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Pennsylvania Counseling Association
President's Report
Donald A. Strano, Ed.D., LPC, NCC
October, 2008

1. **Newsletter**

Jamie Hogan has indicated that she will step down as the newsletter editor after the next issue. She indicated:

"I will gladly help out the next person. I am working on putting together sheets that have important information such as what is needed in each edition and other useful tips to make the transition easier."

I have not received any recommendations for a new editor. It is important that we find someone to take over before the next issue

2. **PCA Career Center**

The use of our career center continues to lag. I continue to search the Job Target listings and post related positions from Pennsylvania and the surrounding states (NY, NY, DE, MD, DC, WV, OH). We currently have 27 postings (as high as 75 in recent months). However we have 5 job seekers registered and have not had anyone post a position through us.

✓ We need to consider new ways to encourage use of this service.

3. The change to the by-laws:

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.

Was distributed to the executive committee on January 5 by email.

- On behalf of PCA I signed the Memorandum of Agreement between PCA and Gerald J. McKelvey (MCKELVEY & ASSOCIATES) January 2, 2009. Mr. McKelvey will "represent the interest(s) of the Pennsylvania Counseling association... before Pennsylvania state legislature and executive branch." He will work closely with the Government Relations committee who will report to the Executive Council.
- I have received a request from a doctoral student (Jennifer Dougall) in Counselor Ed. at the U. of Akron. The request is for assistance in her research by distributing information to professional counselors in Pennsylvania. To my knowledge PCA doesn't have a policy regarding supporting research.
- Since our last meeting I have sent out 68 separate emails welcoming new members to PCA and responded to approximately 12 additional email with a variety of questions regarding PCA and the counseling profession in Pennsylvania.

Remaining 08/09 Meeting

Friday May 22, 2009 Executive Council

10:00 AM, PSU - Bouche 120

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