

President's Report

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As my time as President of KCA winds down, it is time to assess the progress we as an organization have made. The skills and abilities of our membership are outstanding and each is willing to share those with our organization. This allows us to grow and be responsive to our membership needs. I want to let each of you, and collectively as a group, know that I appreciate all the help and advice this past year. I have benefited, the Executive Board has benefited, and our membership has benefited. This is truly an outstanding organization.

Let's look at some of the steps we have taken to add value to being a member of KCA:

Our Executive Board has encouraged a broad-based representation so we can be a voice for all Counselors across the State of Kansas.

Membership has increased by over 30 members.

Our website offers easily accessible information to help members keep up to date on KCA activities and news.

The Mentorship Program is starting to take shape and will be another tool for counselors to feel connected and cared about.

Phone calls or e-mails were made to a large portion of our membership for their input on matters of importance to them.

HB 2696 concerning insurance reimbursement for licensed professional counselors is in hearings.

Much of the KCA records, membership files, etc. have been archived with the Kansas Historical Society.

We have continued to advocate for counselors with a paid lobbyist.

Support for regions and divisions are being provided by an Executive Board support position.

In addition, the Convention Committee has put together an outstanding program in celebration of our 50th anniversary as an organization. This convention might be the most value-added tool for ALL Counselors throughout the State. From the speakers, to the breakout sessions, to the opportunity to network and renew old friendships, this convention promises to be one we can all be proud of.

I want to offer my thanks for all the hard work the Executive Board has done. You have made a job that is difficult, much easier. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.