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President's Message

Linda Thompson, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT



This has been another busy quarter as president-elect. Most of my attention was in co-chairing the conference committee for the 49th annual fall Conference in November at King of Prussia. This conference was our best attended conference yet. I had so much fun serving as emcee for the networking social where we gave away lots of great prizes and enjoyed meeting some amazing students and professionals. The success of the conference is due to all of the great volunteers, and I thank each and every one of them.

We are gearing up for the 50th annual conference this year in Pittsburgh. I know that it will prove to be another amazing professional development experience.

I have also been very busy working with our lobbyist and the government relations committee to push SB530 through Harrisburg. This bill would protect our title as professional counselor and allow us diagnostic rights. The bill included similar language for the LMFT and LCSW colleagues. You would think this would be an easy task, but I was very surprised to encounter a great deal of pushback from other mental health professions. In fact, many meetings had to be held with the representatives of the psychologists and psychiatrists. The psychologists were very concerned that our language in the bill regarding assessment would imply that we were going to be allowed to do psychological testing. Interestingly, the psychiatrists were fighting the bill because they did not feel we were appropriately trained to do diagnosis. We spent many hours complying

evidence to the contrary. They also felt that we were less qualified than LMFT and LCSW professionals. I was able to meet with them and clearly provide data that proved our equal, but different qualifications. Although the psychiatrists did not in the end agree to support the bill, it was able to make it out of committee with a unanimous vote, and is now moving forward. Although a time-consuming and highly emotional fight, we have prevailed so far.

I am looking forward to representing Pennsylvania and consult with other states at the ACA conference in Atlanta in April. I encourage all members to try to attend if possible. It is a great experience with incomparable professional development experiences.

There is so much going on in PCA now as we advocate for you, our members, and the field of counseling. Read about our activities in this newsletter, and look for videos from officers and members on the webpage and visit our Facebook page to keep up to date on all the divisions and branches as well.

Don't forget, we have numerous opportunities for you to serve PCA and the profession as well. Serving on committees, on the board, with divisions, and with branches. Great professional and personal development experiences!

Best to all,

Linda

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President-elect's Message

Richard Joseph Behun, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, ACS



As April is finally upon us, I know that our counseling profession will be extremely active in the coming weeks. I plan to see a huge turnout of PCA membership for Advocacy Day in Harrisburg which will take place on **April 17, 2018**. Through the hard work of Nellie Scanlon, of government relations, and Travis Schermer. PCA members will be spending the day meeting with state legislators and will have the opportunity to advocate on behalf of all professional counselors in PA. Nellie and Travis have proposed to have April recognized as "Pennsylvania Counseling Month" in alignment with the American Counseling Association which will provide a much greater strength to our presence in Harrisburg. Questions about the advocacy day should be directed to twschermer@carlow.edu.

I also am very excited about the excellent relationship we continue to maintain with the Chi Sigma Iota (CSI) Pennsylvania Chapters. CSI is the Counseling Academic & Professional Honor Society International. Again this year, CSI will also be hosting our spring PACES meeting which will take place during the 8th Annual PA Statewide Chi Sigma Iota Conference at West Chester University on **April 21, 2018**. I know that a lot of PCA and PACES members will be giving presentations at this conference, so please stop and take time to chat when you see me there. If you are not presenting, but would like to attend, I think this is a great networking opportunity to meet likeminded professionals from around the state who are driven by professional advocacy. Questions

about the conference should be directed to csi.pa.conference@gmail.com.

Lastly, in April, I will be joining other PCA members at the American Counseling Association 66th Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia from **April 25-29, 2018**. If you are a PCA member and will be attending the ACA Conference this year, please reach out to me in advance, and I will plan on seeing you in Atlanta!

Our 50th Annual PCA Conference be held **November 9-11, 2018** at the Sheraton Pittsburgh at Station Square and the theme will focus on the future our identity as professional counselors. I want to recognize our conference co-chairs, Dr. Deb Hyatt-Burkhart and Derek Parker, who will be coordinating the upcoming 50th Annual PCA Conference. Without a doubt, I know this has the potential to be one of the best conferences in our 50 year history. Anyone interested in helping plan our Golden Anniversary in the Golden Triangle by serving on a conference committee please reach out to Derek Parker, conference co-chair at pca.programs@gmail.com.

Counseling is a professional relationship that empowers diverse individuals, families, and groups to accomplish mental health, wellness, education, and career goals. ~American Counseling Association

Sincerely,

Joe
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Past-President's Message

Charles Jacob, PhD



It is time to vote for the 2018 officers of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association. For this election cycle, the office of President-Elect is open.

