

WACES Business Meeting
ACES National Conference, Philadelphia PA
October 9, 2015

1. WACES 2016 Conference Update – Vancouver, BC
 - a. Pinnacle Hotel
 - b. Call for proposals in Spring 2016
 - c. Looking for sessions geared for supervision
 - d. Looking for ways to appeal to Masters students as well

2. Keely Hope becomes WACES President June 30th, 2016
 - a. Thom Field is President Elect Elect

3. WACES Bylaws revision
 - a. Current revision on website is from 1994
 - b. Major changes
 - i. Mailing of ballots
 - ii. Eliminated state ACES divisions as Governing Council members
 - iii. Designated Treasurer to be appointed by President (for the sake of consistency & because of ACES budget reporting requirements)
 - c. Kiri Horsey moved to approve the Bylaws; Margaret Lamar seconded
 - i. Unanimous vote to approve Bylaw revision

4. Treasurer Report
 - a. About \$4,000 in savings, \$28,000 in checking
 - b. Expecting a conference rebate for ACES conference (our region makes 5% of national conference in our region; approximately \$15,000)
 - c. Expecting a rebate of \$2/ACES member in Western region

5. Call for WACES positions beginning July 1st
 - a. Graduate Student Representative
 - b. Treasurer (appointed by Keely Hope)
 - c. President Elect Elect
 - d. Official email call is forthcoming

6. Message from ACES President Tarrell Portman
 - a. Record attendance of over 1600
 - b. Past President Marty Jencius
 - c. Heather Trepal is President Elect
 - d. ACES 2017 is in Chicago; ACES 2019 is in Seattle

- e. ACES Treasurer will meet with region Treasurers to provide support and skills
 - f. Moving ACES Graduate Student Representative from appointed to elected position
 - g. ACES initiative to provide support to WACES, RMACES, and NARACES to increase number of doctoral programs
 - h. ACES members are encouraged to get involved with ACA initiatives for anti-bullying and professional advocacy
7. Membership
- a. 235 registered members
 - b. Changing renewal to the anniversary of individual membership date
 - c. Suggestion from attendee that WACES registration option be included when ACA members renew
8. What does our region need that we can present to ACES executive council?
- a. Additional support for lobbying with doctoral programs
 - b. Strengthening counselor identity in the western region
 - c. Strengthening western representation in ACES
 - d. Look at MFT programs in our region regarding WACES conference and membership promotion
 - i. bbs.ca.gov is the licensing board has a list of all LPCC and MFT programs in CA
9. Updates
- a. University of San Diego Clinical Mental Health Counseling program was recently accredited by CACREP
10. Awards
- a. Graduate Student Award – Kiri Horsey
 - b. Professional Service Award – Dr. Terry Bahr
 - c. Professional Research Award – Dr. Jack Simon
 - d. Professional Publication Award – Dr. Thom Field
 - e. Innovative Counseling Program Award – City University of Seattle
 - f. Professional Leadership Award – Dr. Keith Dempsey
 - g. Professional Mentor Award – Dr. Eugene Moan
 - h. Special Recognition Award – Dr. Ellen Carruth
11. Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm