

# ALABAMA COUNSELING ASSOCIATION



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

Executive Council Meeting  
(Summer)  
Online via ZOOM Session  
June 18, 2020  
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

### Minutes

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**Minutes taken by:** Dr. Jane Coleman

**Attendance:** Jacques Austin, Nancy Fox, Yulanda Tyre, Jane Coleman, Lisa Patterson, Chris DaSambiagio-Moore, LaShawn Jackson, Jessica Melendez Tyler, Shivani Bhakta, Blaine Lipford, Melissa Deroche, Tammy Montgomery, Tim Birt, Julian Shields, Paul hard, Casey Lancaster, Carmela Drake, Starrah Huffman, Elizabeth Kelley Mautz, Lynn Boyd, Marjorie Baker, Janis Braue, Darlyce Bundy, Teneshia Sanford, Stephanie Howard, Sheryl Smith, Vincent D. Hinton, Carolyn Liggins, Monica Mack, Kimberly Marable, Monica Motley, Brad Willis, Alicia Richardson, Doris Vaughans, Teneshia Sanford

**Call to Order:**

- ALCA President Jacques L. Austin called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**Welcome/Reflection:**

- Jacques Austin welcomed everyone to our summer EC meeting utilizing the ZOOM Platform. He gave the reflection on "Empathy."

**Determination of Quorum:** Vincent D. Hinton (for the Parliamentarian) determined that we had a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes:** President Jacques Austin asked the Committee to review the minutes of the May 2020 EC meeting. President Austin asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2020 EC meeting. Casey Lancaster made the motion to accept the Minutes. Dr. Paul Hard seconded the motion. None opposed the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Approval of the Agenda (with flexibility):** The motion was passed by the Executive Committee. Shivani Bhakta made the motion to approve the June 18, 2020 meeting agenda with flexibility. It was seconded by Lisa Patterson. The agenda was approved with flexibility.

### **Officer Reports:**

**President:** Jacques Austin informed the committee that the conference will have to be conducted in a virtual format. He shared that the Conference Committee will select a virtual platform and format.

**Parliamentarian:** (Dr. Sherrionda Crawford) No Report

**Bylaws:** The Alabama Association for Marriage and Family Counseling has a revision of their Bylaws. The revision of the bylaws will be reviewed by the committee. Dr. Paul Hard made the motion to accept the bylaws and Melissa Deroche seconded the motion. None opposed; therefore, the motion carried.

**Executive Director:** (Dr. Nancy Fox) Report Submitted

- The Executive Director asked that all Chapter/Division/Affiliate Presidents to send in information requested for website.
- She reported on new office equipment.
- The List Serv is going well
- Legal Counsel has only had 2 contacts so far this year.

**Conference Chair:** (Dr. Necoal Driver) Report submitted verbally.

- She discussed work towards planning and presenting a virtual conference for this year.

**Ad/Exhibits:** No report submitted. (Jerrilynn Morrow was absent).

**Program Chair and President-Elect:** (Dr. Yulanda Tyre) Report verbally submitted

- She reported that we have received 84 submissions for proposed conference sessions.
- No Report for President-Elect's regular report.

**Past President:** No report submitted. (Leslie Weaver-Martin was absent)

**Nominations and Elections:** Leslie Weaver- Martin's report was given by Jacques Austin . He presented nominations to the elections/nominations committee. The following persons volunteered to serve on the Nominations and Elections Committee for the 2020-2021 year. Dr. Paul hard motioned to approve the nominations. Lisa Patterson seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion was carried.

**Strategic Planning:** Jacques Austin gave this report in the absence of Leslie Weaver Martin. This Committee convenes every 5 years. Members of the committee are Tammy Montgomery, Tim Birt, Amber Brewer, and LaShawn Jackson.

**Journal:** Report Submitted. (Dr. Linda Holloway)

- 11 articles have been sent out for review.
- 7 articles have not been returned after being reviewed.
- Journal completion will be around September 2020 with a total of 7 articles.
- The Journal will be dedicated to Dr. Eddie Clark.

