



## SCCA Board Meeting

Saturday, June 25, 2022 10:30 am – 12:00 pm  
SCCA Board Transition Meeting via Zoom Meeting

***Incoming and Outgoing Members (Invited):*** Chandler Cox, Roxi Tolbert, Charlotte Hamilton, Jennifer Jordan, Fredric Mau, Mandi Budd, Jennifer Deaton, Nikki Vasilas, Aubrey Sejuit, Sheila Witherspoon, Kasey Ennis, Guy Ilagan, Kiersten Warfield, Madison Farrell, Stephanie McMillan, Katherine DeWitt, Camilla Bravo, Dominique Roberts

***Incoming and Outgoing Members (Attended):*** Chandler Cox, Roxi Tolbert, Aubrey Sejuit, Kasey Ennis, Guy Ilagan, Kiersten Warfield, Stephanie McMillan, Katherine DeWitt, Camilla Bravo, Dominique Roberts

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Meeting Minutes

#### Call to Order and Roll Call

- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Roxi Tolbert (*Outgoing President*) asked about the approval of the previous meeting minutes. Katherine DeWitt (*Incoming Treasurer*) **made the motion** to approve the last board minutes. Kasey Ennis (*Board Member*) **seconded the motion**. The Board **unanimously approved** the previous meeting minutes. **The motion passed.**

- **Approval of the Agendas (Outgoing Board and Incoming Board)**

Roxi Tolbert (*Outgoing President*) asked about the agenda for today regarding its approval. Chandler Cox (*Incoming President*) **made a motion** to approve and Katherine DeWitt (*Incoming Treasurer*) **seconded the motion**. The Board **unanimously approved** the agenda. **The motion passed.**

- **Executive Committee Reports**

#### Conference Committee

The South Carolina Counseling Association (SCCA) will be back at the Westin Resort in Hilton Head, SC for the upcoming conference in 2023. Everything has been approved for next year's conference and there is a surplus in the budget. It was noted that this is the first time this has ever happened. At the 2022 SCCA Conference, it was noted that there were 231 attendees, consisting of 100 professional members, 47 student members, 57 professional non-members, and 27 student non-members.

- **Standing Committee Reports**

#### Presidential Side

New dates for Southern ACA meetings were released. There is an upcoming meeting on September 16, 2022 (5:30PM EST). There will be a Leadership Development Summit in January 2023 (January 20<sup>th</sup>-January 22<sup>nd</sup>)

and it will be held in Jacksonville, FL. There will also be another meeting for March 30<sup>th</sup> at the ACA Conference in Toronto, Ontario.

The SCCA notes that the leadership roster is started but, ACA numbers must be submitted.

The conference has been updated regarding attendees. There were legislative updates and committee session breakouts with online seminars, the elections and this transition. There is an updated roster for the SCCA with board member committee data.

### **Membership Committee**

The SCCA now has a total of 405 current members. Of those 405 members, 231 are professional members and 4 are retired emeritus members. The SCCA has had 17 people reach out for help with LPC-A applications. Kasey Ennis (*Board Member*) has been able to help direct them to the application questions online. Everyone is hopeful that it will be easier/ smoother for everyone.

### **Publicity/ Legislation Updates**

Our sponsor is still working January 2023 for the compact. The Senate is only in session from January until June. Medical Ethics impact people. Now, counselors and mental health clinicians have been taken off that bill. This means we can still provide our services to clients. ACA is calling a meeting, next week, about the overturning of Roe v. Wade and what it will mean for counselors and mental health therapists. If abortion is illegal in your state, it can affect services for our clients.

### **Publicity**

The SCCA is working on a new website. The SCCA is getting a lot of traffic on our social media, especially with the virtual CEs being done this summer. The social media has been good.

### **Nominations**

The SCCA has cleared up the confusion about who is what and where regarding what we should do about nominations and elections.

