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President's Report

Despite the fact that it is very early in my presidential year, the term has begun on a busy note. I have been working closely with the Conference Chair to try to line up a program that will draw counselors from across the state and offer them something PCA that can be proud of. The task has been something of a challenge given that the Spring newsletter with the Call for Proposals never went out. I want to thank the members of the executive board for rallying to the call to get the word out. With your help, although we are still a bit short on programs, we had a better response than we might have expected. I'm sure the Conference Chair will be reporting the details in her report. We do have two strong keynotes lined up. Jim Wilson, who presented the Saturday morning keynote last year regarding the credentials registry and licensure portability has asked to speak again this year to provide an update. Since he was so well received last year and this is obviously an area of interest to our members I have agreed to have him again do the Saturday morning keynote. As you are aware, our lunch keynote will be given by Dr. Patricia Arredondo, President of the American Counseling Association. So, despite the continued challenge of getting the rest of the program set, I think we will end up in good shape. Divisions and regional chapters can probably look forward to continuing requests from me and the Conference Chair to fill in where needed to make sure that we have programming that is relevant for members of all of the divisions and regional chapters. Nonetheless, I think the crisis has passed and we can look forward to another strong conference. I plan to work with the Marketing Chair to try to promote the conference to LPCs in Central Pennsylvania as a way of increasing conference attendance and introducing them to what PCA has to offer. We will also use a mailing to send President-elect ballots to the membership as an opportunity to include a date-saver flyer about the conference, with full details to come out in a late summer newsletter.

Another focus of attention for me has been continuing to find people to fill needed leadership position. Most critical has been finding somebody willing to run for President-Elect. I am pleased to announce that Joan Kaylor, who has done such a marvelous job with Professional Development for years has agreed to run and we will be sending ballots out ASAP. Another critical position needing to be filled is that of Treasurer. Susan Thompson needs to step down prior to the end of her term and has asked that somebody be appointed to replace her for the last year of her term. Paul West has agreed to step in for the year. For those of you who don't know Paul, he was active in PCA for a number of years as Charter President and later treasurer of PAAOC. He also served on the Ethics and Bylaws Committee for two years and as an editorial board member for the PCA Journal for approximately Thus, he comes in with a familiarity of the organization. I will be asking for approval to have him serve out the remainder of Susan's term as treasurer. I have also been in communication with a number of people who have agreed to serve as committee chairs and will be asking for approval of them at the August meeting. This process has made me realize how critical it is that we continue to groom emerging leaders for PCA throughout the year. I plan to have us discuss this at meetings.

At recent meetings we have discussed the difficulties we have been experiencing with respect to communications. I am pleased to report some progress in this area. LeeAnn Eschbah reports that there is an issue of the journal ready to go out in August, so that is good news.

Thanks, LeeAnn. We do need to continue to discuss the journal and what directions we would like to see that take and I have put that as an agenda item under old business. I will also be asking for approval of Nadine Mastroleo as the new newsletter editor. Nadine is a doctoral student at Penn State who tells me that she has considerable experience as newsletter editor for different organizations. She and I will be working on getting an issue on in August; however, she will need everybody's help, so please remember to submit material in a timely manner when she requests it. It is critical that we get this newsletter out on time, as this is our primary promotion for the conference. I am still in the process of looking for somebody to take over as webmaster, but have some leads that I am pursuing. When that happens we should be back on track with our avenues of communication.

Finally, I have been in regular communication with Kelly Kenney, who has been working with the PA Psychological Association to bring the National Tour to Promote Multicultural Competence and Social Justice to Pennsylvania. Although I can't take credit for effort, as that has been all Kelly, I am pleased to announce that our application was accepted and we will be co-sponsoring the one day training with PPA sometime in the spring. Great work, Kelly!

I think that we have an exciting year ahead of us and I am looking forward to it. I hope you are, too!

Respectfully submitted,
Connie R. Matthews, Ph.D., NCC, LPC
President, PCA

President's Report – Addendum
Action Items

Request Approval of the Appointment of Paul West To Finish Out the Final Year of Susan Thompson's Term as Treasurer (needed due to Sue's resignation)(one year appointment)

Request Approval for Sending Out Ballot for Election of President-Elect
Slate = Joan Kaylor

Request Approval of the Following Committee Chair and Other Appointments

Government Relations	David Arena (replaces Lauren Sonnenberg)
Marketing and Public Relations	Martha Inskip (formerly vacant)
Newsletter Editor (PCA Inc.)	Nadine Mastroleo (replaces Nadine Gardner)
Professional Development	Kathleen Holden (replaces Joan Kaylor)
Representative to PACP	LeeAnn Eschbach