**Treasurer:** Report submitted. (Lisa Patterson)

- The end of May 2020, ALCA has \$217, 012.71 in the bank.
- May 1, 2020 began a new year.
- Lisa Patterson asked for a motion to accept the report with flexibility. Dr. Paul Hard made the motion to accept with flexibility and Dr. Carmela Drake seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion carried.

**Historian/Publicity:** Report submitted. (Chris DaSambiagio-Moore was late to the meeting). Secretary Jane Coleman read his submitted report.

- He asked that chapter/division/affiliate presidents send any photos from recent event so him via email so that they can be shared with Association members.
- He encouraged everyone to like the Facebook page and to encourage all officers and members to do the same.

**Graduate Students:** Report verbally submitted. (Vincent D. Hinton)

- Dr. Graham is new to the committee and is the Co-Chair for Graduate Students.

### **Chapter/Division/Affiliate Presidents and Coordinator Reports**

**ALCCA:** Report Submitted. (Lola Johnston was absent). Secretary Jane Coleman read the report that was submitted electronically.

- No meetings due to COVID-19.
- Plan to promote visibility through Facebook.
- Plan to issue a call for officers for next year and promote additional membership.

**ALACES:** Report submitted. (Melissa Deroche). Due to connections problem, Secretary Jane Coleman read the report that was submitted electronically.

- Winter workshop postponed due to COVID-19.
- In the process of updating the website
- Planning to formulate a database of supervisors throughout the state to provide as a resource for supervisees.

**ALAMCD:** Report submitted. (Tammy Montgomery).

- Reported 169 members

- First newsletter is in progress
- Have submitted a proposal to the ALCA Fall Conference.
- Shared upcoming events sponsored by ALAMCD.

**ALCDA:** Report submitted. (Dr. Starrah Huffman).

- All executive board positions have been filled.
- Planning an EC meeting for this month. The date TBD.

**ALAADA:** No report submitted. (Dr. Carolyn Thomas was absent

**ALASGW:** Report Submitted. (Dr. Christi Jones)

- ALASGW has a meeting scheduled for 6/26/2020 to fill leadership positions, plan the calendar for the remainder of the year, make preparations for the Annual Conference, and to continue to see new membership.

**ALASERVIC:** Verbal Report Submitted. (Tim Birt). He experienced microphone issues He re-joined the meeting and gave his report.

**ALDARCA:** Verbal Report Submitted. (Julian Shields)

- Reported that this division is trying to get meetings scheduled.

**ALAMFC:** Report Submitted (Dr. Carmela Drake).

- Virtual Workshop schedule for June 25, 2020

**ALAAOC:** Verbal Report Submitted (Dr. Elizabeth Kelley Mautz)

- Developing outreach to members
- Developing a calendar of events

**ALGBITICAL:** Report submitted. (Dr. Paul Hard).

- Hosting the July 10<sup>th</sup> annual workshop
- Announced new officers
- SAIGE will be the new name for ALGBITICAL
- National Conference will be Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

**ALMHCA:** Report submitted (Dr. Paul Hard)

- Announced new officers
- National conference moved to a virtual conference via ZOOM

**ALSCA:** Report Submitted (Casey Lancaster)

- Working on virtual professional development program

**Chapter I:** No Report

**Chapter II:** Report Submitted. (LaShawn Jackson)

- Conducted a quarantine chill social

- Has added a student engagement committee
- Will collaborate with the North Alabama Mental Health Professional Group

**Chapter III:** Report Submitted. (Chris DaSamabiagio-Moore was late to meeting. Secretary Jane Coleman read the report.

- In the process of developing monthly workshop series
- Increase utilization of technology to connect with members
- Planning attempts to engage members
- Plan to collaborate with graduate counseling programs in the area

**Chapter IV:** Report Submitted (Amber Brewer).

- Has utilized ZOOM to continue operations
- Held Board and monthly member meetings

**Chapter V:** Report Submitted (Torsten Dryden absent). Secretary Jane Coleman read the report.

- Planning ways to increase membership.
- Soliciting for leadership positions within the chapter.

**Chapter VI:** No report submitted. (Dr. Alice Jackson absent).

**Chapter VII:** Report Submitted. (Jessica Melendez Tyler).

- Spring workshop rescheduled for July 17, 2020. The workshop will be on Grief Counseling. The workshop invitation has been shared on the ALCA List Serve.

**Chapter VIII:** Report Submitted (Shivani Bhakta)

- Held a chapter EC meeting and EC retreat
- Calendar planned for 2020-2021
- Has received interest in the President Elect-Elect Position
- Chapter Social set for June 27<sup>th</sup>

**Chapter IX:** Report Submitted (Blaine Lipford).

- The officers will have their first meeting at the end of June to discuss awards, changes to bylaws, and overall plans for the year.
- Due to COVID-19, future events will move to an online format.

**Awards:** Submitted a Verbal Report (Dr. Laura Hodges)

**Government and Professional Relations:** Report Submitted. (Marjorie S. Baker)

- Shared Bills of Interest
- COVID Relief Fund

**Ethics:** No Report. (Dr. Melanie Wallace absent)

**Professional Standards:** No Report. (Dr. Stephanie Howard)

**Endowment Fund:** Report Submitted. (Dr. Ingie Burke Givens)

- Total assets of Endowment Fund are \$53,778.83.

**Leadership Development/Emerging Leader:** Report Submitted (Dr. Monica Motley)

- Dr. Monica Motley and Alicia Richardson met to discuss and plan for the 2020-2021 year.
- There is a call for nominations for Emerging Leader

**Current Issues:** Report Submitted (Shawndrika Cook)

Discussed:

- Five points of discussion in regards to racial injustice
- An article regarding general anxiety and depression
- Article on Advocacy

**Membership:** Report Submitted (Teneshia Sanford)

- 2056 members of ALCA
- 44 new members in the past 90 days

**Research/Evaluation:** No report (Samantha Booker absent)

**NBCC Coordinator:** Report submitted. (Dr. Debbie Grant absent). Secretary Jane Coleman read the report.

- Continues to process NBCC applications for workshops from Fall 2019 to June 10, 2020.
- All proceeds have been documented and sent to ALCA office for deposit.
- Certificates are now sent electronically
- NBCC Coordinator is currently reviewing new workshop applications

**ALSDE Liaison:** Dr. Monica Mack reported (in the absence of Sean Stevens) that a New School Counselor Academy will be offered July 21-22, 2020. More information would be forthcoming from ALSDE.

**ABEC Liaison:** No Report (Gary Williams absent)

**ACA Liaison:** No Report (Thelma Robinson absent)

**Adaptive Needs Liaison:** No report (Laventrice Ridgeway absent)

**Chi Sigma Iota:** Report Submitted (Dayna Watson)

- Dayna is getting with Dr. Amy Upton for transition
- Recognized CSI award. Recipients are listed in the written report submitted to the ALCA Secretary.

**Circle of Presidents:** No Report (Dr. Monica Mack)

**Unfinished Business:**

- Dr. Fox discussed the Annual Conference and different platform options available in a virtual conference space that have been reviewed by the ALCA office personnel. In the review, the TV services option seems to provide much better quality.

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:**

- Dr. Carolyn Thomas has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Ovarian Cancer. Nancy asked the Committee to hold her in our thoughts and prayers.
- Dr. Necoal Driver asked about CE's. Starting this year Dr. Debbie Grant will do all CE's for ALCA sponsored Workshops/Professional Development.
- We are hoping to be able to offer CE's for the Annual Conference electronically through the conference host.
- Dr. Tyre gave an update on submissions proposals for the Conference.
- Shawndrika Cook suggested that ALCA send a flower to Dr. Thomas.

**Adjournment:**

President Jacques Austin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Paul Hard made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Shawndrika Cook seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion was approved. President Jacques Austin adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.