### **Awards Committee**

We will continue to use the trophy place in Lexington, SC known as the Trophy & Awards Center. Both Mandi Budd (*Former Secretary/ Current Awards Committee Chair*) and Aubrey Sejuitt (*Former Awards Committee Chair/ Current Secretary*) will continue to work together on the Awards Committee. It was asked that members of SCCA consider sending in names for awards throughout the year.

#### **• Ongoing Business**

The SCCA continues to work on CEs for members as well as preparing for the annual SCCA Conference. The Board also works with legislative action and preparing counselors for practice in the state or South Carolina through advocacy and helping them with licensure efforts.

#### **• New Business - thanks and release of outgoing members and thanks and conferral of incoming members, then, passing the gavel and transition to incoming board agenda**

Kasey Ennis (Board Member) reached out to a friend in Beaufort, SC about how the SCCA can be helpful with advocacy efforts in the Hilton Head area during the annual conference. She found a contact for one person, Brent Morris, to learn more about how we can help. There is a Mitchelville Freedom Park with augmented tours and

excavations. This might be a great place for attendees to check out while in the area. We will suggest this to them as the SCCA Board. Guy Ilagan (*President-Elect*) had discussions with school counselors. There was interest in helping in the area of partnering with schools and other organizations.

### **Prewsidential Thank You**

Roxi Tolbert (*Outgoing President*) thanked Chandler Cox (*Incoming President*) for her hard work on legislation. She noted that it has been hard to get people involved in this committee for a few years. Roxi Tolbert (*Outgoing President*) then thanked Kiersten Warfield (*At-Large*) for picking up on the CE certificates and everything technical. It was noted that she has another year in her At-Large role. Kasey Ennis (*Board Member*) has done a great job with the social media and helping others with the application process. This has helped members and even members who can be enticed to consider joining us. Madison Farrell (*Board Member*) is back and has done things for many years. It was noted Madison did a great job with the CEs round tables. Guy Ilagan (*President-Elect*) came last year and he has done a fantastic job being on the Board. Aubrey Sejuit (*Incoming Secretary*) was thanked for help with awards. It was noted that, "It takes a bit of a village to do stuff."

Roxi Tolbert (*Outgoing President*) then welcomed Camilla Bravo (*Incoming Ethics Chair*) and Dominique Roberts (*Board Member*), who she referred to as "Ms. Volunteer" for all of her hard work. Stephanie McMillan (*Board Member*) was welcomed as well as Dr. Katherine DeWitt (*Incoming Treasurer*). She then passed Chandler Cox (*Incoming President*) the gavel to officially start in her new role as the SCCA President.

#### **I. Introduce New Board Members**

##### ***a. Treasurer – Katherine DeWitt***

Dr. Katherine DeWitt is a Program Director and Counselor Educator for the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program at South University. She will be starting clinical practice with Epworth Children's Center in Columbia, SC too.

##### ***b. Board Member – Stephanie McMillan***

Stephanie McMillan, is an LPC and a Registered Play Therapist. She works with Columbia Area Mental health as a Multidimensional Family Therapy Services and part time as an Intake Counselor at Three Rivers Behavioral Health Center. She also volunteers as Cheer Director/Head Coach for recreational cheer youth-Columbia Lady Knights. She enjoys community services activities

##### ***c. Board Member – Dominique Roberts***

Dominique Roberts is located in Hickory, NC. She is a graduate student (due to COVID), with an expected graduation of December 2022. She is majoring in School Counseling with an add-on licensure for clinical mental health. She is the Graduate Student Volunteer Coordinator for the SCCA Conference and has done this for approximately 3-4 years. She is looking forward to collaborate and communicate with Board members in the future. She is the School Counselor between two schools in Alexander County (rural county in NC). The schools are West Alexander Middle and the Student Success Center. She enjoys several hobbies throughout the year.

##### ***d. Ethics Chair – Camilla Bravo***

Camilla Bravo is known as a huge CE person in Greenville, SC and someone who cannot wait to provide ethics content for the SCCA. Camilla does clinical supervision and CEs while working for the Bravo Institute. Camilla noted serving as the first Ethics Chair for the SCCA.

