

# ALABAMA COUNSELING ASSOCIATION



## Executive Council Call Meeting

### Online via Zoom Session

Meeting ID: 825 2864 4686 Passcode: 052415

June 24, 2021

6:30 p.m.

### Members Present

Tyre	Upton	Huffman
Coleman	Sears	Lewis
Austin	Reeves	Mack
Knight Davis	Bailey	Hinton
Patterson	Johnston	Huffman
Hester	Edwards	Cates
Cook	Hester	Dryden
Hodges	Patterson	Crumbly
Peak	Baker	Vaughans
Barnett	Grant	Watson
Scott	Siaway	Simmons

### Call to Order / Welcome / Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Dr. Yulanda Tyre, President with a welcome to the Summer Meeting.

### Reflection

Dr. Tyre shared a quote from Mother Teresa, "Your true character is most accurately measured by how treat those who can do nothing for you." How are allowing our light to shine for those who can do nothing for us? How can we inspire others? Live beyond our means with joy, happiness, and peace because they are contagious and be passed on.

Pause for a moment of peace and silence and remember or pray for each other.

**Determination of Quorum**

Dr. Richard Hester reported that we need 20 voting members to make a quorum and we currently do not have a quorum. Members were asked to identify themselves so that we can establish quorum. After a roll call was conducted the quorum was established.

**Approval of Minutes**

**ACTION:** Shawndrika Cook moved to approve the minutes from the last EC Meeting and Krishula Edwards seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

**Approval of Agenda (with flexibility)**

**ACTION:** Jacques Austin made the motion to approve the agenda with flexibility. The motion was seconded by Lisa Patterson. The motion carried and the agenda was approved with flexibility.

**President's Report**

The committee participated in a site visit for the annual conference in Birmingham. Dr. Tyre encouraged the members present to encourage the membership to attend the conference.

**Parliamentarian****▪ Bylaws**

Dr. Richard Hester reported that the Chapter II bylaws were updated this past spring and the new bylaws have been distributed and are available for approval.

**ACTION:** Dr. Hester moved for the approval of the Chapter II bylaws. The motion was properly seconded. The motion carried.

**Executive Director's Report**

President Tyre presented the report from the Executive Director'

Rebate checks were mailed last week to each division and chapters. Please check with the chapter treasurer and encourage them to deposit it as soon as possible.

**List Serve**

There was no report at this time.

**Legal Counsel**

There was no report at this time.

**Conference Chair Report**

Dr. Starrah Huffman reported that there will be information around July 8<sup>th</sup> sent to all chapters and division presidents.

**Ad/Exhibits Chair Report**

There was no report at this time.

**Program Chair (President-Elect) Report**

Dr. Jane Coleman reported that all Division and Chapter Presidents met and all recommendation will be submitted for the conference by July 1, 2021

**President-Elect's Regular Report**

Dr. Jane Coleman reported that she participated in the site visit for the upcoming conference.

**Past President's Report**

Jacques Austin reported the deadline for search of the Executive Director.

Final interviews will be on July 23, 2021 in

The transition team will host a special meeting for the approval of the final candidate.

The Alabama State Nursing Association collaborated to identify concerns for nurses in Alabama during COVID. Meeting of Nurse to Nurse were held monthly from March to June.

A decision was made to meet once monthly moving forward called Nurse to Nurse Ignited.

Next meeting scheduled July 8, 2021. Thank you to Dr. Lola Johnston, Dr. Fox, Dr. Driver. We are still in need of volunteers. Please contact Jacques Austin if you are interested in participating.

**Strategic Planning**

The plan is still in effect and there will be a retreat planned with date to be announced.

**Publications**

Please send chapter events to Chris for publication and on the conference. We will be promoting the conference and highlighting events.

**Journal Editor's Report**

Commended the co-editors for their work and dedication to publish the latest journal. They are working hard to prepare for the next journal which will be dedicated to documenting the experiences of counselors during COVID-19

The journal is currently accepting articles for the next upcoming publication. Counselors are encouraged to submit personal reflections of the experiences due to COVID-19. The article should be written in first person. There is a desire to see representation of all the different members in the association. Due date for manuscript submission is October 31, 2021. This will allow time for review and revision in a timely manner.

