

ALABAMA COUNSELING ASSOCIATION



"COUNSELORS: A Bridge in the Journey to Awareness, Healing, & Hope"

Executive Council Meeting
(Fall
Online via ZOOM Session
November 17, 2020
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Minutes

Minutes taken by: Dr. Jane Coleman

Attendance: Jacques Austin, Nancy Fox, Yulanda Tyre, Jane Coleman, Leslie Weaver-Martin, Lisa Patterson, Chris DaSambiagio-Moore, Sherrionda Crawford, Amber Brewer, LaShawn Jackson, Jessica Melendez Tyler, Blaine Lipford, Tammy Montgomery, Paul Hard, Casey Lancaster, Carmela Drake, Starrah Huffman, Lynn Boyd, Lola Johnston, Casey Lancaster, Carolyn Thomas, Laura Hodges, Debbie Grant, Shawndrika Cook, Necoal Driver, Alicia Richardson, Sean Stevens, Laventrice Ridgeway, Teneshia Sanford, Stephanie Howard, Sheryl Smith, Vincent D. Hinton, Carolyn Liggins, Monica Mack, Monica Motley, Brad Willis, Alicia Richardson, Doris Vaughans, Monica Motley, Shivani Bhakta, LaTonya Graham, Linda Holloway

Call to Order:

- ALCA President Jacques L. Austin called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Welcome/Reflection:

- Jacques Austin welcomed everyone to our summer EC meeting utilizing the ZOOM Platform.
- Vincent D. Hinton gave the Reflection: "A Silent Reflection on 2020."

Determination of Quorum: Dr. Sherrionda Crawford (Parliamentarian) determined that we had a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: President Jacques Austin asked the Committee to review the minutes of the June 2020 EC meeting. LaTonya Graham stated that she had been left off of the list of attendees and requested to be added. President Austin asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2020 EC meeting with the addition of LaTonya Graham being added to the list of attendees. Leslie Weaver-Martin made the motion to accept the Minutes. Lisa Patterson seconded the motion. None opposed the motion. The minutes were approved with the addition.

Approval of the Agenda (with flexibility): It was asked for a motion to approve the agenda with flexibility. Dr. Sherrionda Crawford made the motion to approve the November 17, 2020 meeting agenda with flexibility. It was seconded by Leslie Weaver-Martin. None opposed. The agenda was approved by the Executive Committee with flexibility.

Officer Reports:

President: Jacques Austin welcomed us to our first Virtual Conference. Venulize Solutions is the company that is providing the platform for the conference. He asked for the support of the Executive Council for this virtual conference.

President-Elect: Dr. Yulanda Tyre welcomed everyone to the conference. She shared that there are over 80 content sessions for the conference. There will be bios and pictures for each presenter. She asked that everyone please pay special attention to the dedication of the rooms that will house the workshops.

Past President:

The Nominations/Elections Committee: This committee met on November 11, 2020. Members of the committee are Leslie Weaver-Martin, Starrah Huffman, Casey Lancaster, Jessica Tyler, Shivari Bhakta, and Katharine Nichols. The nominees for President-Elect are Jane Coleman and Tarmen Siaway. The nominees for Secretary are Kelly Owenby and Chris _____. The nominees for Historian are Chris DaSambiagio-Moore and Eunice Mingo-Blakely. Leslie asked for a motion to accept the nominations. Dr. Hard made the motion and Lisa Patterson seconded. None opposed. The ballot will move forward.

Strategic Planning Committee: This committee is still revising the Strategic Plan.

Publications Committee: There was no report. Dr. Crawford asked that submitted articles be sent to ALACES.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Patterson submitted the Treasurer's report. As of September 2020, ALCA has \$263,856.40.

Parliamentarian: (Dr. Sherrionda Crawford) No Report

Historian: Chris DaSambiagio-Moore was late to the meeting, but he asked that chapters, divisions, and affiliates to please continue to send in pictures of their events.

