**OREGON COUNSELING ASSOCIATION**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, March 25, 2017**

**Board Members Present:**

**X Raina Hassan—President Evan Dumas—Services Coordinator**

**Ryan Melton—Past President Doug Querin--Ethics**

**X Joel Lane---President Elect X Meghan Opbroek—Graduate Programs**

**X Kara Eads—Treasurer X Chad Ernest—PP & A**

**X Suzy Elton—Secretary Vacant—Technology**

**X Brenda Hanson—Fall Conf. X Joel Lane—OACES Pres**

**X Susan Zall---Admin, NBCC Joseph Hernanadez—OCDA Pres**

**Vacant—PD&E X Alana Olgilvie--Membership**

**X Kathleen Coleman—Human Rights X Sue Ujvary—Networking**

**X Gianna Russo-Mitma--Communications**

**Guests present: Ruth Hescock; Heather Glenn**

1. **Call to Order (Raina)**
2. **Approval of Agenda (Raina)**
   1. **Sue motioned; Chad seconds**
   2. **Approved**
3. **Approval of Minutes (Raina)**
   1. **Kathleen motioned; Sue seconds**
   2. **Approved**
4. **Words of Wisdom (Chad)**
   1. **Knowledge speaks where wisdom listens (Jimmy Hendrix)**
5. **Updates/Strategic Topics**
   1. **Treasurer’s Report and Conference Budget Discussion/vote (Kara)**
      * 1. **Kara updated dollar amounts in bank accounts.**
        2. **Upcoming expenses are conference related.**
        3. **Budget located on Google Drive.**
        4. **Currently under expected income by approximately $5000.**
        5. **Board members are encouraged to promote ORCA membership.**
        6. **Big picture budget to be presented in May at retreat.**
        7. **Call for increase in conference budget (+$3000) and increase in officer travel to meeting (+$350).**
           1. **Joel motioned to approve. Gianna seconds**
           2. **Approved.**
   2. **Summer networking picnic (Sue)**
      * 1. **Laurelhurst Park; Sunday, Aug 6, 4-8 pm**
        2. **Potluck picnic food, bring your own chair/blankets**
        3. **Closed--ORCA members only**
        4. **Partners, kids, dogs on leash invited**
        5. **Will create ORCA Facebook event**
6. **Division/Committee Reports**

*Each report is given 5 min. or less, otherwise tabled for future discussion.*

* 1. **OCDA President (Joseph Hernandez)—see report**
  2. **OACES President (Joel Lane)**
     + 1. **Dr. Lisa Aasheim will assume OACES President role.**
       2. **Joel will collaborate with Lisa on revising bylaws for OACES.**

1. **Committee and Executive Council** 
   1. **PP & A (Chad)**
      * 1. **Advocating for LPC forensic evaluator position at the legislative level will not be pursued.**
           1. **More forensic-specific education needed to be an evaluator**
        2. **Completed legislative day**
           1. **Connected with others regarding COPACT activities**
           2. **Mental Health Regulatory Agency**

**Combines all administrative duties of our board with the Psychology Board**

**Going through for a vote**

**Discussion followed**

* + - * 1. **House Bill 2361—concerned with Practice Act**

**Shelved; work-grouped**

* + - * 1. **Practice Act for Art Therapists—moving forwards**
        2. **Investigation into laws involving parity regarding LPCs and LMFTs/medical practitioners**
        3. **Concern with Regence BCBS not paying for code for initial evaluation (CPT 90791); investigating currently**
  1. **Membership (Alana)—see report**
  2. **Fall Conference (Brenda)**
     + 1. **Tentative date Nov 3 and 4th**
       2. **Recommended “ACA confirmed” David Kaplan speaking on ethics. 6-hour presentation.**
       3. **Conference committee mtg. is scheduled at 7 pm on Monday. Will meet monthly.**
       4. **Venue: looking at Hilton in Eugene. Needs to lock in contract by end of March.**
       5. **Brenda has copy of contract/sales agreement.**
       6. **Discussion followed.**
          1. **Brenda to check on availability of alternate venues in Portland. Will decide on permanent venue this week.**
       7. **Other possible speakers:** 
          1. **Summer Brown, multicultural issues (will cover CE requirement of 4 hours)**
          2. **David Kaplan—can present several options including ethics; will be willing to do pre-conference learning institute; to be discussed further**
  3. **Graduate Program (Meghan)**
     + - 1. **New representatives from counseling graduate programs**

