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PSCA Report to the PCA Executive Council

Date: November 6, 2015

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 entered the fiscal year July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016 continues to work on the "phasing in" of the restructured Governing Board Structure. The revised "action" plan for the fiscal year July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016, 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..."

Three Unit Representatives were appointed to fill vacancies at the October 24 Governing Board meeting; one position remains vacant. An administrative assistant has been contracted and is adding new responsibilities in a regular basis. Monthly Executive Committee meetings are held.

A Southwestern regional workshop was held in Wexford, PA on Friday, October 30 with Dr. Trish Hatch speaking on the School Counselor and the Use of Data. The local unit Allegheny County School Counselors Association (Name changes October 30 from Allegheny County Counselors Association) played a key role in the planning and implementation of the workshop. Nearly 150 were in attendance. On October 29, Dr. Hatch presented a workshop in Exton, PA with PSCA being an endorser of the event. The PSCA Bylaws Committee will be meeting to address the bylaws changes necessary to be consistent with the structural change.

The PSCA Recognitions Committee has issued a "call" for nominations for PSCA School Counselor of the Year; Counselor Educator of the Year, School Counseling Advocate of the Year, Legislator of the Year and Administrator Appreciation Award. Also applications are being accepted for Grad Student in SC Scholarship and the Bill Lee Leadership Grant (for conference registration,) Details of the recognitions and they nomination/application process are on the PSCA website in the Professional Development tab. www.psc-web.org.

PSCA President Lisa Fulton and PSCA Executive Director Judith Bookhamer attended the Pennsylvania Principals Association recognition banquet at the Penn Stater on October 18, 2015.

PSCA Ethics Chair Brenda Walker is working with ASCA Ethics Chair Carolyn Stone on the state input to the proposed Ethical Standards revision. A PSCA survey requesting feedback on the current Standards and possible needs for revision/addition were addressed. The PSCA Committee is now in the process of reviewing the responses and developing the PSCA/PA suggestions for revision. Dr. Stone will be attending the PSCA conference on Friday, February 19 presenting a 1 hour keynote on Ethics followed by a two hour workshop on the ethical standards and issues.

The "countdown" (see PSCA's website www.psc-web.org) for PSCA's 60th Annual Conference continues. PSCA returns to Hershey, PA where the first and more than thirty other PSCA conferences were held. Details on costs for both lodging and registration are available on the PSCA website: www.psc-web.org. 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 fall, 2015 issue focus: "Mental Health in Schools"

PSCA is also in the planning stages for a monthly on-line" book club." Details will be provided to the membership in November, 2015.

PSCA has representation on several committees established by PDE; representation includes but is not limited to 2015 Re-write Committee for the PDE "guidance" Psychological Services as a Related Service; Career Development Leaders Network; Student Behavioral Health Community of Practice;...PSCA has most recently been invited to serve on the committee revisiting the Student Interpersonal Skills and will play a key role in the development of the SIS toolkit.

Submitted by electronic signature,

Judith Bookhamer, PSCA Executive Director PENNSYLVANIA
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