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GREATER PITTSBURGH COUNSELING ASSOCIATION **GPCA**

GREATER PITTSBURGH COUNSELING ASSOCIATION
A REGIONAL CHAPTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

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[What is the GPCA?](#)

The Greater Pittsburgh Counseling Association (GPCA) is one of four regional chapters of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association (PCA), the other three being the [Greater Philadelphia, Keystone](#) (Central Pennsylvania), and [Northeastern Pennsylvania](#) counseling associations. The GPCA represents the 4,600-plus [professional counselors](#) who live and practice in the [Steel City](#)--a metropolitan area of almost 2.5 million, 2nd-largest in Pennsylvania, 20th in the United States--and in Greene County.



There are nine jurisdictions covered by the GPCA: the City of Pittsburgh and the counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland. The GPCA provides Pittsburgh's professional counselors opportunities to network, to participate in local [professional development activities](#), and to socialize!



[How Do I Join?](#)

Joining the GPCA can be done by down-loading and completing the membership application (see [below](#)). Although membership in parent association PCA is not a requirement, we strongly recommend belonging at all four levels: national ([American Counseling Association \[ACA\]](#)), regional ([American Counseling Association--North Atlantic Region \[ACA--NAR\]](#)), state ([PCA](#)), and local (GPCA).

For any questions regarding GPCA membership, please contact GPCA Membership Committee chair Angela Shearon, M.S.Ed., at ang419@verizon.net .



If interested in being appointed as graduate student representative or as the geographic representative for the county you live or practice in, or in chairing or sitting on any of the GPCA committees, please contact GPCA president Mary Matlak, M.S.Ed., at MMatlak123@aol.com or at (412) 276-5194 (outside the U.S.: country code is "+1").

Be sure to keep checking this section of the page for important updates.

Some specific developments:

5/15/2005: GPCA now has a [nomination form](#) that can be used to nominate a colleague or self for elective positions (pres., pres.-elect, treasurer, secretary); this should be used for the upcoming spring elections (nomination deadline: **5/19/2005**); GPCA Membership Committee reports that our general membership numbers continue to grow!; planning for the 1st GPCA Quarterly Seminar, led by GPCA Seminar Committee chair Erin N. Calderone, M.Ed., also continues (see [below](#)), as does the planning for the first newsletter (due to go to press by end of this month).

6/25/2005: Ethics component added to the GPCA Ethics/By-Laws Committee's mission; election results currently being tabulated and prepared for certification, to be presented to the GPCA Executive Council *very shortly*; last-minute preparations are underway for the 6/29/2005 GPCA Quarterly Seminar (see [below](#)).

6/29/2005: 2005's election results certified and presented to the interim GPCA Executive Council, with the following GPCA professional members elected: Mary Matlak, M.S.Ed. (pres.), Michael R. Espina, M.Ed. (pres.-elect), John Patrick, Ed.D. (treasurer), and Teresa A. Bassi, M.A. (secretary); a big *congratulations!* and best wishes go to them as they assume their respective offices in two days.



2005-06 GPCA Contact Information

GPCA Executive Council & Other Officials

President:

[**Mary Matlak, M.S.Ed.**](#)

President-Elect:

