

**Massachusetts Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (MAADAC)  
State Meeting (Virtual)**

**Thursday, September 30, 2021**

Present: Joe Kelleher (President), Linda Mullis (Treasurer), John Finneran (Secretary), Gary Blanchard, Tom Crowley, Peter Crumb, Willy Drinkwater, Ronda Tobey, Shaun Kelly, Linda Mazak, Sue O' Connor.

Agenda & Minutes

1. President Kelleher tabled minutes from July and called the meeting to order and asked for an updated Treasurer's Report
2. Treasurers Report: Linda Mullis reported our bank account balances: approximately \$26,000, and \$15,000.
3. Cape Cod Symposium on Addictive Disorders: Approximately half the attendance this year, numerous vendors present. Track A and B system awkward. Few mask wearers at conference. Presentations available in time-limited format virtually after conference. Several visitors at MAADAC booth. Will consider having a booth at next year's conference. Received a substantial discount this year for cost of booth from CCSAD.

CCSAD organization will be conducted by another organization next year. North American Center for Continuing Medical Education: HMP Company.

4. Annual Golf Tournament to be held Heritage Golf Course, Friday, June 10, 2022. Charlton MA.
5. Regional Elections to be held for MAADAC offices this fall. Regions will set up time and hold meetings over Zoom. Linda can facilitate Zoom meetings via her account. (Region V has seen an influx of 30 new members from Annual Membership Meeting.)
6. Annual Membership Meeting for 2022: Tanya Gove approached to possibly present on internet and gaming addiction. Date to be determined, possibly Friday, January 28, 2022. (Back up date 1.21.22) Rhonda and Willy may take point on setting this up.
7. NAADAC Annual Conference and regional caucuses will be held virtually in October 2021. Next year, conference focused on NAADAC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
8. MAADAC Website: Awards and Recognitions for 2021 Annual Meeting have been posted under the Membership section. <https://maadac-ma.org/>

9. NAADAC Northeast Regional Caucus: Held 9/14/2021. Approximately 38 participants present. Chief concerns included challenges of providing treatment to clients in a variety of settings during the COVID pandemic. Members talked about having to advocate with insurance payers for varying rates of reimbursement depending on whether contact was face-to-face, over Zoom, or by telephone. Members discussed ways of engaging legislators to advocate for and secure appropriate compensation from insurance payers. Members also discussed the clinical challenges, advantages and disadvantages of meeting with clients over various electronic media.
10. MAADAC Annual Awards:
  - a. Special Recognition Award
  - b. Counselor of the Year Award
  - c. Outstanding Service Award
  - d. Robert Logue Memorial President's Award
  - e. Educator of the Year Award
11. Discussed having a backup plan to have access to the MAADAC documents including financial accounts. Currently MaryAnn Frangules is the only person who has access to the MAADAC accounts in addition to Linda Mullis. Group plans to develop a transition and contingency plan to prevent loss of access to MAADAC documentation and accounts in the event of an emergency.
12. Next meeting: Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 9:30 AM
13. Motion to adjourn.

Prepared: 09/30/2021 J. Finneran, Secretary