

FALL KICK-OFF

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Greetings from the MCCA President for 2007-08

Have you ever wondered who it is that keeps your organization running for you? What do these people do? How often do they meet? What is the purpose of MCCA and why do you belong? Let me take this opportunity to let you know a little about the organization and the folks who donate their time and energy in the interest of the counseling profession.

Our board meets four times a year, just like the seasons. For the past couple of years, Christina De Land has been kind enough to offer her home for our meetings as she is

fairly centrally located, and we hail from all areas of the state. Much of our focus is on planning your spring conference, but we also field counseling questions from our membership, maintain a counseling web-site and participate in the Legislative Day in Lansing in February. Two members attend the MCA Governing Counsel meetings and report back to the membership. Our purpose is to promote the counseling profession in the college environment and to give support to you when needed. Also, we always have a fine hospitality suite at the MCA



Conference in the fall! So, who are the folks who make all this happen? Just read below and add up the collective years of experience in the college counseling field. The number is staggering!

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Your MCCA board members for 2007-08 are:

President: Donna Austin (me) – My work experience spans 19 years. I previously worked at Kellogg Community College and Glen Oaks Community College, and retired last December from Southwest Michigan College after serv-

ing for several years as Director of a Student Support Services program, EXCEL. I was also the MCCA president in 2006-07, and previously served the organization as secretary-elect and secretary. So, you ask, why a second term as president? The person who was to be

president advised us this past summer that because of job responsibilities she would not be able to serve as president this year. After looking at the by-laws, it was determined that my term would continue another year.



YOUR MCCA BOARD MEMBERS CONTINUED

However, now that I am retired, I will be in Florida from November through April, **SO...**

President-Elect: Will Gasper

– has agreed to assume the president's responsibilities while I am gone. Essentially, we are co-presiding, and Will will be the official president for 2008-09. Whew! Will is employed at Ferris State University and has been their grounds supervisor for 18 years. In addition, he has been an adjunct faculty/advisor for 7 years. Will has been a member of the MCCA board since 2005, previously serving as 4 year public university representative. The main responsibility of the president-elect is to plan the spring conference, and Will has gotten a good start on that project.

Secretary: Pam Davis – Pam is a counselor for students with disabilities at Lansing Community College, where she has worked for the past 7+ years. She joined the MCCA board as secretary-elect in 2006. Pam has also been very active in the MI-AHEAD organization.

Secretary-elect: open position, and we would welcome any volunteers.

Treasurer: James Woolcock – James served last year as treasurer-elect, and is in the middle of a two year term as treasurer. He is the Student Employment Coordinator for Lansing Community College, and has been involved in higher education for the past 10 years.



Would you like to be the new secretary?

Treasurer-elect: Jim Lucka

– Jim has many years of experience with MCCA and in the counseling profession. He served as treasurer of the organization for many years, and will return to those responsibilities next year after a brief absence. Jim has been a counselor at Montcalm Community College since 1973....35 years and still going! Quite an accomplishment!

4 Year Public Representative: Tyrone Collins

– Tyrone has also been with the organization for several years, serving as president-elect, president and past-president. He is not ready to let go! Tyrone has been an admissions counselor with Ferris State University for 29 years....another board member with lots of experience to offer.

4 Year Private Representative: Christine Brant

– Chris has been involved with MCCA for several years as the representative for 4 year private universities. She is the Director of Career Services at Madonna University where she has been employed for 23 years. She is also an adjunct at Macomb Community College.

2 Year Public Representative: Karen Monton

– Karen is also a career counselor with 18 years of experience at West Shore Com-

munity College. She has served several terms as the 2-year public representative and is responsible for membership.

Student Representative:

Adriana Fox – Adriana has also been a member of the MCCA board for several years. She has served as student representative, secretary-elect, secretary and again as student representative. She, too, cannot let go. Adriana is a doctoral student at Western Michigan University and a counseling intern at Kalamazoo College. She adds a little international flavor to the group as she hails from Romania.

