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## President's Report – November 2005

I have worked with Treasurer Paul West and Budget and Finance Chair Mark Kenney to get the PCA treasury back into more accountable form. I am pleased to say that Paul has done a great job of tracking down information and getting finances up to date again. Many thanks for your diligent work, Paul.

I have had several email exchanges with LeeAnn Esbach and Ellen Houser regarding the PCA Journal. LeeAnn will, I believe, be reporting that we have an issue of the journal ready or almost ready to go out. Both LeeAnn and Ellen have asked to step down from their roles as co-editors. Brad Janey has expressed a willingness to take over as editor, so I will be asking for a vote in favor of his doing this.

I have also communicated with LeeAnn Esbach about PCA's status with PACP. LeeAnn is ably looking out for PCA's interests with PACP.

I have had much contact with Judy Bookhamer regarding the conference. Thanks to Judy for again putting together what promises to be an exciting conference under far less than ideal circumstances. At this point it looks like the conference will be a bit smaller than in recent years, but given the change in dates and the challenges around communication, I think we can be very pleased that we are doing as well as we are. I think we have a great weekend ahead of us.

I have been communicating with Dr. Patricia Arredondo regarding arrangements for her keynote speech. She has been most accommodating to us and, indeed, is missing part of another important meeting in order to be with us. Let's make sure we show our appreciation.

I have been communicating with Susan DelPonte and various other people regarding getting the website updated. Although there are still things to be done, we have made considerable progress.

I have responded to inquiries forwarded to me by Susan DelPonte.

I have communicated with Chris Filipini regarding re-activating the Montgomery County Counseling Association. The chapter has submitted by-laws, which Maura is reviewing and plans to have two members attend Friday's executive board meeting to discuss re-activation. I have also spoken with Kathy Powell from AMHCA regarding the status of the PAMCHA division. She was dismayed to hear that there has been so little response from them; however, did indicate that several members attended a leadership institute affiliated with the AMCHA national conference this summer and that there does seem to continue to be interest in getting this division active. Kathy indicated that she will make some inquiries at the regional level and that the national office will also continue to help the struggling division.

I have communicated with Chris Laudo, president of PSCA regarding the monograph, *What Works for School Counselors*. This is printed and ready to be mailed. As it turns out, PCA will have to pay for mailing to our own members. I will be asking for discussion and action from

the board on this at Friday's meeting.

Kelley Kenney arranged a conference call for the two of us to chat with Marti Evans from the PA Psychological Association about the Multicultural Competencies training. Details are shaping up for that. The training will be held at the Four Points Sheraton in Harrisburg on April 28<sup>th</sup>. This is an excellent opportunity for PCA to provide some high quality training around multicultural competencies at a reasonable cost, as well as a great opportunity to collaborate with the Pennsylvania Psychological Association.

Peggy Lorah and I attended the ACA North Atlantic Regional meeting in Stamford, CT, November 3 – 6. As always, this was a good opportunity to network with the leadership from other branches in the region, as well as with ACA leadership. It was also an opportunity to hear about current ACA initiatives. One important initiative is the *Counselors Care* fundraising event sponsored by the ACA Foundation. This is an effort to help ACA state branches and ACA members in the region affected by Hurricane Katrina get back on their professional feet. It is intended to make available small grants to ACA members and state branches to get re-established after the hurricane. At the meeting I will be proposing a plan for PCA to help out in this effort as an organization, as well as to facilitate individual contributions. Dr. Arredondo will be leaving our conference to go to an ACA Foundation meeting and I would like to be able to offer her a contribution from Pennsylvania to take with her.

Action Needed:

Vote to have Brad Janey named as editor of the PCA journal.

Vote to have PCA, its divisions, and members contribute to the *Counselors Care* fund by having PCA and the divisions match individual member contributions collected at the Awards luncheon, up to \$500.

Discussion regarding PCA's involvement with *What Works for School Counselors* and possible vote regarding paying to mail it to members.

Respectfully Submitted,

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