



**FORENSIC
MENTAL HEALTH**
Association of California

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2019 at 4:45 p.m.

Location: Hyatt Resort and Spa in Monterey, CA

Members Present: The Board of Directors and General Membership

Members Absent: N/A

Opening: The Annual Business Meeting of the FMHAC Board of Directors and General Membership was called to order at 4:50 p.m. on March 14, 2019 by Ken Carabello.

A. Approval of Agenda

There was no written agenda provided.

B. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes reviewed or approved at this meeting.

C. Open Issues

| <i>Agenda Item and Discussion</i> | <i>Action/Outcome</i> | <i>Follow-up</i> |
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| <p><u>Welcome Address from the President</u> Ken welcomed the general membership to the meeting and thanked them for coming.</p> | | |
| <p><u>Board Member and Executive Director Remarks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>President:</i> Ken talked of the support, hard work, and experience Morgan and Trina bring to the table and how strong the Board is with respect to experience and dedication. He talked of plans to continue to find ways to fill the field's educational needs. ○ <i>Treasurer:</i> Carrie reported on the financial state of the Association. She reported the investments have done well, we earned about \$26K this year, and the increased attendance will add to that. ○ <i>Director of Conference:</i> Tom reported there were 508 attendees and 443 were paid attendees. Attendance at the conference has increased by 25% since 2008. Tom discussed the team effort of the Planning Committee and Morgan and Trina. ○ <i>Director of Education:</i> Anna stated that she will be working on distance learning which has had setbacks due to changing websites. She also reported on the success of the one-day trainings this year, particularly with the Forensic Mental Health 101 Training. She talked of plans to keep providing this training and expanding it. ○ <i>Executive Director:</i> Trina discussed plans for a webinar and quarterly newsletter this coming year. She encouraged the membership to check out the new website. ○ <i>Vice President:</i> Sam discussed challenges in getting the Public Policy Committee going and his hopes of creating more of a presence on Capital Hill and letting legislature know more about what our members think. | | |
| <p><u>Elections for the Board of Directors</u> Cynthia and Ken facilitated elections for the following Board vacancies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Sam Knudsen</i> – Incumbent Candidate for Vice President, unopposed; | | Sam will continue in his |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kevin Rice</i> - Candidate for President Elect, unopposed; • <i>Ramsey Khouri</i> – Candidate for Treasurer, unopposed. | <p>The Membership voted to re-elect Sam to the position of Director of Conference.</p> <p>The Membership voted to elect Kevin to the position of President Elect.</p> <p>The Membership voted to elect Ramsey to the position of Treasurer.</p> | <p>role on the Board.</p> <p>Kevin and Ramsey will assume their roles at the next Board of Director’s retreat.</p> |
| <p><u>Membership Remarks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member asked about the status of changing the Association’s name. Ken explained the decision, after lengthy discussions, was to not change the name or focus on becoming a national organization. Instead, the Association will focus on the needs of California and remain FMHAC. ○ Member asked whether the Association has considered taking on a consultative role for counties taking on diversionary programs. By way of suggestion, it could include having links and FAQs on the website. Ken expressed a liking for the ideas and a willingness to consider how to be a resource for the field in this way. ○ Member encouraged the Board to consider educating the public about the field. ○ Member expressed gratitude for speakers about social justice and asked about future plans for trainings with a focus on race, diversity, and social justice. Tom discussed intention in planning this conference’s line-up and future conferences with an emphasis on those issues. | <p>The Board gathered all of the information discussed and will incorporate it into discussions going forward.</p> | |
| <p><u>Raffle</u> There was a raffle of a book.</p> | <p>Nicole Paglione won the raffle.</p> | |

D. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Ken Carabello at 5:21 p.m.

Final version of Minutes submitted by Cynthia Lermond on March 14, 2019.

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