

**Virginia Association of Counselor Education and Supervision
November 14, 2002 Meeting Minutes**

Attendance:

Board members : Renee Staton, Jeanne Booth, Tamara Davis, Lennie Echterling, , Victoria Foster, Tammi Milliken, Steve Nielsen, Angela von Hayek-Gunn

General membership: Since the meeting was held during the annual VCA conference, the general membership was well represented

Call to Order/ President's Report:

- Renee Staton called the meeting to order and asked for corrections to last meeting's minutes, which can be viewed on the VACES web site.

- Renee reported on discussion about a possible disaffiliation of VACC from VCA at the VCA board meeting. Rosemarie Hughes suggested considering separate memberships for VCA and its divisions as well as a transition year in the fee structure for first year professionals. Victoria suggested recruiting new members through invitations to workshops that would entice them into membership. She considers the affiliation of VCA and its division as beneficial. Bob suggested recruiting VCA members into chapters by nurturing the chapters.

- Renee asked for input that Tammie could bring to a strategic VCA board meeting on Nov 16, 2002. Tammie asked for specific feedback on how to involve more counselor educators and how to make membership more useful to members. Steve suggested conducting focus groups on how to make the organization more meaningful to its members. Rosemarie suggested a focus on teaching clinical techniques and strategies. Bob Pate pointed out the difficulty of attending more than one divisions meeting during the Annual VCA Conference, since all divisions meet at the same time.

Treasurer's Report: Lennie reported the balance on hand to be \$ 2400.70

Liaison Reports:

- **Community Counseling** – Steve reported that the recent budget cuts impact community counseling programs and CSBs especially in rural areas. CSBs are cutting programs not related to Medicaid, leading to layoffs of LPCs, which in turn effects the availability of internship sites, due to the lack of site supervisors. Rosemarie reported that the licensure board is considering continuing education requirements and is currently considering the NCC model.

- **School Counseling** – Tammy reported that summits were being held across the state to introduce the National Model for School Counseling. The VSCA conference will be held in Richmond March 14 & 15, 2003. Questions about a PRAXIS test for school counselors were raised.

- **Counselor Education** – Members discussed the struggles that programs and students face in light of recent and future budget constraints.
- **Graduate Student** – Tammi reported that the 2003 Graduate student conference will be held at the College of William & Mary again. She asked that members solicit financial support from their GEAs to assist in funding a breakfast and reception. In the past VACES has broken even on the conference. Since, the number of presentations will be limited, the possibility of adding a poster session for those presentations that were not accepted as full presentations was discussed. Dr. Max P. will be the key note speaker. Additionally, Tammi encouraged faculty to continue sending recognitions of grad students for inclusion in the newsletter. Also she suggested having a grad student corner in the newsletter.
- **Web Page** – Lennie asked that members send him material to post. He will post the brochure and Angie will send the minutes to be posted. Currently, information on the grad student conference is posted.
- **Newsletter** – Jeanne thanked Victoria for printing and mailing the last newsletter. She asked about speeding up the turn around time for future releases. The next newsletter is due April 1, 2003 and information from anyone is welcome. Please send material to Jeanne.

Old Business:

- **Supervisory Guidelines** – Renee shared that at the July retreat board members had started to develop core competencies for supervisors. VACES wants to work with the licensure board on supervision licensure requirements. Rosemarie pointed out that guidelines needed to be measurable. She would like VCA to support licensure requirements. Discussion ensued surrounding licensure of supervisors. It was suggested investigating regulations of states that have a supervisory license.
- **Advocacy** – Bob Pate suggested VACES taking a stand on supporting programs in their efforts to meet CACREP accreditation standard of a minimum of four faculty members during a hiring freeze. Victoria recommended communicating this with ACES. Rosemarie asked for Feedback for the licensure board on the development of CEUs for LPCs.
- **Brochure** - Renee showed and distributed the newly developed VACES brochure. She thanked all involved for their efforts in this project.

New Business:

- **ACES Award**- Renee wants to apply for the ACES Division of the year award. Victoria will write the nominating letter by Nov 23, 2002. Tammi and Gerard

Lawson will write letters describing the graduate student conference. Renee and Tammie have each asked students who presented for a letter. Rosemarie will write as a member of the Virginia Licensure Board. Renee asked to receive these letters by Nov 20. She will then collate the six packages required for nomination. The package will include a list of members who presented at ACA and ACES, as well as the names of the graduate students from Virginia who have received ACES awards.

- **Supervision** – Rosemarie pointed to the need to look at web-cam supervision. Also, supervision training could be used as CEU units for LPCs.

The meeting was adjourned at 2p.m.