

MAPA 2023 CONFERENCE
FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2023

The meeting was called to at 10:57 a.m. by MAPA President Danielle Boggs.

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Rhonda Noe advised there was no correspondence to read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lisa Reitzel reported on the lobby fund report and silent and live auction report. The Live Auction raised \$3,875 and the proceeds from the Silent Auction was \$2,938 for a total of \$6,813.00.

AUDIT REPORT

Annette Bartleson reported on behalf of Lori Dunkin and the Audit Committee. She reported that the Committee met at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday and reviewed the 2022 Treasurer's Books for the General and Lobby Accounts. All documents were in order with no findings to report. The balance on the General Account was \$34,685.90 and the balance in the Lobby Account was \$19.38.

No records were available to audit for 2022 Convention as they have not been received from C2C. Those documents will be audited by Committee Chair upon receipt.

There was no discussion and the audit report was adopted.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Danielle Boggs read report of activities on behalf of MAPA. (Report Attached)

Vice-President Cher Caudel read report of activities on behalf of MAPA (Report Attached)

Executive Board Report: Rhonda Noe reported there were no new recommendations or motions to present on behalf of the Board.

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

Region 1: VP Annette Bertelsen reported for Region 1.

Region 2: VP Shannon Morris reported for Region 2. Shanna Burns and Alexa Summitt have been elected as Co-VPs for next term.

Region 3: VP Kelsey Westerhold reported for Region 3.

Region 4: VP Sam Madsen reported for Region 4.

Region 5: VP Mary Jo Colley reported for Region 5. Mary Jo was re-elected as VP for the next term.

Region 6: VP Paula Sims reported for Region 6.

Region 7: VP John Pruett reported for Region 7. Sherida Cook was elected as the VP for the next term.

Region 8: VP Jackie Miller reported for Region 8. Mary Jo Stratten has been elected VP for the next term.

Region 9: VP Paula Scobey reported for Region 9.

INSTALLATION OF NEW REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

Newly elected Regional Vice Presidents from Regions 2, 5, 7, and 8 were sworn in.

CERF REPORT

Sandy Jung, CERF Representative, provided a report on CERF. (Report Attached) She reported that for 2024 a \$.50 match up to 4% of salary has been approved for the 457 plan.

Sandy was nominated by Karen Digh-Allen to serve another 4 year term as CERF Representative. There were no other nominations. Nominations closed and the nomination of Sandy Yung was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archive Committee: Theresa Lupardus. No report.

Awards Committee: Angie Casavecchia. Reported on scholarships being allowed for NGA certification. 1 national certified guardian and 1 master guardianship test scholarship will be awarded annually. Angie will work on applications and upload to website along with instructions. Steve Farmer chosen as 2023 PA of the Year.

DMH: Cher Caudel or John Killian. John reported. (Report attached)

Ethics Committee: Angie Casavecchia. Nothing new to report.

Legislative Committee: John Killian and Karen Digh-Allen. John reported. (Report attached)

Nominating Committee: Carol Johnson. Carol reported – No new nominations as not an election year.

Procedure & Resource Manual: Cher Caudel. Cher reported (Report attached)

State Ombudsman Committee: Lisa Reitzel. Lisa reported. Encouraged staying in close contact with your ombudsman and developing a good rapport with them.

Training Committee: Connie Hagan. No report – certificates distributed for this training.

Public Relations Committee: Danielle Boggs. Danielle reported – Report attached.

APPOINTMENT REPORTS

Alzheimer's Association Liaison: Mary Jo Colley. No report

Chaplain: Kim King gave report.

MAC: Carol Johnson. Carol reported – Serving on MAC Board. Encouraged membership to use the prepared White Paper to educate and encouraged involvement in MAC.

MO-WINGS: Karen Digh-Allen. Karen reported – Annette and Karen are on MO WINGS but others encouraged to participate and build alliances. Send Karen email if you want to attend MO WINGS.

NAMI: Carol Johnson. Carol reported. Encouraged involvement with local groups, and participation in upcoming virtual conference.

NGA: Karen Digh-Allen. 10 in attendance – great networking and Danielle and Angie received awards. Conference in Orlando this year.

Parliamentarian: Linda Niendick. No report.

