

Fall 2016 Reports from the Eastern Region Executive Committee

Report of the Chair – Fall 2016

Eastern Region

Wayne Gustafson

I begin this report by copying a portion of the summer update I sent to the membership in August:

We are beginning the first year of the new administrative structure of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Many people have put lots of time and effort into this transition process, but because we are not perfect, inevitably there will be glitches. We hope there will not be too many of them. Thanks to all of you who have paid your dues. If you haven't yet, those dues help immensely in this transition.

The main features of the new structure include the elimination of the AAPC office in Virginia and the increased responsibilities that are now vested in the regions. One of the most interesting practical issues has been the question of how we function both as individual regions and as an association. We have tried to determine which functions are best handled by each region and which are best handled jointly.

Examples;

- **Connection.** The regional chairs have been meeting monthly by phone or videoconference. That helps us stay connected, but we still need to figure out the best way to work collaboratively with the Board of Directors.
- **The AAPC website.** We are creating an association-wide group that will manage that site and keep it properly connected to the regional sites. We also have dealt with issues like CEU's and registration processes.
- **Membership and Registration.** To improve consistency and efficiency, the Association has contracted with an on line program called "Your Membership" that will be able to keep membership records and payments and can handle our regional conference registration process. To anyone from outside the association, the absence of a central office should not be obvious.
- **CEUs.** In order to maintain NBCC CEU credits for our conferences, the Association has hired Lee Dieter (who is also the Northeast Region Administrator) to manage the applications for CEUs.

This new structure will work best if we can broaden the participation of members in the leadership and functioning of the Eastern Region. I invite you to consider the proposed structure for our functioning (found below) and decide how you wish to be involved. The perfect situation would have every one of you designating your willingness to help in particular areas.

You can participate several ways: (See the addendum for details)

- Stand for Elected Leadership that includes membership on the Executive Committee
- Join working groups led by Executive Committee members
- Add your voice to the Eastern Region closed group on Facebook and/or respond to occasional surveys (You should already have received an invitation for the group. If not or if you have questions, email Jean Fitzpatrick at jean@therapistnyc.com. Group found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/645051182309028/>)
- Have contact with other pastoral counselors in your geographic area
- Attend the Fall Regional Conference and other sponsored educational events.

This fall, the conference will be October 21-22, 2016 at the Williams Inn, Williamstown, MA. There will be an informal program of collegiality in the evening of Oct 22 for those who wish to stay the second night. Watch for more info soon.

Finally, I have heard from some of you that this new structure is not the Association you joined, so you don't know if the new structure will work for you. I hope you will give it a try. I hope you will share your concerns and, more importantly, I hope you will contribute your creative wisdom to making it a vital professional resource for pastoral care and counseling.

Recent updates:

We have finally been able to find a **Regional Administrator**. Hilary Goldstein lives in NYC and she can be reached at hilaryaapc@gmail.com. She will handle the administrative functions of the region in coordination with the Executive Committee, so you will be hearing from her occasionally. She will also handle any requests that come to aapceast@gmail.com.

It's been a bit of a bumpy summer for **dues payments**. Invoices were sent out in May for all who had email addresses (Others received the invoice by mail). It appears that some spam filters were hungry, so some of you didn't see the invoice. We are working to send copies to those who need them.

A computer glitch has made it difficult for us to receive the **end of the year financial statement** for the region. Our new treasurer and I, with the help of the Regional Administrator, will get the financial information out to you as soon as we have it.

As of October 16, we have received **dues totaling \$15,980** from 105 active and retired members. This represents approximately 72% of the amount we invoiced and about 88% of the budgeted amount. I know of several other renewals that are in process. I will instruct the Regional Administrator to contact those we have not heard from to assess their interest in continuing membership. (See appendix A for the proposed budget)

Interest Survey

Last month I sent you an email requesting that you fill out a brief interest survey. To date I have received 22 completed responses. The survey related to the proposed structure for officers and work teams that we also sent out. A copy is found in Appendix B. We want to involve as many people as possible in the life of the Eastern Region according to areas of interest. It would be my wish to hear from all of you about your interests. This is your region and your association. It does not exist apart from you, so please fill out the survey and participate as you can. If you have lost the link to the survey, here it is again:

<http://entospress.com/limesurvey/index.php/456814?lang=en>

Your present officers and executive committee: (Some of these will change at the conference business meeting.)

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Secretary's Report – Jean Fitzpatrick - Fall 2016

Our region has a Facebook group and we hope you'll join! Just for background, there are three ways to be on Facebook:

1. a *profile*, which is what you may already have now, where you share family news, political views, etc;
2. a *page*, set up by a professional or community group such as your house of worship, candidate of choice, or favorite restaurant; and
3. a *group*, which is an online community where people can share ideas, news, and resources.

We now have a Facebook *group*. (Once we have our admin, she will organize a *page* to reach out to the public.) Our group is a place where you can post news about your practice, questions or concerns about our field, or just intriguing or friendly words for your colleagues. It's a way for us to keep in touch between these conferences.

