

VACES MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2006
Virginia Graduate Student Conference
Williamsburg, Virginia

Attendance	Jeanne Booth, Tammy Davis, Lennie Echterling, Tammy Feaster, Amanda Flora, Victoria Foster, Harriet Glosoff, Gerald Lawson, Sandra Lopez-Baez, Amie Manis, Kathleen May, Steve Nielson, Elisabeth Pleszkoch
Type of Meeting:	VACES Board Meeting
Facilitator:	Dr. Kathleen May, VACES President
Call to Order Approval of Minutes	President Kathleen May called the meeting to order. She called for the approval of the minutes from the VACES Board Meeting held on November 17, 2005 in Portsmouth, VA. Tammy Davis moved that the minutes be approved with no changes and Amie Manis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously and accepted with no changes by the group.
Treasurer's Report	Kathleen gave the treasurer report, indicating a current balance of \$1992.74. The balance does not reflect activity from the Graduate Student Conference.
By-Law Changes Student Membership	Kathleen discussed a change to the student membership section of VACES and ACES, in which it does not limit membership. This needs to be review in the by-laws so that everyone agrees. Amie Manis and Kathleen May volunteered to take on the project. Victoria Foster made the motion and Tammy Davis seconded it.
Liaison Reports: School Counseling	Tammy Davis announced the VSCA Conference will be held on March 30-31, 2006. There was good support for Legislative Day. The misalignment of direct counseling services was reported, but did not consider the elementary mandate. Suggest school counselors not be used as test coordinators
Community Counseling	Steve Nielson presented the Community Counseling Committee Report. Steve discussed a letter to support alternative strategies for the mentally ill who are arrested. More attention should be given to places where people would not necessarily receive the support. Steve reported that Katrina helpers are returning home with secondary traumas. Caregivers are suffering from fatigue, vicarious traumas, etc. Curriculums are expanding to address these issues. Private practices are applying for Medicaid eligible funds and are using pre-licensed individuals. The funds allotted for Community Service Boards (CSB) are going to private practitioners with regard to day treatment. How will this impact CSBs? Steve recommended preparation for LPC supervisors. Rip McAdams is working on developing regulations and Steve and Kathleen will send him the outline. Lenny suggested that VCA training be offered in this area. Steve Nielson, Jeanne Booth, and Gerald Lawson will work together to develop formats for the VCA preconference. Some ideas included involving high school guidance directors and providing distance learning opportunities.

	<p>Sandra Lopez-Baez discussed the 2008 proposed standards to merge community counseling into mental health counseling. The academic requirements will standardize the amount of credits and practicum hours. Information will be collected and a new draft sent out. Everyone should keep their eyes open and respond.</p>
<p>Committee Reports:</p> <p>Membership</p> <p>Advocacy</p> <p>Web Page</p>	<p>Kathleen gave the membership report for Tammi Millikan in her absence. Tammi needs something concrete for site supervisors. VACES currently has over 150 members. Suggestions were made for graduate student scholarships including VCA and ACES. Amie Manis reported a large school counseling presence, with very few LPCs. Question of how schools are counting high school graduates versus dropouts. Tammy Davis reported numbers are based on 12th grade entry, indicating that the numbers are skewed. Everyone agreed that uniformity was in order and that a unified front was necessary. Kathleen reported that VCA adopted a mission statement on Social Justice and Advocacy. Issues concerning gay and lesbian families will be on the ballot for next year. Lenny presented a handout of the webpage. Kathleen appointed Lenny and Amanda Flora for the webpage committee.</p>
<p>Old Business:</p> <p>Research Grants</p> <p>Brochure</p> <p>Newsletter</p> <p>Symposium for Counselor Educators & Supervisors</p> <p>Election Results</p>	<p>Gerald has a form method for Tammi Millikan to use for research proposals. He wants to finalize it with a deadline to report for next year. Kathleen gave her students the brochure as an assignment. Will submit the outcomes by email. Jeanne will submit her last newsletter for the spring. She will need a replacement and Tammy Davis made a motion for Tammy Feaster to take her place. Kathleen seconded the motion and Tammy Feaster accepted the nomination. Kathleen wants to focus on faculty for the “Day of Sharing and Collaboration.” Questions and concerns consisted of the best time of year, how will we get the supervisors, and who will take on the project. Tammy Davis volunteered to talk with Pamela Brott to help get the ball rolling. Gerald was announced president-elect and Elizabeth Pleszkoch is secretary-elect beginning July 1, 2006.</p>
<p>New Business:</p>	<p>Lenny showed a Katrina calendar that Tammy Davis suggested selling at the VCSA Conference. Kathleen set July 21, 2006 for the next VACES Board meeting in Charlottesville. She will email everyone to confirm the date, time and place.</p>
<p>Conclusion and Adjournment</p>	<p>The group finished and was adjourned by VACES President, Dr. Kathleen May.</p>