



Mississippi Counseling Association
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Power of Professional Relationships is determined by each one of us. I am asking you again to become engaged in some area of our organization and in promoting counseling in our state. We are in a very critical time in the counseling field not only in our state, but in the nation. Take time to become aware of the issues sweeping the nation that impact our field. Together we can work on promoting counseling in the nation.



We had a large number of counselors that attended the Day at the Capitol in January. We were represented by regions throughout the state. We are currently working with our lobbyist from Capitol Resources on issues relating to our profession. I want to thank our government relations chairs Doug Copeland and Karla Weir, along with the government relations committee. This year has been very hard on this team.

The Strategic Planning committee worked hard to update the five-year plan for our organization. We welcome input from our members for future goals of our organization. Please contact Lynn Etheridge for any questions about our goals. The executive board will be confirming the plan at the executive board meeting on June 30, 2017.

The executive board voted last year to move the award nominations to the spring to allow regions the time to nominate members for each category and submit the packet. This will allow the selection committee time to review and notify winners for the awards luncheon in a timely manner. Watch the webpage for when nominations are open.

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THE COMPASS

MCA 2017 FALL CONFERENCE

We are busy planning the Fall Conference and have been working on getting the information for exhibitors, vendors, sponsors and advertisers ready to distribute. In addition to that I have put together the Call for Programs which has been sent out to members for their program submissions and is included in this newsletter. All of these forms can be found on the MCA website. I hope to see all of you at the conference this year.



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

REGION AND DIVISION UPDATES

The Northwest Region will be holding its Spring 2017 meeting on Friday, March 31st at the University of Mississippi's Oxford campus. The theme of the meeting will be wellness and 5.25 CEU's will be offered. Northwest Division members can attend for free. Non-division members will be charged \$25 in order to help cover costs of the meeting. Lunch will be provided. For more information please feel free to contact Dr. Rebekah Reysen at rhreysen@olemiss.edu. Hope to see you there!



Greetings from MLPCA (Mississippi Licensed Professional Association)! We're excited to provide an opportunity for mental health counselors to obtain more CEs and continuing their learning as and build community in our state. Our Annual conference will be held at Mississippi College on Saturday May 20th. We will be offering 6 contact hours for the day, and topics will include Ethics and Supervision! Also, LPC Board members will be giving an update on their latest activities as well as an update on the process of supervision for counselors in training. The MLPCA board has been hard at work planning this conference and trying to offer continuing education to not only our members, but all working professionals. We've made registration very easy on our website MLPCA.net!

As of March 8th, we still have some open spots if anyone would like to submit program. Any one is open to submit a program that is of interest of mental health professionals. If you're interested, please find the Call for Programs at mlpca.net/call-from-programs/. For more information about the MLPCA Conference, please contact Morgan Bryant at mbryant@mc.edu.

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Serving MCA has always been a pleasure. I am proud to represent you as I attend meetings outside of Mississippi. Your work in promoting the Power of Professional Counseling Relationships is what makes our organization strong. During this time of change in our field please remember to stand united.

Jayne Sullivan, NCC, NCSC, LPC
MCA President

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We'd also like to make all the LPCs in the state aware of Board Qualified Supervisor Training that will be held in Hattiesburg in August and September. For more information about this training, please don't hesitate to contact me at jamagrud@olemiss.edu. We wish you all our best and hope to see you at one of these great training opportunities!

Joshua Magruder, PhD, LPC-S, NCC
MLPCA 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!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

March 31, 2017, Practical Energy Psychology for the Counselor workshop, Jackson, MS
March 31, 2017, GCCA Spring Workshop, Gulfport, MS

June

June 28 - 30, 2017, MCA ILT, Biloxi, MS

July

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

November

November 8 - 10, 2017
MCA Annual Fall Conference, Tupelo, MS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOB OPENINGS

Sudduth Elementary School in Starkville, MS has an opening for school counselor. Interviews begin the end of March.

THE JOURNAL OF COUNSELING RESEARCH AND PRACTICE

The Journal of Counseling Research and Practice is back! Dr. Amanda Winburn and Dr. Rebekah Reysen from the University of Mississippi have taken over as Co-Editors of the JCRP. A call for submissions will begin soon and will also be posted on the MCA website. We have a great Editorial Review Board of 16 members, including scholars and practitioners from many different universities, both within and outside of Mississippi.

We are also looking to potentially rename the journal to align with other state-affiliated journals, with the new title being: The Mississippi Counseling Association Journal. We welcome any and all feedback about this name change, along with other thoughts and recommendations regarding the journal.

We hope you will consider submitting an article!

Dr. Rebekah Reysen (rhreysen@olemiss.edu) and Dr. Amanda Winburn (awinbur@olemiss.edu)

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Article Submission Deadlines

Publication Date: May 31, 2017

Editorial content and photos due

May 25, 2017

Email to susan@nonprofit-growth.com



MISSISSIPPI COUNSELING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

November 8-10, 2017

Tupelo, Mississippi

CALL FOR PROGRAMS *Deadline: June 1, 2017*

Submissions must be made electronically. Handwritten submissions will not be considered. All submissions must be completed on this form. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Counselors: UNITED to Serve ALL

Counselors provide a wide variety of services to people of all ages. As such, we all work together to best serve our community. MCA believes strongly in the power of collaboration within our own field, but also collaboration with other health providers. As you consider the 2017 conference, think of ways that you collaborate with other professionals to provide better services. **Program proposals that focus on the collaborative nature of counselors will have a priority.**

INFORMATION FOR PRESENTERS:

MCA will provide laptops and projectors.

MCA will provide wireless for all content session rooms at the convention center for the presenter only.

The program chairperson is responsible for:

- Coordinating the program

- Contacting co-presenters regarding all details of presentation.

- Providing adequate handouts.

- Notifying conference program chair regarding special room arrangements.

Using content sessions to market commercial products is prohibited. Vendors must purchase exhibit booths.

Presenters, both MCA members and non-members, who are also attending any other conference functions must register.

Presenters submitting more than one content session proposal should indicate their first and second preference. Restrictions of time and space may not allow MCA to utilize all proposals. In order to avoid a schedule conflict, those who submit a proposal and co-present at a different content session must indicate those intentions on both forms.

All presenters must submit a resume or vita with this proposal.

If a resume or vitae is not presented the Call for Program will not be reviewed. This information is required for MCA to offer CEU and CE credit.

PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON

(Must be a current MCA member and must be present during session)

Name:

(Print name, degree/credentials as it will appear in the program book if accepted)

Institution/Organization:

Address (Include City, State, & Zip):

Phone:

Email Address:

*Graduate student proposal must be approved and supervised by student's advisor. Faculty Advisor Signature _____

OTHER PRESENTERS

(Print name, degree/credentials, & institution/organization – as it will appear in the program book if accepted)

SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO:

Doug Copeland

mcacallforprograms@gmail.com

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Program #

Room Name & Number

Date

Time

Other

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