Past-President: Christina DeLand

– Christina has been a counselor at Lansing Community College for 13 years. In addition to her counseling responsibilities, she also teaches student development classes. She has served MCCA as president-elect, president, and now as a second term of past-president. She has opened her home for our meetings for the past two years. Thank you so much, Christina!

Her responsibilities as past-president include filling the ballot with nominations for officers for the coming year, so if you are interested in serving, contact Christina. Please!

Christina has the pleasure of spending many of her days in Japan where her husband is working...quite a commute to work! She also will be the person formatting this newsletter and getting it out to you in a timely manner. She is a great asset to the organization.

(Thank you Donna for the kind words)

And that, my friends, gives you an idea of who the dedicated people are who offer their talents to promoting and protecting your profession.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Volunteer to serve on the board. As you can see from above, many of us have served for several years. It is time for some new blood with new ideas, and we do have one position unfilled for the coming year.

should have received registration materials in the mail, and perhaps also on line if we have your correct email address. Please support your organization by attending the conference and

don't forget our great hospitality suite.!

Attend the annual MCCA Spring Conference.

Attend the MCA Conference, "Counseling for All Seasons of Life", in the fall. This year's conference is scheduled for November 9th, 10th, and 11th at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids. Many people have spent lots of hours and lots of money to make sure this is a worthwhile experience. You



The spring 2008 conference will be held at Ferris State University on May 16, 2008, and the theme is "Cultivating Change." Your board has already started planning for the event...can you do your part by participating or attending? What a great way to network with your fellow counselors, make new friends and find out what's new and different in your profession.

MCCA SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: DO YOU HAVE A NEEDY STUDENT?

The MCCA board will be offering a scholarship in the spring to a deserving college student. The amount is still to be determined, and the requirements are fairly simple. Each student interested in the scholarship will write an essay, no more than 2 pages long, describing how the

counselor he/she works with has helped him/her. Local counselors will monitor and choose the best two or three essays and submit them for consideration. The award will be presented at the MCCA Spring conference in May. I realize details at this time are sketchy, but I

wanted to plant the seed so you could be thinking about it ahead of time. More details will be forthcoming well before the spring conference.

This is a great opportunity for you and your department as well as your students.



Think of this also as a way to promote your counseling center and skills to your administration. Personal testimony...can't beat it!

REMEMBER ALSO....MCA AND MCCA BOTH HAVE EXCELLENT WEB-SITES THAT YOU CAN CHECK FOR CURRENT INFORMATION.



www.michigancounselingassociation.com/



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And in the spirit of counseling, I will speak for the whole board and wish you a successful academic year. I will be thinking of you while I am in Florida swinging a golf club in January! Best to all, Donna Austin, MCCA President

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The Michigan College Counseling Association comprises professional counselors employed at public and private four year institutions, and at community colleges. MCCA provides leadership, support, and advocacy for legislative issues that affect professional counselors. One recent leadership role is that of sponsoring the Concerned Community College Counselors. This group focuses on resolving issues that affect the community college counseling role, and attempts to address them through a cohesive, collective process.

For more information on MCCA, contact Christina at 517-483-9937 or [de-landc@lcc.edu](mailto:delandc@lcc.edu) .

JOINING MCCA

To join MCCA, you will need to join the Michigan Counseling Association. To obtain an MCA Application, Please call Headquarters at 1.800.444.2014.

Membership is open to all Professional Counselors (*Regular* status), individuals interested in keeping abreast of our profession (*Associate* status), graduate students (*Student* status), and retired Professional Counselors (*Emeritus* status).



Membership requires joining one of MCA's Divisions <http://www.michigancounselingassociation.com/index.html> and all are urged to join the local (geographic) Chapter in their home and/or work area.

For an application click below:

http://www.michigancounselingassociation.com/pdfs/MCAApplication2006_07.pdf