**Continues to do outreach**

**Will determine how grad student reps will participate in future**

* + - * 1. **Other reps agreed to write articles for Graduate Programs section in ORCA newsletter; will give other counseling program perspectives**
  1. **Technology (vacant)**
  2. **Communication (Gianna)**
     + 1. **Training current co-editor: Moira Ryan**
       2. **Sending out election nominations: securing web form**
          1. **Working on voting “bugs”**
       3. **Spring newsletter**
          1. **Articles due April 1; Newsletter published May 1**
          2. **Joel to write article as board member**
          3. **Ethics corner considered**
  3. **PD & E (vacant)**
  4. **NBCC Program Admin (Sue)**
     + 1. **CE credits that are NBCC qualified remain important for LPC certification**
       2. **Important to make sure events, workshops meet NBCC approval**
       3. **Need to have 3 events per year to qualify for NBCC (March 31-Aril 1)**
       4. **NBCC announced that APA is pursuing a Masters of Psychology as a Professional Degree**
  5. **Networking (Sue)**
     + 1. **Committee meeting**
       2. **Upcoming event on April 21** 
          1. **La Caretta, 4534 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Portland, OR 97202**
          2. **6:30 pm arrival; 7:00 introduction**
          3. **Presentation given by Brian Farr**

**Money in Therapy: What to say when clients talk about personal finance**

* + - * 1. **Discussed getting more board support (i.e. membership sign up, other) at the network events**
  1. **Ethics (Doug) See Report**
  2. **Human Rights: (Kathleen)**
     + 1. **Joining NAMI walk; Sunday, May 21**
       2. **Join team on NAMI. Org website**
       3. **Can donate/pass on link to others**
       4. **Consider new T-shirts with new logo; use for fall conference, as well**
       5. **Kathleen drafting a letter to find a new volunteer chair for HR position; Looking for HR committee members**
       6. **Possibility of PD&E and HR committees work together on workshops/events (diversity/social justice issues)**
  3. **President (Raina)**
     + 1. **Our branch won best innovative award for Western Region.**
          1. **Cash gift and entry for ACA conference next year**
          2. **Evan to create “button” on website to announce award**
       2. **Raina acknowledged those helping with rebranding campaign**
       3. **Requested assistance finding chairs PD & E, Technology committee, and webmaster.**
       4. **Evan to be supporting Alana in her transition into membership chair position.**
       5. **Requested continued support in recruiting membership for ORCA.**
  4. **President Elect (Joel)**
     + 1. **Met with Kim H. from Western Oregon University (WOU)**
          1. **Creating strong relationship with WOU and ORCA**
       2. **Secured room at Lewis and Clark for Board Retreat**
          1. **Negotiated with guarantee for free rooms for board retreat/L and C receiving advertising support in ORCA newsletter**
       3. **Just returned from ACA conference**
          1. **Elected new officials from Western Region**
          2. **Update: new info on Leadership Training Institute in Washington DC**

**Grants can now only be received twice by one person**

* + - * 1. **Because of legislative challenges at state levels, offering option for state branches to reorganize under the national level of ACA.**
        2. **Worked with Lynn Terry for article with Oregonian.**

**Raina suggested linking with website/ Facebook.**

* 1. **Past President (Ryan)—see report**
  2. **Secretary (Suzy)**
     + 1. **Discussion regarding job description**

1. **Old Business**
2. **New Business**
3. **Appreciation and Acknowledgements**
   1. **All board efforts appreciated.**
4. **Adjourn**
   1. **Sue U. motioned; Sue Z seconds**
   2. **Sue Z seconded**
   3. **Passed: Adjourned**

**Respectfully submitted by Suzy Elton, ORCA Secretary**