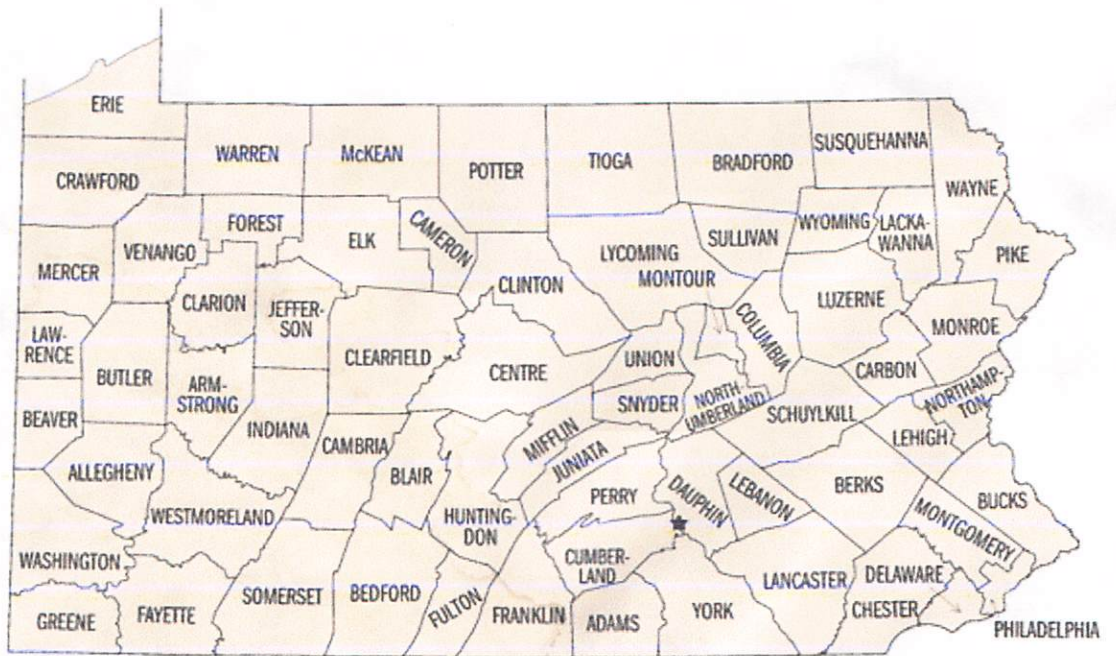
[**Michael R. Espina, M.Ed.**](#)

Past-President:	<u>Mary Matlak, M.S.Ed.</u>
Treasurer:	<u>John Patrick, Ed.D.</u>
Secretary:	<u>Teresa A. Bassi, M.A.</u>
Representative to the PCA Executive Council:	<u>Mary Matlak, M.S.Ed.</u>
Graduate Student Representative:	[TBA]
Allegheny Co. Geographic Representative:	[TBA]
Armstrong Co. Geographic Representative:	[TBA]
Beaver Co. Geographic Representative:	[TBA]
Butler Co. Geographic Representative:	[TBA]
Fayette Co. Geographic Representative:	[TBA]
Greene Co. Geographic Representative:	[TBA]
Washington Co. Geographic Representative:	[TBA]
Westmoreland Co. Geographic Representative:	[TBA]
GPCA Archives Committee Chair:	[TBA]
GPCA Ethics/By-Laws Committee Chair:	<u>Rosemary Stanek, M.S.Ed.</u>
GPCA Finance/Budget Committee Chair:	[TBA]
GPCA Marketing Committee Chair:	[TBA]
GPCA Media Committee Chair:	[TBA]
GPCA Membership Committee Chair:	<u>L. Angela Shearon, M.S.Ed.</u>
GPCA Nominations & Elections Committee Chair:	[TBA]
GPCA Professional Development Committee Chair:	<u>Joan Kaylor, M.S.Ed.</u>
GPCA Public Relations Committee Chair:	[TBA]
GPCA Seminar Committee Chair:	<u>Erin N. Calderone, M.Ed.</u>
Newsletter Editor (sits on the GPCA Media Committee):	[TBA]
Webmaster (sits on the GPCA Media Committee):	<u>Michael R. Espina, M.Ed.</u>



[GPCA's Geographic Representatives](#)

The GPCA Executive Council includes a geographic representative from each county comprising the Pittsburgh metro area, as well as Greene County. Click on a county on the Pennsylvania state map below (Pittsburgh metro area and Greene County only) to e-mail the GPCA's geographic representative for that county.



