



**MICHIGAN  
COUNSELING  
ASSOCIATION**

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## **Michigan Counseling Association**

“A state branch in the Midwest Region of the  
American Counseling Association”



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Governing Council Meeting

**March 14, 2024**

8:00PM – 9:00PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89708829188>

Call to Order: 8:05pm

Roll Call of Divisions and Chapters

- President – Lindsey Blodgett (Present)
- Past-President – Ashley VanBemmelen (Absent)
- Secretary – Kayla Thrushman (Present)
- Treasurer – Kim Seid (Present)
- OCA Vice President – Amanda Gohl (Absent)
- WMCA – Christine Wagenfuehr (Present)
- Mental Health Professionals of Northern Michigan (MHPNM) – Linda Ringleka (Present)

## Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance as of 12/12/2023 - **\$46,999.34**

Memberships and Trainings	\$3,377.50
Mobile Deposit	\$90.00

○ **Credits: \$3467.50**

AffiniPay	\$123.17
Comerica (6.95/mo)	\$20.85
Foreign Fee	\$77.76
SurveyMonkey	\$468
Home Depot (Fraud Investigation Pending)	\$3,368.38
HostGator	\$34.94
Wild Apricot	\$2,592
Zoom	\$30

○ **Debits: \$6715.10**

Ending Balance as of 3/7/2024 - **\$43,751.74**

- Approval
  - Motion: WMCA – Christine Wagenfuehr
  - Second: LPCNM – Linda Ringleka

## Chapter and Division Updates

a )Mental Health Professionals of Northern Michigan (MHPNM)– Linda Ringleka: Logo and 2024

- i) Calendar events and includes board meeting events
- ii) May 16th Spring Networking event
- iii) June,July, August Counselors After Hours Location TBD
- iv) December White Elephant Event

b) WMCA – Christine Wagenfuehr

- i) Recently had a successful conference

- ii) Board meeting this morning
- iii) Annual Luncheon in April 26th: Presenting a scholarship and counselor awards
- iv) Upcoming elections in April and May
- v) Membership renewal form will include a statement asking if members are MCA
  - 1) Should board members also pay to be members of MCA and were wondering what members receive or what the value of a membership is
  - 2) Primary benefit is access to trainings, webinars, and CEs at a reduced rate
  - 3) Brainstorming about Reduced supervision rates, a newsletter, a tiered membership system, graduate student speakers, free conferences?

#### Old Business

- a) Implicit Bias Training
  - i) Planning on scheduling a second one soon
- b) Bylaws in the first revision
- c) Strategic Direction Committee
  - i) Additional meetings need scheduling
  - ii) Survey to members, including Counseling Compact
    - (1) Clarifying to members that we are volunteering our time
    - (2) Want to have this survey sent out before the May conference
- d) Webinar Series - scheduling currently for the summer
  - i) Feel free to share contacts/speakers
  - ii) Kim volunteered to host a webinar and had the idea of having a webinar include "Getting to know the MCA" to inform them more about what we offer members and what we're about
- e) Membership
  - i) 265 Active (+12)
  - ii) 324 Lapsed (+17): want to send survey to inactive members as well
  - iii) Still need to create and survey members
- f) \$1000 scholarship draft will be sent out soon

#### New Business

- a) Annual Conference

- i) Theme: Trauma-Informed Counseling in an Unequal World: Healing Through Social Justice
  - (1) Plan to post to website and facebook to promote soon to push registration
  - (2) Registration through zoom events so that people can more easily access it
- ii) Date: May 17, 2024 approximately 9am-4pm
- iii) Keynote Speakers Scheduled
  - (1) LaShawn Adams and Dr. Lotes Nelson
- iv) Proposal Reviewers
  - (1) Wondering how many we received? Approximately 6?
- v) Registration through Zoom Events
- b) Bylaws in the first revision
- c) Website updates
  - i) Lindsey updates in progress with SquareSpace
  - ii) Figuring out Wild Apricot Integration
  - iii) Show homepage preview
  - iv) Hoping to have it to roll out for the conference
- d) Bank account
  - i) Keybank decided to close all area offices, so we won't be moving forward with them.
  - ii) Staying with Comerica for the time being.
- e) Future GC Meetings
  - i) Dates:
    - June 20, 2024 - 8PM
- f) Discussion/Questions
  - i) Kim would like to open a chapter near her
- g) Meeting Adjourned at 8:54pm