

ACA GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Action Minutes

July 8, 1996

Call to Order

After proper advance notice, the Governing Council conference call meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., on July 8, 1996. President Gail P. Robinson presided. Governing Council members present for the meeting were as follows:

Joyce M. Breasure, ACA Past President
Helen W. Chapman, North Atlantic Region
Patricia B. Elmore, AAC
Donna M. Ford, Western Region
Queen D. Fowler, AMCD
Jane Goodman, NCDA
Harold L. Hackney, ACES
Betty S. Hedgeman, ACA Treasurer
James Hiett, AMHCA
Charlene Kampfe, AADA
Courtland C. Lee, ACA President-Elect
Donald C. Linkowski, ARCA
Don W. Locke, IAMFC
James J. Lukach, ASCA
Kay Monks, NECA
Gail P. Robinson, ACA President
Floyd Robison, ASGW
Emily Runion, AHEAD
Cynthia D. Sellers, ACCA
Virginia Sykes, ASERVIC
Christine Larson VanSlyke, Midwest Region
Nancy B. White, IAAOC

Parliamentarian Howard B. Smith was unable to participate in the call and Robert H. Rencken, the 1995-96 Parliamentarian, served as Parliamentarian for the meeting.

Executive Director John L. Jaco was unable to participate and he was represented by Richard Yep, ACA Associate Executive Director.

Suzanne Schmidt (Southern Region Representative) was unable to participate in the call.

Meeting Agenda

President Robinson stated to the group that the only items on the agenda for this meeting are the issue of non-compliance in the case of the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) and the American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA) and the decision on whether or not to send notice of intent to revoke the charters. She briefly summarized the history of actions taken by the Governing Council establishing non-compliance in both cases, and she outlined the distinction between “disaffiliation” and “non-compliance”.

Both of the divisions are out of compliance since, among other things, they:

1. have members of the division who are not also ACA members; and
2. do not indicate on their stationery and other materials that they are a division of ACA.

ACA policy requires that once a division is notified it is out of compliance, it has thirty days in which to bring itself back into compliance. Both division have received such notification over thirty days ago. Since it appears that no steps have been taken to come back into compliance, this Governing Council meeting has been called to determine the next step.

It was also pointed out that any action taken to express an intent to revoke the charter of either division would not result in automatic action to do so. Rather, ACA Bylaws provide that the division would have up to nine months (or until the April 1997 meeting of the ACA Governing Council) to come back into compliance, and further, that final action by the Governing Council to revoke the charter would require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of that body.

Before opening discussion of the agenda items, President Robinson noted that according to Policy 9.9, the AMHCA and ASCA representatives lose their seats on the ACA Governing Council, but that she was invoking the prerogative of the Chair to allow these two representatives to participate in the discuss and to vote.

President Robinson then spoke directly to the ASCA and AMHCA representatives and reminded them of the apparent conflict of interest and that it becomes impossible to decide - without conflict of interest - what is in the best interest of the American Counseling Association.

American School Counselor Association (ASCA)

It was moved by Locke and seconded by Chapman that: The American Counseling Association send notice of intent to revoke the charter of the American School Counselor Association. The reason for this action is that the American School Counselor Association is conducting its business in a manner not in the best interests of the Association.

There followed a considerable discussion of the motion and of all aspects of what this action would mean and how it might affect the association, the division, and the profession. Many Governing Council members had questions about the revocation process and about the ramifications of the action.

Following the discussion, vote was called for on the motion that: The American Counseling Association send notice of intent to revoke the charter of the American School Counselor Association. The reason for this action is that the American School Counselor Association is conducting its business in a manner not in the best interests of the Association. Motion passed by a roll call vote. The vote on this motion was as follows:

For

Joyce Breasure
Helen Chapman
Patricia Elmore
Queen Fowler
Harold Hackney
Charlene Kampfe
Courtland Lee
Donald Linkowski
Don W. Locke (2 votes)
Kay Monks
Floyd Robison
Cynthia Sellers
Virginia Sykes
Chris Larsen VanSlyke
Nancy White

Against

Donna Ford
James Hiatt (2 votes)

Abstain

Jane Goodman
James Lukach (2 votes)
Emily Runion

American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA)

It was moved by Locke and seconded by Monks that: The American Counseling Association send notice of intent to revoke the charter of the American Mental Health Counselors Association. The reason for this action is that the American Mental Health Counselors Association is conducting its business in a manner not in the best interests of the Association.

A similar discussion was conducted..

Following the discussion, vote was called for on the motion that The American Counseling Association send notice of intent to revoke the charter of the American Mental Health Counselors Association. The reason for this action is that the American Mental Health Counselors Association is conducting its business in a manner not in the best interests of the Association. Motion passed by a roll call vote. The vote on this motion was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Joyce Breasure	Donna Ford
Helen Chapman	James Hiatt (2 votes)
Patricia Elmore	James Lukach (2 votes)
Queen Fowler	
Harold Hackney	
Charlene Kampfe	
Courtland Lee	
Donald Linkowski	<u>Abstain</u>
Don W. Locke (2 votes)	Jane Goodman
Kay Monks	Emily Runion
Floyd Robison	
Cynthia Sellers	
Virginia Sykes	
Chris Larsen VanSlyke	
Nancy White	

Adjournment

The conference call meeting of the ACA Governing Council was adjourned at 9:41 p.m., on July 8, 1996.

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