



SCCA Board Meeting

Meeting Info: Saturday (4/30/2022), 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Board Meeting via Zoom Meeting

Board Members: Chandler Cox, Roxi Tolbert, Charlotte Hamilton, Jennifer Jordan, Fredric Mau, Mandi Budd, Jennifer Deaton, Nikki Vasilas, Aubrey Sejuitt, Sheila Witherspoon, Kasey Ennis, Guy Ilagan, Kiersten Warfield

Present at meeting: Guy Ilagan, Kasey Ennis, Jennifer Jordan, Chandler Cox, Roxi Tolbert, Aubrey Sejuitt, Kiersten Warfield, and invited SCCA member (only present for the last portion of the meeting)

Board Meeting Agenda (Call to Order at 10:36 am by Roxi Tolbert. Minutes were approved and the Agenda for the meeting was approved.)

Meeting Agenda

Call to Order and Roll Call

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Meeting Agenda
- Executive Committee Reports - final conference update and review of election results
- Standing Committee Reports - Counseling Compact updates (including sponsorship and needs), Medical Ethics bill updates, online CE roundtable updates and needs
- Ongoing Business
- New Business - review of current and past concerns related to conference locale and brainstorm session about possible engagement options for SCCA within the Hilton Head community
- Next Executive Board Meeting Date - Transition Meeting - June 25, 2022 at 10:30 am in Zoom Meeting

Adjourn

President's Report

See details under New Business.

Past President's and Nominations Committee Report

Nominations were received for all positions {president-elect, treasurer, secretary, and board members (3)} and elections were held online using Member Planet. Results were as follows:

Guy Ilagan - President-Elect
Katherine DeWitt - Treasurer
Aubrey Sejuitt - Secretary
Madison Farrell - Board Member
Dominique Roberts - Board Member
Stephanie McMillan - Board Member

Additionally, Mandi Budd will be at the helm for the publicity/technology committee (helping with online CE roundtables/Counselors Care events) and for the awards committee.

Executive Director's Report and Conference Committee Report

Jennifer reported the annual conference, despite difficulties with the hybrid format, had been successful with around 300 people in attendance (online and in-person). Most of the follow-up actions related to the conference are completed and SCCA made about \$14,000. Jennifer shared that Whova was not an effective platform for CEUs but noted that CEU certificates had been sent out if attendees completed the requisite evaluations for attended sessions. Additionally, feedback from evaluations had been constructive this time, possibly as a result of the requirement to sign one's name to the completed evaluation.

There were some issues with volunteers this year and two were asked to leave prior to the end of the conference. Several people registered for the conference as SCCA members, but did not hold active memberships. The hotel added an unexpected fee, but Conference Direct was able to get the fee dropped. Additionally, SCCA reserved fewer conference rooms this year and additional space had to be requested during the conference.

SCCA has a contract to host the conference at the Westin in 2023 but after that, Conference Direct will be assisting SCCA in finding other options (another option in Hilton Head, plus options in Charleston, Isle of Palms, and Myrtle Beach).

Jennifer suggested that if a hybrid option was offered in the future, that perhaps the presenters could all be live, in-person and the sessions could be recorded for future viewing in Zoom on Whova's platform. There are various issues with troubleshooting and connecting the multiple elements required to provide synchronous online and in-person sessions (especially with audio and video feeds).

Treasurer's Report and Budget/Finance Committee Report

Jennifer Deaton was not present, but Jennifer Jordan reported SCCA had a healthy balance in the bank as a result of the conference. Money was made this year via conference revenue and membership fees. Overall, the financial standing for the organization is sound.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership: Kasey reported membership continues to increase. As a result of the licensure application consultancy service provided by SCCA, 10 new members joined. Jennifer shared that the new online licensure application had not yet been released by the SC Counseling Board, so the consultancy service remained a helpful benefit that SCCA could provide.

Nominations/Elections: See above report.

Budget/Finance: See above report.

Legislation/Public Policy: Chandler reported that the medical ethics bill was dead as a result of feedback from constituents. The current session ends June 2, 2022 and a friend of Dr. Tommy Vaughn has agreed to offer sponsorship for the Counseling Compact bill this fall. The Counseling Compact has met the 10 state threshold and although SC will not be represented on the commission, SC can still join the Compact. The statutes for the Compact are already written and the aim is to have the Compact functioning by 2023. Chandler shared she was receiving support from ACA for legislative efforts related to supporting the Counseling Compact, the ability to continue teaching critical race theory, and supporting the LGBTQ+ community. Multiple bills have popped up against the LGBTQ+ community and open teaching practices.

Awards: Aubrey reported that Mandi helped with the awards this year. So many nominations were received that some will be considered for the 2023 awards. SCCA now has a good relationship with an awards provider in Lexington, SC and will use the company for awards next year.

Publicity and Technology: Chandler reported that online CE roundtables will be offered this summer in June, July, and August with a special focus on school counseling (due to the feedback from evaluations at previous online CE events). A request was made for presenters. Current charges for CE roundtables are: no charge for members, \$5 for LPC-As and students, and \$10 for non-members. Kiersten will take over the online CEs and publicity when Chandler takes the helm as president.

Strategic Planning: No report received. Committee is inactive.

Ethics: No report received. Committee is inactive.

Ongoing/Old Business

Ongoing business was addressed above. No additional notes or discussion.

New Business

Roxi identified new business regarding concerns brought forth by a member post-attendance at the conference this year (and which tied into concerns identified by the conference committee last year post-conference). A summary of the concerns was provided prior to invited member joining the meeting. Concerns included cultural concerns, intergenerational trauma concerns, ideas about connecting and collaborating with the Hilton Head community and providing service throughout the year (or connecting with different communities each year in an ongoing way to provide a service). how to retain SCCA members who have experienced exclusion, service projects, visible representation within the organization, and potential racism (systemic and/or other kinds) within the organization. Discussion and brainstorming ensued. The invited member offered context regarding history, cultural and intergenerational trauma concerns, and made suggestions about potential service ideas and engagement efforts (offering to help if desired). Invited member, Chandler, and Guy left meeting before official meeting adjournment and conversation continued briefly regarding the brainstormed ideas. Guy and Kasey agreed to reach out to contacts to see what interest from community groups in the Hilton Head area may or may not exist with regard to collaborating with SCCA in the future. They will report their findings at the next meeting.

Upcoming Meeting Date:

6/25/2022: 10:30 am in Zoom Meeting for Executive Board Transition Meeting

Meeting Adjourned 12:16 pm

Recorded by: Roxi Tolbert