippi had senate bill 2423 that updated the original statute that defined the qualifications and the role of counselors in Mississippi. The original statute was created by a few members of MCA and Janie Rugg, the executive director at that time. What many of you did not know is that we had a statute in place. Senate bill 2423 updated the statute. When statutes are reopened in many cases there are unintended consequences as was in this statute.



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THE COMPASS

MEMBER-GET-A-MEMBER MARKETING CAMPAIGN

One of my goals as MCA President is to increase membership. To help with that, MCA is launching a new member recruitment plan, where we ask members to help recruit new members. The member-get-a-member campaign will allow members to be entered into a drawing for either a free membership or registration to Fall Conference. One of each prize will be given.

The campaign works this way. For every 3 members a current member recruits, the member's name will go into a drawing. For example, if you recruit 3 new members your name goes in once; 6 new members and your name goes in twice. The more you recruit; the more your name goes in the drawing.

Please help MCA grow by participating in the member-get-a-member campaign. Who knows, you could be one of the winners. An application is included in the newsletter for you to use.



Kim Hall, PhD, LPC-S, NCSC
MCA President

CONTRIBUTING AUTHORS WANTED

The Compass is searching for individuals who are interested in writing articles for the newsletter. If you are interested in contributing your expertise through an article, please contact Susan Nicolais at susan@nonprofit-growth.com. Thanks for your help!

MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

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I appreciate the many dedicated counselors that have worked hard to address these issues. It is important for each of you to know the history of our profession.

We would like to invite all counselors to join our association. This is a changing time in the field of counseling, both in our state and the nation. Together we can focus on promoting counseling in our nation. We are pleased to have a strong network of counselors to support our new counselors and to work through the changes in our field. We encourage each of you to become engaged in some areas of our organization. We would like to extend a special welcome to our new members. Take advantage of the learning opportunities presented and take time to network with other counselors. The Power in Professional Counseling Relationships

Jayne Sullivan, NCC, NCSC, LPC

MCA OFFICE

MCA is currently very fortunate to have an executive director and a Program Administrator to serve our members. These two positions are part time positions. Both individuals are dedicated to serving our members and work more than a part time position. With all the changes in our profession and with the added requirements for professional development the demands on our office are growing. I would like to ask you to go online and make sure all your information is correct in our database. This is our best way to communicate with members accurately and timely. As we move forward in supplying hours to be used for CEU and CE credit it is imperative that we have updated information. Please take the time to go to the websites of all organizations you report and make sure when you are securing CE and CEU credit that you are aware of all the changes.

Jayne Sullivan, NCC, NCSC, LPC

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

July 8 - 11, 2017, ASCA
Conference, Denver, CO

October

October 17, 2017 Cut-off
date for hotel reserva-
tions for MCA Fall Con-
ference

November

November 8 - 10, 2017
MCA Annual Fall Confer-
ence, Tupelo, MS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOB OPENINGS

Water Valley High School is currently in search of a guidance counselor. Applications can be found on their website at www.wvsonline.com.

LETTER FROM ACA

Dear MCA Members,

In his newly released budget proposal, President Trump called for the elimination of the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Program in its entirety. This is the only federally funded program that directly supports school counselors and the great work they do. President Trump's budget also calls for elimination of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program. This program allowed anyone holding a public service job to have the remainder of their student loans forgiven after they made 120 monthly payments. This program was used extensively by mental health and school counselors across the country.

Your ACA Government Affairs team would also like to remind you, this budget is just a proposal and not the law of the land. However we ask that you would reach out to your Member of Congress and call on them to keep these two vitally important programs to the counseling profession funded.

Click the link below to log in and send your message:

https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/Ir3l6rny_UJOdIQFl5X7sg

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Article Submission Deadlines

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Editorial content and photos due

August 25, 2017

Email to susan@nonprofit-growth.com



MISSISSIPPI COUNSELING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

November 8-10, 2017

Tupelo, Mississippi

Counselors: UNITED to Serve ALL

The Fall Conference will be here before we know it. Online registration will be open mid to late July. Registration information will be on the website around the same time. A brief outline of the days activities is below.