## **II. Returning Members**

### **a. Board Member -- Madison Farrell**

Madison has done presentations for the conference and is excited to present again.

### **b. Secretary –Aubrey Sejuit**

Dr. Aubrey L. Sejuit is the new Secretary. She is an Assistant Professor of Social Work and a Counselor for Limestone University. She was awarded the “Outstanding Professional Service Award” by the SCCA in 2019. In 2021, she co-authored *Gaining Cultural Competence in Career Counseling 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* with Dr. Kathy Evans. She served in the SCCA as an At-Large member working as the former Graduate Student Volunteer Coordinator for the SCCA Conference and Chair of the Awards Committee before being elected Secretary.

## **III. Goals for 2022 – 2023**

### **i. Entry to the Counseling Compact ([www.counselingcompact.org](http://www.counselingcompact.org)) - January 2023**

#### **ii. Identify Sources for Legislative Support**

There is a Mental Health Committee. It would be nice to work with them to help with legislation. This can help with contacting representatives. The Chair of that committee does have a background in school counseling so, this will be nice.

#### **iii. Develop In-Person CE Events Outside of the Conference – April – November**

After being tasked with having more CE events throughout the year, it was noted the SCCA may have some virtual events and some face-to-face CE events in Columbia, the low country, and throughout the entire state to service members.

Katherine DeWitt (*Treasurer*) explained that the Chi Sigma Iota (XΣI) chapters could partner with the SCCA to offer CEs throughout the year via an annual conference or different monthly meetings, which would be face-to-face.

Aubrey Sejuit (*Secretary*) noted that virtual sessions could be helpful and that graduate programs can offer CEs without the students being doctoral-level if the faculty is willing to present. It was also expressed that so many CEs can be virtual.

Camilla Bravo (*Ethics Chair*) noted that there are CEs offered throughout the years with the Bravo Institute and questioned if it would be helpful to expand for CEs instead of necessarily partnering with schools. The group then noted that this would be a good topic for further discussion to see how the SCCA can best support members and non-members alike.

#### **iv. Increase Community Engagement**

Kasey Ennis (*Board Member*) and Guy Ilagan (*President-Elect*) want to help make community engagement a priority this year as the SCCA works closely with Harvest Hope in Columbia, SC. Now that the SCCA is coming out of the COVID-19 fog, it will be good for the organization to have more of a presence.

## **IV. New Website Introduction & Feedback – Kiersten Warfield**

### **Get Feedback - Wix.com**

There are new sections to the SCCA page as it has recently been updated. It will include the meeting minutes for member transparency, a section where people can purchase books written by members, another section where you

can find a supervisor for supervision, and it was noted that a calendar with a list of upcoming events would be helpful too. The Board was pleased with the many great updates to the website.

#### **V. Executive Director Review / Raise Request**

It was requested by Dr. Jennifer Jordan (*Executive Director*) to be given a raise for a payment of \$900.00 a month. Aubrey Sejuitt (*Secretary*) **made a motion** to approve this raise, noting that, “Dr. Jordan works incredibly hard.” Kiersten Warfield (*At-Large*) **seconded the motion** as she stated, “Dr. Jordan is a superwoman and we really appreciate all she does for us.” The Board **unanimously voted** in favor of the raise. ***The motion passed.***

#### **VI. Schedule Fall Meeting → September 24, 2022 | 10:30 am – 11:30 am, Virtual**

Chandler Cox (*President*) made a motion to end the meeting at 11:40AM. Roxi Tolbert (*Immediate Past President*) seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion. ***The motion passed*** and the meeting ended at 11:40AM.

#### **Additional Notes**

- ACA Annual Report due July 15 – Please send Roxi Tolbert (*Immediate Past President*) your ACA Membership # no later than July 13!
- Committee Reports will be due prior to the next scheduled meeting on September 21, 2022! Please contact Chandler Cox (*President*) if you need a template for a committee report.