We are conducting the election electronically. You are able to vote only once by clicking on the link below and following the instructions on the ballot. Note that once you complete the survey, you cannot go back and make any changes.

Here is a link to the ballot: https://upenn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0TdLXjUxloQZQYR

Please submit your vote no later than Friday, April 13th 2018 at 5pm. All votes cast are confidential.

We appreciate your investment in the future of our organization!

Hope all is well,

Charles

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From the desk of PACES:

*Jen Barna, Ph.D., NCC, ACS
President*



My three year old stood looking out of our kitchen window the other day and shouted, "Look mommy! I see the grass! It's been hiding under the snow!" This reminded me of how long it has been since we've seen our grass! Here's hoping that the sun continues to be in the forecast and that we will soon see all the beauty that spring offers!

CSI Spring Conference

Saturday, April 21, 2018

West Chester University

**Global Vision: Celebrating
connectedness**



Diversity, Community, and Con-

Speaker: Dr. Skip Niles

Questions? Contact: csi.pa.conference@gmail.com

Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend the conference –
CSI membership is not a requirement. Students are welcome!

Division Meeting

A spring **PACES division meeting** will be held during the CSI Spring Conference on **Saturday, April 21st**. Please check the program guide for time and location. If there are any items related to counselor education and supervision that you'd like included on the agenda, please email Jen Barna: jbarna@marywood.edu.

Jen

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From the desk of Government

Relations Committee:

Nellie Scanlon & Kristen Hawk, Co-Chairs

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR ADVOCACY DAY: APRIL 17, 2018

Please join us on April 17, 2018 for Professional Counselor Advocacy Day in Harrisburg. We are working with our lobbyist to schedule meetings with legislative representatives to advocate on behalf of PA counselors and the counseling profession. This is a great way to have the counseling profession recognized in PA and for professional counselors to be seen as integral providers within the mental health continuum of care.

Below is an informational video with talking points about advocating effectively for legislative changes:

Advocacy Day Information: <https://youtu.be/yap1aoVefF4>

If you have not registered for Advocacy Day April 17, 2018 and would like more information please email Travis Schermer at twischermer@carlow.edu. Or if you have general questions about becoming part of Government Relations please email Nellie Scanlon at scanloncounseling@yahoo.com.

Progress Update on SB 530

SB 530 was unanimously approved by the House Professional Licensure

Committee on March 14, 2018. April 9, 2018 will be the soonest opportunity the House could put SB 530 up for second consideration which is when members can offer amendments to the bill. After second consideration, it will be referred to House Appropriations where it will be evaluated for any fiscal impact and finally it will be reported back to the floor for third and final consideration. If the House does not amend the bill, SB 530 would go straight to the Governor's desk after final passage.

Please continue to watch for CALL TO ACTION emails to support our legislative advocacy efforts. Thank you for all your recent emails, phone calls, and faxes to support SB 530.

We would like to thank everyone who advocates for PA counselors! Together we are making history!

Happy Spring!!

*Government Relations
Committee*



From the desk of GPACA:

Abby Dougherty, Ph.D., NCC, LPC
President



Hello GPACA members,

We had a very successful Trauma Symposium this spring. I would like to extend deep gratitude to all of our presenters, volunteers, and attendees for such an amazing event. After receiving lots of positive feedback, we will move forward with offering this event once each year. GPACA is a small but mighty chapter of PCA and we will be holding elections soon. We are an inclusive chapter seeking to build community in the Philadelphia area. Currently, we are seeking president-elect and secretary in our upcoming elections. We have lots of opportunities for you to get involved! If you are interested in running for a GPACA position, please email Lisa Corbin at lisaannecorbin@gmail.com.

Also, keep an eye out for our upcoming career fair. We will have information on credentialing, licensure, CV and cover letter development, and a host of organizations that are seeking to hire counselors at all stages in their career. This is a free event we will be hosting April 28th, at Neumann University, 8:30 am-12:00 pm. If you have any questions about the event, or would like to get involved with GPACA, please feel free to reach out to us at GPACAweb@gmail.com.

Warmly,

Abby




2nd Annual Career Fair

Saturday, April 28th • 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM



Neumann University
Schmidt Multipurpose Room
1 Neumann Drive • Aston, PA 19014

Looking for a job?

Want to advance your career?

Want to start your own private practice?

Want to become involved in GPACA?