**Treasurer's Report**

Lisa Patterson reported that as of May 31, we have 251,398.77. We are in good standing. All presidents are reminded to check with the treasurer to be sure rebate checks are received.

**Historian's Report / Publicity**

Report read by secretary.

The office of the Historian has continued to monitor the ALCA Facebook and is continuing to plan for video features of ALCA divisions on social media. They have been heavily involved in the ALCA Executive Director vacancy search process. Additional details are forthcoming.

**Graduate Student and Leadership Report**

Vincent Hinton thanked all chapter and division presidents.

Thank you to Dr. Mack.

Special thank you to Shandrika Cook and Laventrice Ridgeway for facilitating workshop for the updated submission process.

**Division Presidents Reports****ALCCA**

Dr. Lola Johnston presented a report on the chapter goals.

1. Officer meeting in the upcoming weeks.
2. Use of FERPA and HIPPA on college campuses in the counseling setting workshop
3. Looking for officers for next year.

**ALACES**

Read by secretary.

The AIACES executive council met on May 10,2021. They welcomed new members to the executive council and made plans for the year. They will offer 3 virtual trainings as 2-hour lunch-and-learn. All three events will be offered on Zoom. The tentative dates are August, January, and April. The exact dates and speaker information will be announced at a later date.

**ALAMCD**

Michelle Crumbly reported that they hosted a training on understanding the call on multiculturalism and diversity. They did a call for award nominations. Virtual meet and greet will be held in July.

**ALCDA**

There was no report at this time

**ALAADA**

Clint Reeves reported that they are contacting members especially those who have an interest in working in open positions. They will be hosting a meet and greet virtually soon.

**ALASGW**

Brittney Barnett will be presenting two nominees for president elect. They will announce the division emphasis on Self Care and there will be a presentation on healthy routines and boundaries.

**ALASERVIC**

April Upshaw reported that the new officers are being acclimated to their duties and responsibilities. Pursuing partnerships to cohost workshops. They will cohost a workshop with ALMHCA on July 17, 2021 entitled, Sexual Healing: The Ethics of Sex & Spirituality in Mental Health.

**ALDARCA**

It was reported that they are recruiting for officers. They are working on a workshop for graduating rehab counseling students. They are also continuing the membership drive.

**ALAMFC**

Fancy Sears reported that there was an officer transition on June 19, 2021 in Montgomery following CDC guidelines. They discussed the board meeting dates, nominations for awards, and service projects. They will have swagbag giveaways to encourage involvement. They will also have member spotlights via social media. The next board meeting will be July 17, 2021.

**ALAAOC**

There was no report at this time.

**ALGBTICAL**

Candace Bailey reported there was an officer meet and greet on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Summer workshop on July 16<sup>th</sup> at Auburn University and will be available via Zoom. The title is Family Matter: An LGBTQ+ Perspective. Excited to announce the keynote speaker is Dr. Michael Wilson of the Acceptance Academy Charter School for LGBTQ+ Youth located in Birmingham. CEUs will be offered that includes ethics. They will be giving out information on the listserve. Currently, they are in the process of participating in the Auburn University Pride Activity on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Candace will be the speaker. Troy University Pride activity will be on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**ALMHCA**

Krishula Edwards reported they will be partnering with ALASERVIC on July 17<sup>th</sup> entitled Sexual Healing. It will be worth 7 ethics CEU hours. They will work with Multicultural in the Fall for a workshop. They will spearhead the LPC roundup at the conference. It will be an LPC/ALC conference. They are working with Leslie Phillips for workshops for LPC-S issues and concerns. Krishula was nominated appointed and approved for the board of mental health authority for Montgomery.

**ALSCA**

There was no report at this time.

## **Chapter Presidents Reports**

### **Chapter I**

There was no report at this time.

### **Chapter II**

There was no report at this time.

### **Chapter III**

There was no report at this time.

### **Chapter IV**

Shawndrika Cook reported that Chapter IV are working on three major projects. There is a membership drive. They will be looking for award nominees. There is a self-care summit on August 7, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will be free. Advertisement will be on the ListServe and Eventbrite. The President Elect Elect is the brainchild of this event. The location is Railroad Park. There will be a school supply collection for a classroom in the Jefferson and Shelby County.

