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# GPCA

## A Regional Chapter of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association

### Quarterly Report FY 2005

September 16, 2005

State College, PA

The following is a quarterly report from the Greater Pittsburgh Counseling Association (herein referred to as "Regional Chapter or GPCA") to the PCA Executive Council. It details regional and administrative activities that have occurred since August 5, 2005, as well as financial information, planned future activities, and miscellaneous comments.

#### I. Activities Initiated Since Last Report

- A. The GPCA Executive Council approved Beth Allen of IUP as our graduate student representative. Jennifer Eaton will represent Allegheny County and Jacqueline Walsh will represent Washington County.
- B. Dominick Hankle is now the newsletter editor. Plans are for quarterly publication. The September 2<sup>nd</sup> issue highlighted our workshops.
- C. Contacted PCA president about local efforts for hurricane relief.
- D. Continued contact with local graduate programs and scheduled visits.
- E. Contacted PCA about professional development issues that are associated with offering workshops for our members.
- F. Erin Calderone, a recent graduate of CU of PA, is busy preparing for our second workshop on September 29<sup>th</sup> at CU from 7-9PM. The topic is "Elements of Grief Therapy". Presenters are Dr. John Patrick, GPCA treasurer, and Dr. Grafton Eliason. The Counselor Education and Services of California University of Pennsylvania is cosponsoring this workshop. Who would have thought how timely this workshop would be.
- G. Regular Listser messages are sent to members concerning legislation, PCA and ACA messages, and GPCA reminder. We find this a quick, easy way to keep our membership current.
- H. We currently have 40 members.
- I. Michael Espina , GPCA President-elect, represented the chapter at the PCA strategic planning/ meeting on August 5, 2005 and provided a report to the president.

- J. By-laws chair, Rosemary Stanek, sent the GPCA by-laws to the PCA president, secretary, archivist, and membership chair as requested.

## II. Financial Update

- A. Balance as of August 2, 2005 was \$459.76.

## III. Activities Planned for the next Period

- A. Will keep regular contact with current members through Web page, GPCA Listser, and newsletter.
- B. Will continue membership drive.
- C. Will continue looking for additional committee chairs to fill open committees
- D. Will continue seeking county representatives.
- E. Will schedule quarterly board/membership meeting. Will hold an informal planning session at the PCA conference.
- F. Will hold second GPCA workshop co-sponsored by California University of PA and continue planning for the future workshops.
- G. Will plan for a GPCA display and used book sale at the PCA Conference.
- H. Will submit an annual report of the conference
- I. Will encourage our membership to be involved in the Pittsburgh Resettlement Project or with the Red Cross for hurricane relief.
- J. Will represent GPCA at the Reception and Networking Event at the University of Pittsburgh for the Rehabilitation Counseling Program.
- K. Will plan campus visits to promote professional organizations. Visits are scheduled at Carlow University on Sept 28 and faculty meeting at Pitt on October 7.
- L. Will continue working on the PCA divisions and chapters policies and procedures section of the manual.

## IV. Miscellaneous Comments

- A. Membership voted not to develop a policies and procedures manual for the regional chapter at this time. Michael Espina has started this project and will work informally on this.

Respectfully submitted,

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**No action is needed with this report.**