[GPCA Quarterly Seminar](#)

The GPCA Quarterly Seminar is the quarterly meeting of this PCA regional chapter (our version of an annual conference). The seminar for the first quarter of 2005-06 is being held [date TBA], 2005, [time TBA], at California University of Pennsylvania's (CUP) Morgan Learning & Research Center.

CUP is a sponsor of the 2nd GPCA Quarterly Seminar. To find out more about this PA State System of Higher Education university, including its professional counseling program, click on the CUP logo:



The GPCA encourages all regional chapter members and non-members to attend. This is an opportunity to network with other [professional counselors](#) practicing in the Pittsburgh metro area and Greene County. It will also be an opportunity to hear [presenter(s) TBA] present on [topic TBA].

Continuing education units, or "CEUs," will be available for professional counselors ...

- ... (and psychologists and social workers) state-licensed to practice in the school setting ([PA State Board of Education's](#) Educational Specialist)
- ... (and social workers) state-licensed to practice outside the school setting ([PA state board of social work/professional counseling's](#) LPC [and LCSW])
- ... board-certified in rehab counseling ([Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification's](#) CRC)
- ... board-certified in mental health, school, or substance abuse counseling ([National Board for Certified Counselors'](#) NCC/CCMHC, NCC/NCSC, or NCC/MAC)

Please note that the GPCA is exploring the option of providing CEUs for professional counselors board-certified in marriage & family counseling ([National Academy of Certified Family Therapists](#)' CFT) and for psychologists state-licensed to practice outside the school setting ([PA State Board of Psychology](#)'s Psychologist) for future quarterly seminars. For any questions regarding professional development, overall, or CEUs, in particular, contact GPCA Professional Development Committee chairperson Joan Kaylor, M.S.Ed., at joankaylor@hotmail.com.

To register for the 2nd GPCA Quarterly Seminar, down-load the GPCA Quarterly Seminar Registration Form [below](#), then complete and return it to the mailing address or FAX number indicated on the form. Registration can also be done on-site.

CUP is located in the Pittsburgh suburb of California, PA, approximately 40 miles south of Downtown Pittsburgh.

Closest Interstate System Exit	Closest PATransit Subway Station
I-70's #37-A, Fallowfield Twp, PA	47-L line's Library Station*, South Park Twp, PA

*Transfer to an [MMVTA](#) shuttle or taxi cab required.

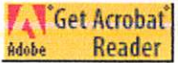
To learn more about California and the surrounding area, visit the [Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency](#) Web site. There you will find information on leisure activities, shopping, places to eat, and more.

For more details, or for any questions, please contact GPCA Seminar Committee chairperson Erin N. Calderone, M.Ed., at erincalderone@netscape.net.



[GPCA Governance](#)

All GPCA activities and programs are conducted in accordance with the *By-Laws of the Greater Pittsburgh Counseling Association* (see [below](#)), as amended and approved by the interim GPCA Executive Council in February 2005. Furthermore, the GPCA has adopted the [ACA Code of Ethics](#), last revised and approved by the ACA Governing Council in 1995. GPCA members must agree to abide by this code as a condition of membership.


(In order to view the ACA ethics code, you'll need to use the [free]  document reader.)

Five elected officers, an appointed graduate student representative, and an appointed geographic representative from each of the seven counties that comprise the Pittsburgh metro area (plus Greene County) make up the policy-making body of the regional chapter. GPCA committees and various other appointed officials implement that policy.

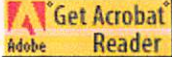





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-  [By-Laws of the Greater Pittsburgh Counseling Association](#)

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-  [GPCA Executive Council Minutes: 6/24/2005](#)

(a Portable Document Format file; you'll need to use the [free]  document reader)

-  [GPCA Membership Application](#)
(a Rich Text Format file; most word-processing applications are able to read this)
-  [GPCA Nomination Form](#)
(a Rich Text Format file; most word-processing applications are able to read this)
-  [~~GPCA Quarterly Seminar Registration Form~~](#) [N/A for now; check back late-summer 2005]
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