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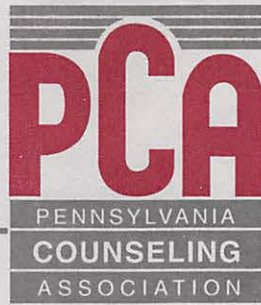
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Dear Fellow PCA Member:

I am writing to ask for your financial support of the Pennsylvania Alliance of Counseling Professionals (PACP) for the coming year. Specifically, I am asking that you include a separate check for \$50.00 made out to the Pennsylvania Alliance of Counseling Professionals and return it with your PCA membership renewal. Your voluntary contribution will allow PACP to continue its work in Harrisburg on your behalf.

Now that our long quest for passage of a licensure bill is over, what is the role of PACP? At the request of PCA and its other member organizations, PACP will continue to operate, at least for the foreseeable future. The member organizations expect PACP to be their representative in Harrisburg on regulatory and legislative issues that impact each of PACP's member organizations.

The most critical task of PACP is to lobby for regulations for grandparenting and licensure that reflect our program accreditation and professional credentialing standards. This is a complicated task which requires development of very specific suggestions for the board working to educate members of House Professional Licensure Committee, the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee, and the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) about our profession. Even as this request is being written the process of reviewing and adopting licensure regulations is going forward. PACP has been, and will continue to monitor and intervene in that rather complex regulatory process to be sure that the voice of professional counselors is heard.

But that is not all! We all have an interest in promoting legislation and regulation that names professional as services providers, as well as an interest in those matters that will impact professional counselors their clients. We also must be alert for legislation or regulation that would have an adverse impact on counselor's and clients and must, if necessary, be prepared to mount effective opposition.

The next year will be critical to all of us. We must not lose in regulation or other legislation what we have all fought so hard to achieve. While the need for PACP may someday pass, PCA and the other member organizations of PACP do not think that this is that time. They have asked PACP to remain on the job in Harrisburg to continue working. With your continued support, PACP will be there. Your contribution will pay for our lobbyist, for legal advice, for a part-time administrative assistant, and for the operating costs of PACP.

Please support PACP by writing a separate check for \$50.00 made out to the Pennsylvania Alliance of Counseling Professionals and return it, along with your PCA membership renewal to PCA, PO Box 101, Millersville, PA 17551. Your voluntary contribution is not tax deductible, but it is important to you and your profession. Thank you for your support!

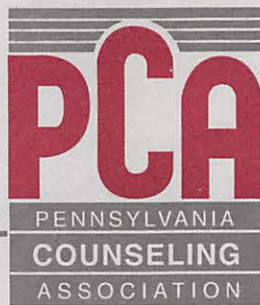
Sincerely,

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May 11, 2005

Dear PCA Member,

We are sending you this notice as a reminder that your membership in Pennsylvania Counseling Association will be expiring soon. Your continued support and involvement in PCA is very important and valued.

In order to continue your member services without interruption, including PCA Inc. and The Journal of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association, we encourage you to renew your membership with PCA as soon as possible. For your convenience, a membership application is enclosed.

PCA encourages you to take a look at the other divisions of the organization that you may want to become involved with. Visit our web site for upcoming events.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to excellence and leadership in the counseling profession.

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