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PSCA Report to the PCA Executive Council

Date: February 26, 2016

Division: Pennsylvania School Counselors Association

Chairperson: Lisa Fulton, President

Action Item for Upcoming PCA Meeting: (please highlight one) YES NO

Attending the Upcoming PCA Meeting: (please highlight one) YES NO

Summary/Update of Action Item: NA

Summary Report of Activity:

The Pennsylvania School Counselors Association continues to work on its revised "action" plan for the fiscal year July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016. The plan addresses four goals with emphasis being placed on "Providing professional development relevant to the current and emerging practices of school counseling..." "Advocating for the role and programs of school counselors..." and "Implementing an organizational structure that facilitates the accomplishment of the mission and goals in a fiscally optimal manner..."

Monthly Executive Committee meetings are held.

The major professional development of the year was the 60th Annual Conference held February 17-20 at the Milton Hershey School and the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. Three hundred and twenty school counselors and related professionals attended the activities over the four days. A recognition program was held at the Milton Hershey School on Thursday, February 18. Highlights included the recognition of School Counselors of the Year at the elementary, middle and high school levels. A Graduate Student Scholarship was awarded and a Counselor Educator of the Year was named. Advocacy Awards, Appreciation Awards and PSCA Pride Awards were also presented. Graduate students were afforded the opportunity to participate in "mock interviews." On Thursday, the assembled group supported the #REACH HIGHER initiative and on Friday the attendees focused on I LOVE BEING A SCHOOL COUNSELOR BECAUSE..." It was a "sweet" time in the "sweetest place on earth."

The PSCA Bylaws Committee proposed changes to address the newly developed structure. The suggested revision were reviewed and approved for posting at the January Governing Board, posted for review and finalized at the February 17, 2016 Governing Board Meeting. The Nominations and Elections Policy was also revised at the February 17 meeting.

At the Annual PSCA Business Meeting on February 19, 2016, highlights of activity for the year were presented as were initiatives of the organization: the high school senior scholarship project, the buddy bench grant project, RAMP application grants, the PSCA on-line book club, the recommendations specific to school counselors in the Report of the Education Policy and Leadership Council Study Group on High School Career and Technical Education;

https://www.eplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/CTC_Report_final_EPLC.pdf

The proposed PSCA budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017 was presented for review and was approved by the membership in attendance.

The timeline for the Nominations and Elections 2016 was announced and nominations for President-Elect and the seven Region Representative are now open.

PSCA President Lisa Fulton and PSCA Executive Director Judith Bookhamer attended the ASCA School Counselor of the Year presentation on Friday, January 29, 2016. Dr. Lisa Maloney, PSCA's 2014-15 Elementary School Counselor of the Year was the PA State Representative for the ASCA SCOY recognition and was one of the 48 school counselors who attended the January 28, 2016 White House SCOY recognition.

PSCA Ethics Chair Brenda Walker and a focus committee submitted suggestions to ASCA Ethics Chair Carolyn Stone regarding input to the proposed Ethical Standards revision. The PSCA Committee has been asked to be one of a handful of selected states to review the proposed changes prior to the public review and responses period.

The PSCA eXTRA, containing national news articles pertinent to school counselors and school counseling work school counselors as well as PSCA updates, continues to be issued on a biweekly schedule. PSCA continues its partnership with ASCA to prepare three "journal-like" publications in the Pennsylvania Counselor. The winter, 2016 issue focus: "Diversity at School: Supporting All Students," plus a College & Career section.

Submitted by electronic signature,
Judith Bookhamer, PSCA Executive Director



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PCA Report

Date: February

Division/Branch/Position: Journal

Chair Person Name: Richard "Joe" Behun

If chair is not attending, please indicate name of designee:

Action Item for Upcoming PCA Meeting: (please highlight one) YES ☒ NO

**Attending the Upcoming PCA Meeting in person: ((please highlight one)
YES ☒ NO**

If attending via skype, list skype name:

If attending via conference call, please provide phone number:

Summary/Update of Action Item:

This edition will allow readers to receive CE hours at no additional charge, but as part of their PCA membership. I am working with Deneen to get the last edition updated to allow readers CEs for that edition as well.

Additional comments:

JPCA will be publishing Volume 15, Number 1, Spring 2016 (May 2016). Our next order of business is to add DOI numbers to all of our publications. Possibly for Spring but the goal is Fall.

Additionally, our submission rate has gone up and, in turn, so has our rejection rate. The acceptance rate of the journal is currently 30%. Our goal is to receive 20 submissions a year and publish 10 (which would be a 50% acceptance rate or rejection rate depending on where you stand on the glass being half full or empty).