Probate Judges: Paula Scobey. Paula reported. Written report attached.

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI): Regina Emmerich. Regina reported. Communication by email and had lunch meetings.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Wendy Metcalf read each bylaw amendment proposal individually and the outcomes were as follows: (Proposed amendments are attached)

Article III – Adopted

Article IV Officers – Discussion – Karen Digh-Allen regarding if the individual is still in office. Will review this issue next year – not applicable to this. Karen moved to table this bylaw due to the language regarding the past president being still on the board even when no longer in office. Linda Leebo seconded the motion. Motion to table approved. Tabled.

Article V Section 2 – Proposed amendment was to remove H & L and add wording and replace sections. Discussion: Danielle explained the purpose for proposed amendments to this section. Carol Johnson made a motion that L be left as is with no amendment except to change

from “L” to “J”. Julie Hagan seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried. Other proposed amendments to this section were adopted.

Article VII – Section 1 – Add D – submitting minutes from every association meeting to the PR committee. Change approved with no discussion and adopted.

Article VIII:

Section 2 – Motion to Table due to clarification needed regarding Immediate Past President terminology. Motion: Brenda Doody; Seconded by David Knight. Motion carried. Tabled.

Section 3 (Add Duty) Auditing Committee. No discussion. Adopted.

Section 5 (Adding past presidents to committee) No discussion. Adopted.

Section 9 (Clarification) No discussion. Adopted.

Section 11 (Clarification on program chairpersons) No discussion. Adopted.

Section 12 (Removing Members Advocate Committee as Section 12 and replace with Section 13) (Parliamentarian clarified order this needed to proceed in) No discussion. Adopted.

Section 14 (Remove Retention Committee). No discussion. Adopted.

Section 15 (PR Committee and Social Media duties). No discussion. Adopted.

Section 17 (MAPA/DMH Liaison Committee) – Karen moved to table proposed changes to Section 17. Joy Williams seconded. Motion approved. Tabled.

Standing Rules 5 (Change amount of associate membership). No Discussion. Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Tonya Garvin read the proposed resolutions. In addition to the MAPA Resolution presented at Wednesday’s meeting, which was also emailed and available on the YAPP app, and she presented 2 other Resolutions, one thanking Region 2 for sponsoring and hosting conference training, and the other in honor of Steve Farmer as 2023 PA of the Year. The Resolutions were adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The question of adoption of the Request for Proposal to obtain grant writing services was brought forth. There was no discussion and the RFP was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Farmer encouraged the Association to continue to work on staff to client ratio.

Annette Bartleson and Region 1 announced plans for next year's training. Theme will be "Patchwork – Piecing it Together) The dates are April 23-26, 2024 in the KC area with venue to be announced later.

Closing Inspirations by Kim King.

No further business. Lisa Reitzel moved to adjourn and Ralph Jobe seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 12:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Noe, MAPA Secretary

MAPA President's Report

4/21/2023

Since being elected last April, I have attended several conferences as a MAPA representative: Real Voices, Real Choices (presented); MACDDS; NGA (Dallas); and MAC (Summer Retreat and Fall Conference).

I joined Regions 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9 for their annual regional trainings. It was very informative and rewarding to meet together in these smaller groups! I also attended MAPA Legislative Day earlier this month and attend the MAPA Legislative Meetings and the meetings of the MAPA DMH Committee throughout the year.

I made four county visits with individual PA's (Lawrence, Christian, Tancy, and Barry) and plan to visit the rest of my assigned counties in the coming months. I have helped welcome the four new PA's who have entered our group since last April.

The Executive Board is meeting monthly and the full board is meeting quarterly, which helps with communication and collaboration. We have been focusing on the Strategic Plan, training ideas for new and current PA's, Public Administrator staffing patterns, methods for obtaining grants, bylaw revisions, adopting resolutions for MAPA, and have explored credentialing for public administrators. In addition, we have hired a new attorney for our association and have started First Friday Coffee Chats. We continue to offer monthly educational Lunch and Learns.

I also have been very involved with MAC, serving on their board, the MAC legislative committee, the mental health/justice/policing steering committee, and the salary task force. I am registered to attend the NACo Leadership Academy in late summer.