Our group is private, which means membership is by invitation only, and only members can see our posts. This is a great way for new and seasoned members to get to know one another.

Go there now to find an office sublet listing, upcoming conferences, and news and features about pastoral counseling, issues in our world and communities, and even members' vacations and birthdays. Hope you'll join us! We need you! If you're not a member please email me at jean@therapistnyc.com and I'll be sure you get an invitation.

Report of the Education and Training Chair – Charlie Mayer

During this season of transition in the life of our organization, our Region is exploring how best to both continue and rethink our traditional roles of setting standards for the field of pastoral care and counseling, offering training and continuing education, and providing pastoral and clinical supervision. Since we no longer have responsibility for credentialing clinicians or facilities, we are in a very real way freed up to approach our involvement in education and training in more creative, user-friendly, and cost effective ways.

Maximizing our use of the Internet is our most important task at present. Our Regional Facebook page, it is hoped, will become a place where bloggers can share their work and be in ongoing conversation with others (prospective bloggers, please identify yourselves to the Executive Committee!) In addition, it can be a place for the entire Regional membership to stay connected. And many, many other tools and resources are readily available: videoconferencing can make local workshops, seminars, and conferences available live to the whole Region; supervisory and special issues groups can meet regardless of distance; webinars can be posted and accessed at the convenience of users.

As Chairperson, I am interested in identifying committee members with more technological savvy than I have, along with those who have a passion for keeping the unique integration we offer as pastoral caregivers and counselors fresh and exciting. Along with the entire Executive Committee, I am eager to be a part of the exciting process that lies before us.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles D. Mayer, M.Div., Psy.D.

REPORT- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Thea Crites, chair

September 27, 2016

AAPC is now decentralized! Our Region can organize in any way that seems creative and helpful- and identify roles for leaders that work for us at the present time. We want to know what

our membership wants to do and how we can facilitate/ empower/ organize this as part of AAPC. Thus the questionnaire Wayne Gustafson sent out to the membership.

Thea as chair is a member of the Association Leadership Development Committee.

On the Association level, Joshua Jong from our Region was voted in and now represents us on the Board of Directors. Roslyn Karaban from our Region served as the last Association Certification chair. Thank you, Roslyn!! Leadership Development will continue to be a part of the Association structure, helping identify officers and Board members., and promoting creative leadership development

On the Regional level, Angella Son stepped down as Treasurer and we thank her for her service. Miriam Koo has agreed to serve as Treasurer. Pamela Pater Ennis became the Vice chair, Charles Mayer chair of Education and Training. Paul Pitkin will finish his term as Certification chair. Many thanks to you, Paul!

We decided to pay an administrator and identified Hilary Goldstein who is currently coming on board. The Conference Coordinator, a position shared with the Northeast Region, is also paid. We decided that the position of chair, currently truly the glue of the Region and entailing a lot of work, no longer fit the volunteer template. It is now a paid position.

What we are especially looking for in our current structure is people interested in new membership and membership relations and those with skills and interest in the financial and bookkeeping aspect of our work, institutional relations, bloggers and individuals to post on our Facebook page.

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

October 2015 - October 2016

Eastern Region, American Association of Pastoral Counselors

Committee: L. Paul Pitkin, Chair

Bill Noble

Mary Cattan

October 2016

The following report contains:

- A. Certification Committee Chair Report
- B. Listing of new Certified Members;
- C. Listing of all categories of membership change for October 2015 - October 2016

A. CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

I thank committee members, Bill Noble and Mary Cattan for their dedicated help in processing the certified applications received this year and interviewing the candidates who achieved certified membership. As of July 1, 2016 our association is no longer certifying members for

pastoral counseling. As noted in my 2015 report, “Everyone who has completed and is currently certified at any level will retain that certification and category of membership, and will need to continue to abide by AAPC Code of Ethics and Standards. Pastoral Care Specialist and General Member will remain and be the valid categories for any new membership“. In place of Certification as an entry into membership, regions are now developing formation and educational opportunities that develop and enhance the practice of pastoral counseling, and that continue to teach the integration of spirituality and psychology for membership and for all who are interested. Membership therefore is for all interested in networking and growing in the practice of Pastoral Counseling.

In closing, I offer my appreciation for having been able to serve you in this now historic function of our association.