Annual Conference Reports:

Chair: Dr. Driver shared that we have 1110 members to register for the conference. She thanked all chapters/divisions/affiliates for their monetary donations. 1600 gift cards were purchased. MHCA meeting will be held at 10:30.

Ads/Exhibits: Jerry Lynn stated that there was no report. Nancy Fox shared that they are down this year.

NBCC: Dr. Debbie Grant that our virtual format was very warmly received, and she will send the CEs in pdf format. All is going well.

Research and Evaluation: Samantha Booker was absent but submitted a written report which was read by the Secretary. No one applied for the ALCA research grant.

Adaptive Needs: Laventrice Ridgeway reported that there was not an update for adaptive needs.

Executive Director: Dr. Nancy Fox

- The conference platform is up and running. There is a helpline that has been set up for help with any problems.
- Nancy reported that Janis Braue is out with her husband who is having a kidney transplant.

Standing Committee Reports:

Awards and Resolutions: Dr. Laura Hodges submitted a list of awards. The Emerging Leader is Myles Seymore. It was asked for a motion to approve the resolutions. Dr. Paul Hard made the motion and Shawndrika Cook seconded. No one opposed the motion, and it was accepted.

Parliamentarian: Dr. Sherrionda Crawford. There was no report.

Bylaws: Dr. Crawford shared that this committee received several bylaws to be reviewed. The Multicultural and Marriage and Family Division needed to update the language. Dr. Crawford made a motion to accept the updated language and Shawndrika Cook seconded. None opposed, and the motion carried.

Ethics: Dr. Melanie Wallace stated there was no report.

Government and Professional Relations: There was no representative present and no written report was submitted.

Membership: Teneshia Sanford gave the report that ALCA has 1489 professional members, 169 student members, and 1859 total members.

Professional Standards: Stephanie Howard gave the report that ABEC has a new Executive Director, Dr. Keith Cates. There are Counselor Educator and Private Practice positions open on the ABEC Board. Nancy added information regarding the process of ABEC nominations.

Special Committee Reports:

CEU Coordinator Conference: Dr. Grant said that the company handling the conference will be taking care of conference CEs.

CEU Coordinator Chapters, Divisions, and Affiliates: Dr. Grant shared that all is well.

Endowment Fund: No report.

Graduate Students: Vincent D. Hinton reported that there are several video presentations and encouraged everyone to visit the student exhibit hall. Dr. Graham shared that there are 10 video presentations with 13 students and this will be located in the exhibit hall.

Hospitality: Carolyn Liggins shared that she misses serving and seeing everyone in person.

Current Issues in Counseling: Shawndrika Cook stated that there was no report.

Leadership Development: Dr. Monica Motley and Alicia Richardson reported that the Emerging Leader is Shawndrika Cook

Professional Development: There was no representative from this committee present. The Secretary read the written report submitted.

ALSDE: Sean Stevens shared that there was no report.

Retired Counselor's Liaison: There was no representative from this committee present. There was no report.

ACA Liaison: Thelma Robinson reported that the ACA Annual Conference will be virtual and will be April 16-19, 2021. The on-demand conference will be April 5-31, 2021. She reviewed the registration guidelines and share the phone number (703-823-9801 Ext. 222) to call if assistance is needed.

Chi Sigma Iota: No Report.

Special Reports:

Journal Editor: No Report

List Serve: Nancy reported that the list serve is rolling along and will move into the new database in the Spring.

Legalease: Nancy reported that it is going great. There have been some difficult consults. There has been some research with HPSO and where they help people.

Business:

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements:

Jacques Austin encouraged us to come to the dance with hats and shared his excitement about the conference.

Chris DaSambiagio-Moore took pictures of this meeting's attendees.

Dr. Driver has been manually putting people in the conference portal.

The ALCA President asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Leslie Weaver-Martin made the motion and Dr. Necoal Driver seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.