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**PCA By-laws and Ethics Committee Quarterly Report
February 13, 2009**

**Submitted by: Jacqueline A. Walsh, PhD, LPC, NCC
Chair, By-laws and Ethics Committee**

1. Proposed by-laws change

Submitted by Anne Hull. The proposed revision is to *Article II, Section 2, Number 2*. The revised language is intended to make the requirements for First Year Professional Membership in PCA consistent with first year membership in ACA (see attachment).

2. Note that any proposed changes to PCA's by-laws or Articles of Incorporation must be submitted to the ACA for approval prior to implementation. Proposed changes should be submitted to the ACA president for approval at least 14 weeks prior to the next Governing Council meeting.

**3. Provided consultations, including:
Community Agency client issue
Supervision issue**

4. Do we have legal counsel available to consult with, when needed?

5. Committee members

By-Laws Cha nge

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At our last Executive Council meeting on October 24, 2008 I was presented with a proposed revision to the PCA By-Laws. This proposal was submitted by Anne Hull as a current active member of PCA and included 20 signatures of 20 currently active members.

This revision will be on the agenda at our next meeting (February 13) for approval. According to the by-laws:

The President or Committee shall present all submitted proposed amendments or revisions to the PCA Executive Council, in writing, with explanation, at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the PCA Executive Council at which adoption is expected.

The proposed revision is to *Article II, Section 2, Number 2*. The revised language is intended to make the requirements for First Year Professional Membership in PCA consistent with first year membership in ACA.

The proposed language reads:

2. First-Year Professional: (Carries all privileges) Individuals who have graduated with a Masters or Doctorate within the past 12 months. Status is good for one year.

You can find the current wording by reviewing the by-laws at:

<http://www.pacounseling.org/PCABY-Laws%20Spring2007.doc>

Voting members of the Executive Council are the elected Officers of the Association and one (1) representative from each chartered Division, Chapter, and Special Interest Group.

This should also serve as a reminder that our next meeting will be held on Friday February 13 in 102 Bouche, PSU Campus. Please begin putting your reports together for the meeting – you should receive a request for reports from Christine shortly.

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