### **Chapter V**

Torsten Dryden reported that the chapter is in the process of regrouping and rebuilding. They will host a membership drive. They will be partnering with Jacksonville State to host a workshop in the spring for CEUs.

### **Chapter VI**

There was no report at this time.

### **Chapter VII**

Dr. Laura Hodges reported that the chapter will have its first meeting on June 29, 2021. At that time there will be a transfer of leadership, nominations for awards, and a decision on if they will do a Fall and/or Spring Workshop(s) for professional development.

### **Chapter VIII**

Darnesha Lewis reported that the chapter hosted a executive board summer retreat. They planned the activities. Monica Peak will be the awards chair for the chapter. There was a transition of banking information and treasurer. There will be a barbecue social in July for the meet and greet of the membership. All members are asked to donate journals to be given to school therapist and adolescents for self-care and journaling as a coping skill.

### **Chapter IX**

There is no report at this time.

### **Awards**

Shawndrika Cook reported that the committee hosted a training for the new awards process and all resources were sent to chapters and divisions. Awards can be submitted electronically

and will be accepted July 1 through August 2. Please make sure your chapter or division representative check for the email from the committee (ALCAwardsCommittee@gmail.com) with the training video and the submission information. September 10 through October 4 will be board ratings. October 9<sup>th</sup> will be a summarization via zoom with the committee. Order awards October 22 and Awards will be presented in November at the conference.

### **Government and Professional Relations**

Marjorie Baker reported that the Alabama Legislative Session ended on May 17, 2021. The Child Vulnerable Act did not pass. It did pass that transgender youth could not participate in sport activities.

### **Ethics**

Shawndrika Cook reported on behalf of Tammy Montgomery. The committee has had two meetings thus far. They are working on bringing clarity and modifying the ethics guidelines in the handbook. The committee is also preparing for the ALCA Fall Conference.

### **Professional Standards**

Dr. Quinn Pearson provided the report that Professional Standards co-chairs want the divisions and chapters to nominate someone for the committee. There is a need for nominations from District IV for Counselor Educator and District V for a Practitioner on the ABEC. Nominees will be voted on in September and they will begin work in 2022.

### **Endowment Fund**

Dr. Mary Given reported that the information will be sent in August on the Miles Seymour Scholarship. Counselor Educators are encouraged to disseminate the information to doctoral students.

### **Leadership Development/Emerging Leader**

Dr. Monica Motley reported that they will be asking for nominations from chapters and divisions for Emerging Leaders. She added that Emerging Leaders are the lifeline of the organization. The deadline for nominations is August 30, 2021. Information will be posted on the list serve.

### **Professional Development**

There was no report at this time.

### **Current Issues in Counseling**

There was no report at this time.

### **Membership**

Read by the secretary.

Current Membership Rosters by Member Type:

Adjunct	3
Administrative	2

Past ALCA President	37
Professional	1530
Regular	82
Retired	83
Student	222
Total	1959

### **Graduate Students**

Vincent Hinton thanked Dr. Graham for her work with graduate students. They will be reaching out to institutions and graduate students for their involvement and participation in the poster contest.

### **Research and Evaluation**

There was no report at this time.

### **NBCC ACEP CE Program Coordinator**

Deborah Grant reported that she has been issuing certificates electronically for the past six months. She still has requests from Fall ALCA conference. She is working on approvals for upcoming workshops. She will be working with Dr. Fox on how we will issue certificates for the Fall Conference since it will be in person to ensure the process is as smooth as possible.

### **Liaison- State Department of Education**

There was no report at this time.

### **Liaison-Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling**

Dr. Keith Cates reported that they anticipate good applicants for the two positions that are open. They are making announcements. They do not have an update on the online process but hope that there will be positive news soon.

### **Liaison-ACA**

There was no report at this time.

### **Liaison- Adaptive Needs Accommodations**

Laventrice Ridgeway reported that there is no new report at this time.

### **Chi Sigma Iota Liaison**

Dr. Robyn Simmons reported that there is no new report at this time.

### **Retired Counselors Interest Group**

There is no report at this time.

### **Circle of Presidents**

Leslie Weaver reported that there is no report at this time.



**Unfinished Business**

Jacques Austin asked for volunteers to help with the Nurses to Nurses Ignited

**New Business**

Dr. Davis asked for an updated roster of new officers for chapters.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.