



# General Membership Meeting Minutes

Columbus Convention Center, Short North B

Thursday, September 22, 2016

4:45 - 6:15 pm

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## I. Welcome and Call to Order

President – Anthony Ambrogi, Randolph-Macon College (VA)

- a. Anthony Ambrogi called the meeting to order at 5:24pm
- b. Introduction of our youngest new member, five-month-old Ainsley Farmer, daughter of Past President Kelly Farmer
- c. Introduction of Mike Oligmueller, Immediate Past President, and President-Elect Robyn Lady

## II. Approval of General Membership Meeting Minutes, April 2016

Secretary – Heather Jeter, The Steward School (VA)

- a. Scott Mayer moved to approve; Kathleen Martin seconded; all in favor

## III. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer – Joel Lang, Padua Academy (DE)

- a. 2016-2017 budget approved this summer
- b. We have switched accountants to Jonathan Godwin; will have better oversight with QuickBooks Online
- c. All reimbursements are up to date

## IV. Recognition of Delegates, NACAC Committee Members, Members Running for National Office

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- a. Jayne Fonash, Member, Board of Directors
- b. Doug Shapiro and Zakiya Smith, BOD
- c. Lou Hirsh, Chair of AP Committee
- d. David Burge, Candidate for President
- e. Recognition of Previous PCACAC Presidents
- f. Recognition of Previous NACAC Presidents and members of Board of Directors
- g. Recognition of Gayle Wilson Award recipient, Evelyn Boyd White
- h. Recognition of members currently serving on NACAC Committees
- i. Recognition of PCACAC Delegates
- j. Recognition of Jake Talmage and the AP Committee for receiving the Rising Star Award

## V. Committee Reports and Announcements:

- a. Admission Practices – Jake Talmage, St. Paul's School for Boys (MD)
  - i. Not just about taking cases or receiving complaints; if members have questions related to the SPGP, ask—all inquiries are entirely confidential

- ii. Education component: case studies and in-house training for groups; if interested, contact the AP Committee; if interested in writing a case, contact Jake
- b. Bylaws and Credentials – Scott Mayer, St. Christopher’s School (VA)
  - i. Four proposed changes
    - a) Details will be posted to the B&C section of the website within the next week
- c. College Fairs – James Massey, University of Maryland (MD)
  - i. Encouraged college fair coordinators to continue to utilize the organizational site; DC NACAC Fair changing to a Sunday (October 23)
- d. Communications – Kellie Stewart, Gonzaga College High School (DC)
  - i. Committee is looking to add members; looking for help pushing out social media content and updating website; use hashtags throughout the conference
- e. Conference Planning – Rosemary Martin, University of Maryland (MD)
  - i. This year’s conference is at Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg; April 23-25, 2017
  - ii. Take advantage of the resort’s amenities; possible golf tournament
- f. Government Relations – Sam Shoge, Washington College (MD)
  - i. Meeting with state legislators and their staffers in Dover, Annapolis, and Richmond
  - ii. Call for new members who are interested in politics and policy
  - iii. Advocacy Days being planned for the year
  - iv. Hoping to assist with the efforts to streamline and organize college fairs in Maryland to bring regional order
- g. Inclusion, Access, and Success – Chris Miller, Glenelg Country Day School (MD)
  - i. IAS serves the most under-resourced and underserved counselors and students in our region
  - ii. Call for recommendations of people and/or programs that need the IAS Committee’s support
  - iii. In the process of reviving the Joining Hands program; looking at Baltimore, Williamsburg (in conjunction with the annual conference), southwest Virginia, and West Virginia
  - iv. Always looking for new members of the committee who are interested in and passionate about this work
- h. Membership – Eli Clarke, Gonzaga College High School (DC)
  - i. Remember to renew membership by September 30
  - ii. Over the course of this year, there will be outreach to new members; working with college fairs; looking at reports to see who has “fallen through the cracks”; request for referrals of members who have lapsed or people who should be members but have never been
- i. Nominating – Mike Oligmueller, The Potomac School (VA)

- i. Looking for delegate tied to the PD Chair position; Government Relations/delegate position; one delegate position; secretary position; president-elect nominee; ideas for people who should be on the ballot in the spring should be passed to Mike O.
- j. Past Presidents – Mike Carter, St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School (VA)
  - i. Responsibility to steward the strategic plan and to solicit nominations for the Jack Blackburn Award; criteria for the award are on the website; call for recommendations of exceptionally ethical peers who deserve recognition; asked for former recipients to stand to be recognized
- k. Professional Development – Rebekah LaPlante, Virginia Tech (VA)
  - i. Continuing great public service through in-service programs for public school counselors; most recent request for PD for Montgomery County, MD; planning to reach out to WV and other underserved areas in our affiliate; looking into ways to serve college-side membership—Rosemary Martin and Rebekah planning a PCACAC happy hour at Fairfax VACRAO Conference
  - ii. Would like to have new members of the committee, as well as people to help with logistics, to serve on faculty, etc.; contact Rebekah if interested
  - iii. Still searching for a college willing to host the Summer Institute for 2017; if interested, reach out to Annie or Rhonda

**VI. President’s Report**

President – Anthony Ambrogi

- a. Additional call for volunteers; drew attention to volunteer sign-up on PCACAC website
- b. Expressed gratitude for opportunity to serve PCACAC; thankful for leaders who have come before him
- c. This is a year of monumental change in the profession; we can be led to feel anxious and apprehensive, but it can also be exciting—a lot like what our students feel; goal to support one another through this time
- d. Recognition of Annie Hilten’s excellent work for PCACAC
- e. Encouragement to attend Membership Meeting on Saturday
- f. Joe Monte, one of the founders of PCACAC, called for the Executive Council to increase membership of public school counselors (he is attending the conference for the 56<sup>th</sup> time)

**VII. Adjournment**

President – Anthony Ambrogi

- a. Robyn Lady moves to adjourn; Libby Weith seconded; all in favor
- b. Meeting adjourned at 6:12pm