

MAADAC Minutes 9/11/09

Attendance: Peter Crumb, Linda Mullis, Sue O'Connor, Peter Kosciusko, Tim Stanton, Russell Viveiros, Gary Blanchard, Tom Crowley, William Harrison, Donna Liptack, Joe Kelleher

Absent: Michaelene Dalton, Sean Kelly, Peter Kosciusko, Linda Mazak,

Board reviewed minutes from the June 2009 meeting. Minutes accepted without correction

**Treasurers report:**

Linda reported that the account balances were down. Association still has 3 CD's. Anticipated costs are Mary Ann Hart's fee and the upfront costs for the annual breakfast.

MAADAC paid \$2300 for board registration and a booth at the Cape Cod Symposium. NAADAC is paying for half of the booth cost, \$400. Last month there were no lapsed member which is very encouraging.

Treasurer's report accepted.

**Membership report:**

Tom Crowley reported that he has been reaching out to lapsed members. Pete feels it will still be beneficial to reach out to lapsed members with a phone call.

Membership report accepted.

**Government Relations:**

Tim Stanton reported that he has been calling on State senators and representatives. He feels he has been positively received. He invited all he met with to attend recovery day activities.

**President's Report:**

Peter reported on The NAADAC conference in Salt Lake City. NAADAC invited the certification boards to meet and come together to work on a standardization of licensure. This is the first time they have formed an association. Each board will retain there autonomy but will all be under the same national umbrella.

NAADAC membership nationally has dropped in since 1999 from 18,000 to 8,000 members. NAADAC has been taking steps to downsize the organization.

President's report accepted

**Old Business:**

Flyers for the holiday breakfast and the 2010 golf tournament are out. They are also available online.

Linda Mullis is now able to update the website through software and assistance by the webmaster. She reported the software cost \$600.00 however it will provide a savings because previous updates needed to be done by the webmaster for a fee. Peter C asked Linda to contact NAADAC because they have said they will provide website support for free. She will look into it.

Linda has been approached by other organizations to post trainings on our website. She will explore the possibility of charging a fee.

**New Business:**

Connie Peters from the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition has provided us a voice on Beacon Hill. The only concern is the coalition is not always an advocate for counselors, they represent providers. Peter C. feels we have more legislative representation with this collaboration than we have using Mary Ann Hart as our lobbyist. Motion made by Russ to not renew the contract of MaryAnn Hart. Tom second all in favor.

Linda began the discussion about future CCSAD registration for the board given the cost. Peter C asked that the group take this up at our January meeting.

Next meeting will be officer elections. Award recipients will be decided.

Next meeting: Oct 29, 2009 Adcare Worcester

**Meeting adjourned 10:15AM**

Respectfully submitted, Susan O'Connor