

OACES Business Meeting Minutes  
Embassy Suites, Dublin, OH  
Friday, April 29, 2011

- John Laux, President, convened the meeting at 11:25am.
  - Introduced current officers—each person stated name and position
  
- Reports
  - Secretary—Stephanie Calmes
    - Presented November 2010 minutes
      - Error noted on page 2, second half of Tom Davis' comment was inadvertently deleted
      - Motion made to accept the amended November 2010 minutes: Darcy Granello
      - Second: All
      - Motion to approve minutes passed—unanimous
    - Presented January 2011 minutes
      - Motion made to accept the January 2011 minutes
      - Second: All
      - Motion to approve minutes passed—unanimous
  - Treasurer—Jo-Ann Lipford Sanders (not present)
    - John Laux presented 11/05/10-04/29/11 Financial Report
      - Motion made to accept the 11/05/10-04/29/11 Financial Report: Tom Davis
      - Second: All
      - Motion to approve the Financial Report passed—unanimous
    - John Laux requested that we reimburse Chad Yates for annual OACES website fees
      - Motion made to reimburse for website fees
      - Second: All
      - Motion to reimburse website fees passed—unanimous
  - Past President—David Mann
    - Officer elections
      - Nominated
        - President-Elect: Nick Piazza
        - Secretary: Stephanie Calmes & Connie Patterson
        - Treasurer: JoAnn Lipford-Sanders
      - Elected
        - President-Elect: Nick Piazza
        - Secretary: Connie Patterson

- Treasurer: JoAnn Lipford-Sanders
- President-Elect—Jane Cox
  - Requested that people come to her with suggestions/feedback over the next year as she assumes the presidency
  - Recognized the leadership present in the room, especially the significant number of individuals who are (or will soon be) serving on a national level
- Old Business
  - John Laux: NCACES proposal (October 26-30; Nashville) was accepted for presentation as a round table format, more info to come.
- New Business
  - John Laux: Presented an update from Martin Ritchie (“Update of Masters in Counseling Accreditation Council”)
    - A new accrediting body for counseling programs was announced at the ACA conference in New Orleans in March: The Masters in Counseling Accreditation Council (MCAC) is a branch of the Masters in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council (MPCAC).
      - The purpose of this accrediting body is to accredit Masters programs in counseling and supports that individuals with educational backgrounds other than counselor education (“counseling or related programs”) may be hired to counselor education programs.
    - Darcy Granello: Reports she was present at ACA governing council, where there was a strong response to this announcement; insisted that we have an obligation to help other states to help them, because it impacts the entire profession; suggested using NCACES presentation to address this issue.
    - Daniel Cruikshanks: Suggested collaboration with OCA to address this issue and in the lobbying effort; CACREP standards would prohibit individuals without counselor education training from taking these positions; viewed this issue as a significant professional identity issue.
    - Kerry Sebera: Reports that the ACES exec board took a stand stating that they recognize CACREP as their accrediting body, making their position clear.
    - Tom Davis: Suggested that we implore that ACA be affirmative and model language similar to ACES, and ask that OCA follow up; possibly send similar letter to all ACES divisions.
    - Cynthia Osborn: Proposed that we submit a letter to the editor of “Counseling Today” about this issue.
    - Stephanie Burns: Suggested the need for information on how to advocate for the profession appropriately; also suggested taking some of the money from the budget to educate the public on the need to verify counselor licensure.

- David Mann: Reported that OCA and OACES should be making a collaborative effort; insisted that divisions and chapters should not be separate/distinct entities.
  - John Laux: Requested from Kerry Sebera the ACES resolution to use as a template, which will be sent to membership for review as part of a letter writing campaign; also suggested contacting OCA to ask for support in lobbying effort.
- Motion made to adjourn the meeting
    - Second: All
    - Motion to adjourn the meeting passed—unanimous
  - Meeting was adjourned at 12:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Calmes, OACES Secretary, 05/05/11.