B. NEW CERTIFIED MEMBERSHIP

1. Fellow: Joann Heaney-Hunter

Fellow: Kelly Murphy-Mason

Fellow: Christopher Smith

Certified Pastoral Counselor: Deanna Sass

Certified Pastoral Counselor: Lois Grovenor

C. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES OCTOBER 2015 - OCTOBER 2016

NEW GENERAL MEMBERS

1. David A. Moore, Millville, NJ; Robert T. Morrow, Westfield, NJ; Michael J. Arnold, New York, NY; Geoffrey J. Haber, Toronto, Canada; Thomas J. Czeizinger, Trenton, NJ; William D. Young, Rochester, NY

NEW STUDENT MEMBERS

Regina A. Hawkey, Brooklyn, NY

PASTORAL CARE SPECIALIST

Joyce Kyoung Lee, E. Meadow, NY

CHANGE OF REGION

To Eastern from Southeast: Member Tiffany Houck-Loom, New York, NY

To Eastern from Atlantic: Fellow Douglas Ronsheim, Mayville, NY

RETIRED

Certified Pastoral Counselor William R. Warfield, W. Windsor, NJ

NO LONGER MEMBERS

Michael J. Arnold, Member, New York, NY; Ulrich Columbus, Fellow, Closter, NJ; Diana E. Doherty, Student Member, Brooklyn, NY; Sharon Downs Thomas, Student Member, Paulsboro, NJ; Edward Elder, Fellow, New York, NY; Pamela P. Ennis, Fellow, Bergenfield, NJ; Jeanne C. Farabaugh, Student Member, Marlton, NJ; Donna M. Gormley, Student Member, Wycoff, NJ; Bonnie R. Harrison, Student Member, Elmira, NY; Kevin J. Kriso, Fellow/IN, W. Clarkville, NY; Joann Lanfear, Member, Norwich, NY; Eric Marsh Lankin, Member, Highland Park, NJ; Kevin J Laughlin, Member, Clayton, NJ; Katrina T. Marsh, Student Member, E. Orange, NJ; Joseph F. Medlin, Student Member, Rockaway Beach, NY; William C. Noble, Fellow/Retired, Tinton Falls, NJ; Roger W. Plantikow, Diplomat, Springfield, NJ; Gary C. Schindler, Member, Springville, NY; Garry A. Seefeldt, PCS//Retired, Wilson, NY; Nautochia Webb, Student Member, St. Albans, NY; Mary Beth Werdel, Member, Larchmont, NY; Joel H. Myers, Fellow/Retired, White Plains, NY

NO LONGER CERTIFIED CENTERS

Grace Counseling Center, Madison, NJ
Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center, N. Tonawanda, NY
Blanton Peale Institute, New York, NY

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APPENDIX A
Revised AAPC Eastern Region Budget (3/8/2016)
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Expenses:

Cluster Meetings	1500	
Regional Administrator	3000	\$20/hr – up to 15 hr/mo. Max/yr
\$3000		
Administrator Office Expenses	1200	
Eastern Reg. Chair	4000	\$25/hr – up to 15 hr/mo. Max/yr
\$4000		
Misc	100	
Formation Programs	500	
Exec Committee Travel	1000	
Bank charges	50	
Web Administrator	1800	
(Est. – Still not sure if cost is shared or on our own, but probably this much either way)		
Conference Coordinator	750	
(Our portion of a shared position with NE)		
Audit	1700	(Est)
Per Member Payment to AAPC (115 X \$80)	9200	
Total Expenses	\$24800	

Income

Conference Net	1000-2000	\$ 1000
Dues	Full \$175 ea for 89 members =	\$ 15575
	Retired \$100 for 26 members	\$ 2600
	Student \$50*	
Total Dues Expected		\$18175
Total Income		\$19175
Total Expenses		\$24800

Deficit Amount Taken From Reserves \$ -5625

Note that we have approximately \$80,000 to draw from as we go forward.

Recommending the revised dues structure to encourage those who have recently left the association to return. Re-evaluate for the next budget cycle.

Note: if we can retain the 13 full fee members and the 7 Retired members who had not paid as of December 2015,

then net income from dues can be \$21,150 – plus \$1000 from the conference leaves us \$4250 short of having a balanced budget. 45 more regular memberships needed to cover the difference.

* Student payments at \$50 not figured in this budget. No payments needed to AAPC for students.

APPENDIX B

Proposed Structure for AAPC Eastern Regional Functioning

Three levels of participation

Paid Staff

- Regional Administrative Assistant
- Webmaster (Perhaps shared with other regions)
- Regional Chair
- Conference Coordinator (shared with Northeast Region)

Elected Executive Committee

- Regional Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Education and Training Chair
- Membership Relations Chair
- Leadership Development Chair

Volunteers for working teams

- Finance
- Leadership Development
- Communications
- Education and Training
- Regional Conference
- Membership Relations
- Institutional Relations (Academia, Centers, Cognate groups, etc.)

Necessary Functions

Administrative (Executive Committee and Regional Administrative Assistant)

Finance (Treasurer)

Leadership Development and Personnel (LD Chair)

Communications (Secretary and Webmaster)

Education and Training (E&T Chair)

Training Programs

Clinical (including standards)

Supervision (including standards)

Standards for Pastoral Care Specialist and other training programs

Workshops and Webinars

Regional Conference (Conference Coordinator and Vice Chair)

Theological and Social Concerns

Membership Relations (MR chair)

Grow, save, and retain membership

Assess member needs and desires

Develop Clusters/Chapters in geographic areas

Institutional Relations (Regional Chair)

Academia, Centers, Cognate groups, etc.