Presentations by seasoned professionals

Meet potential employers

Learn about a variety of agencies

RSVP GPACAweb@gmail.com

From the desk of PCCA:

*Briana Steele, MA, LPC, NCC
President-elect*

Seeking new members!

The Pennsylvania College Counseling Association has a history of bringing together counseling professionals serving in college counseling centers, as well as those interested in learning more about and working with this population. As college students, individuals are likely to face a variety of developmental concerns, numerous stressors, and many opportunities for skill-building in communication, decision-making, and coping. It is for this reason that we feel it is important to revive this organization, as the professionals working within this realm need to have adequate and appropriate resources for consultation and support.

It is our current goal to build membership in order to enhance this community of support. As mentioned above, current employment in a college counseling center is not required, only an interest in serving this group. Please consider joining as a member for future training opportunities, a network of like-minded professionals, and access to specialized resources. We are looking for new members to contribute to an active, vital organization and to get involved in leadership.

For more information regarding PCCA, please email . To join PCCA, please register through the PCA membership website.

Briana

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From the desk of Social Media:

Kathryn Nuff & Dara Schwartz – Co-Chairs



Get involved! Follow PCA on social media:

www.instagram.com/PAcounseling
www.facebook.com/PACounselingAssociation/

Let your voice be heard! Send us a short (1-3 minute) video sharing why you are a counselor, PCA member, or why you do the work that you do. You will have the chance to be featured on PCA's social media pages. Please email your submission to [Dara Schwartz](mailto:Dara.Schwartz)



April 26-29, 2018

**Pre-conference Learning Institutes:
April 25-26**

**Georgia World
Congress Center
Atlanta, GA**

Looking for a Counseling Job? PCA CAN HELP!

THE PCA CAREER CENTER IS NOW EVEN EASIER TO USE!

The Career Center has moved to the public section of the PCA website!

At the Career Center, you'll find jobs that are specific to counseling professionals. These are targeted opportunities that can't be found on larger job board websites.

Why should you visit PCA's Career Center?

- Find positions targeted for counselors
- Post your resume anonymously
- Create personalized job alerts
- Save searches, store jobs, keep notes, communicate with employers through an internal messaging system, and more!



To Access the Career Center:

Go to

<http://www.pacounseling.org/>

- Click on the Career Center link.
- Upon entering the site, you'll be prompted to create a free account.
- Customer Service is available M-F from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. EST.

1-860-437-5700

support@jobtarget.com

Want to Post a Job?

Check out the

Employers Section

for more information on advertising counseling positions.

The Pennsylvania Counseling Association is an organization of professional counselors who value a collegial community, continuous learning, service to others, visionary leadership, and a commitment to professional ethics and standards of practice.

Advertise with us and get your message out to PCA members!

PCA Inc is distributed electronically 4 times annually to approximately 500 active PCA members. It is a great way to reach your target audience!

Please submit your AD as a JPEG, PDF or Word document (Word if it is text only). Please make sure it is print quality resolution or 300 dpi. Checks can be made out to the Pennsylvania Counseling Association and mailed to PO Box 8222, Philadelphia, PA 19101-8222. Members generally receive PCA Inc on the first of the month - October, January, April and July. Submission deadlines fall one month prior.

Submit your ad to:
PCA Newsletter Editor
4pcanews@gmail.com

AD SIZE	PCA MEMBER PRICE	NON-MEMBER PRICE
1/4 PAGE AD 2.5" x 7.5" OR 5" x 3.5"	\$60.00	\$80.00
1/3 PAGE AD 10" x 2.25"	\$80.00	\$100.00
1/2 PAGE AD 10" x 3.5" or 5" x 7.5"	\$120.00	\$150.00
1 FULL PAGE AD 7.5" X 10"	\$170.00	\$200.00

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PACES	Pennsylvania Association of Counselor Education & Supervision Jennifer Barna
PALGBTIC	Pennsylvania Association of Lesbian, Gay, & Transgender Issues in Counseling Ryan Gruber
PAMCD	Pennsylvania Association of Multicultural Counseling & Development Mark Kenney
PASGW	Pennsylvania Association of Specialists In Group Work Mathew Nice
PCCA	Pennsylvania College Counselors Association Briana Steele
PSCA	PA School Counselors Association Judith Bookhammer

PCA Regional Chapters

GPCA	Greater Pittsburgh Counseling Assn Michelle Schein
GPACA	Greater Philadelphia Area Counseling Assn Abby Dougherty
NEPCA	Northeast PA Counseling Assn



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