Wednesday: ACT Sessions and Learning Institutes

Thursday: Education Sessions, Awards Luncheon and Voting for Officers

Friday: Education Sessions and Closing Session

We are in Tupelo at the BancorpSouth Arena this year so we have multiple hotels. Hotel reservations open August 1, 2017. Below is the information on the hotels. Hotel rates listed below **do not include** sales and occupancy taxes. Cut off date for hotel reservations is October 17, 2017.

Courtyard by Marriott Tupelo, 1320 North Gloster Street, 662-841-9960, Single/
Double \$114

Fairfield Inn & Suites Tupelo, 3070 Tom Watson Drive, 662-680-6798, Single/
Double \$114

Hilton Garden Inn Tupelo, 363 East Main Street, 662-718-5500, Single/Double \$119

Holiday Inn & Suites Tupelo North, 923 North Gloster Street, 662-269-0096, Single/
Double \$134

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Tupelo, 1612 McClure Drive, 844-277-0668, Single/
Double \$104

2017 MISSISSIPPI COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

Member-Get-a-Member Application



New Members Only

TITLE	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	MI
PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS		CITY	STATE
			ZIP
HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE	CELL PHONE	FAX NUMBER
EMPLOYER NAME		MAILING ADDRESS	CITY
			STATE
			ZIP
EMAIL			
REFERRED BY (please provide the name of the MCA member who asked you to join)			
ENTER AMOUNT	DUES AMOUNT	MEMBERSHIP TYPE <i>Choose one:</i>	
	\$125.00	Regular Membership (Does NOT include division/interest dues)	
	\$50.00	Student Membership (Must be full time COUNSELING STUDENT as defined by institution)	
	\$70.00	Retired Counselor Membership	
REGION (MUST SELECT ONE)			
	X	01 Capitol Area (Claiborne, Hinds, Rankin, Warren)	
	X	02 Delta Area (Bolivar, Coahoma, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Sharkey, Sunflower, Washington)	
	X	03 Mid-Eastern (Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Lowndes, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Scott, Winston)	
	X	04 Gulf Coast (George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Stone, Pearl River)	
	X	05 Magnolia (Adams, Amite, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Simpson, Walthall, Wilkinson)	
	X	06 Mid-Mississippi (Attala, Carroll, Choctaw, Grenada, Holmes, Madison, Montgomery, Webster, Yazoo)	
	X	07 Northeast (Alcorn, Benton, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo, Union)	
	X	08 Northwest Mississippi (DeSoto, Lafayette, Marshall, Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tunica, Yalobusha)	
	X	09 Pinebelt (Clarke, Covington, Forrest, Greene, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Jones, Lamar, Marion, Perry, Smith, Wayne)	
	X	10 Tombigbee (Calhoun, Chickasaw, Clay, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc)	
DIVISION/INTEREST GROUP MEMBERSHIP SELECTIONS			
	\$ 5.00	Miss. Counselor Alumni Association (MCAA)	
	\$ 5.00	Miss. Junior/Community College Counselors Association (MCJCCA)	
	\$10.00	Miss. Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors (MACES)	
	\$ 5.00	Miss. Graduate Student Counselors Association (MGSCA)	
	\$50.00	Miss. Licensed Professional Counselors Association (MLPCA)	
	\$25.00	Miss. Licensed Professional Counselors Association (<i>first time member</i>)	
	\$10.00	Miss. Licensed Professional Counselors (<i>student</i>)	
	\$ 5.00	Miss. Association of Marriage and Family Counselors (MAMFC)	
	\$ 5.00	Miss. Association of Multicultural Counseling and Development (MAMCD)	
	\$25.00	Miss. School Counselors Association (MSCA)	
	\$ 5.00	Miss. Association of Specialists in Group Work (MASGW)	
	\$ 5.00	Miss. Association of Spiritual, Ethical and Religious Values in Counseling (MASERVIC)	
	\$ 5.00	Miss. Vocational Counselors Association (MVCA)	
	TOTAL DUE	(Enter Total Amount for ALL Selections)	

Check ___ Credit Card: Visa ___ Master Card ___ Card # _____
 Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____ Billing Zip Code _____
 Name on Card _____

Please remit this form and your payment to: Mississippi Counseling Association, P.O. Box 353, Long Beach, MS 39560