I have participated in interviews with the U.S. Department of Justice regarding the current investigation in Missouri surrounding appropriate mental health care and guardianship issues for those with serious mental illness. I have also represented MAPA as an NGA state affiliate, participating in networking meetings every other month. I plan to attend the Colloquium on Guardianship in May.

MAPA Vice-President Report
Spring Business Meeting
April 19-21, 2023

I have visited twenty Public Administrator in their counties: Mary Jo – Randolph Co, Sandy-Lincoln, Jackie-St Charles, Melissa-Warren, Lisa-Howard, Kaley-Montgomery, Tim-St Louis Co, Sean-St Louis City, Steve-Jefferson, Paul-Cooper, Sonja-Boone, Ralph-Cole, Jessica-Monroe, Connie-Audrain, Lori-Pike, Paula-Ralls, Kelly-Gasconade, Paul-Osage, Carol Jo-Maries, Becky-Oregon. I have two more remaining.

I attended two regional meetings: Region 6 on Feb 7 & Region 7 on March 10

We have four new Public Administrators since our last meeting in April:

Tim Weeks, St Louis County

Teresa Pace, Lawrence County

Melissa Davis, Mississippi County

Lana Kilmer, Linn County

I attended the RVRC & MOADD Conference, MAC Conference, CIT Conference, MAC Legislative Conference, and I joined Theresa Lupardus in running the MAPA booth @ the MACDDS Conference. I also attended a networking luncheon hosted by Centerpointe Hospital in June.

I have attended the monthly Executive Board meetings, monthly First Friday Coffee Chats, monthly Lunch & Learns, the bill signing of our salary bill, various MAPA Committee Meetings (Awards, DMH, Procedures/Resources, Legislative), Policing, Justice, and Mental Health MAC Steering Committee Meetings, MO-WINGS, and the MAPA attorney interviews. Earlier this year I attended a meeting with Rep McGaw and Senator Black with our lobbyist, representatives of Prosecuting Attorneys Association and leadership of DMH to discuss the PITP bill. I also attended MAPA lobby day.

I have also had meetings with MO Behavioral Council CEO, MO Credentialing Board Director, and member of Prosecuting Attorney Association (Victims Advocate) to build networking opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Cher Caudel
MAPA Vice-President

CERF Report

Missouri Association of Public Administrators Conference

April 2023

CERF's pension plan has a long-term investment time horizon as it is structured to support our plan participants for years to come. Our investment portfolio is well-diversified and comprised of quality, institutional investment strategies. The CERF board and staff, with the assistance of our investment consultant, monitor our investments on a regular basis. At each meeting, the Board reviews asset allocations and manager performance. At our CERF Board meeting later this month, we will do our annual "Total Fund Review" of our money managers and asset allocation and investment performance. We maintain our confidence and conviction that we are well positioned for continued growth into the future.

As of February 28, 2023, CERF's investment balance was \$693,298,000. Since inception, the rate of return on investments is 8.55%. CERF is currently 80% funded. 2022 was a difficult year for the investment markets with both stocks and bonds having losses. CERF had a negative investment return for 2022 but had fewer losses than the investment markets in general. However, it's important to remember that CERF had double-digit investment returns for years 2019, 2020, and 2021, which put CERF in a much stronger position long-term.

Employees in the CERF Pension Plan are vested after eight continuous years of service. Full benefits are paid at age 62. Employees can begin receiving their pension as early as age 55, at a reduced amount.

CERF currently has over 12,000 active participants and pays pension payments to approximately 6,600 retirees and beneficiaries monthly. The average monthly pension payment is \$599.

In 2022, CERF paid out approximately \$45 million in benefits, and this amount continues to grow about 10% annually. At the end of 2022, CERF had a large number of retirements. CERF staff worked long hours and very hard to process all the retirements.

CERF is uniquely funded in that historically 30% of our revenue is from county fees, and only 14% from employee contributions. The remaining revenue is from investment return.

The legislative session started in January. CERF staff and CERF's lobbying team have been monitoring several bills that would impact some of CERF's funding sources. Multiple pieces of legislation would modify property taxes and property tax rates. The most recent version of SB 8 would reduce the personal property tax rate from 33.3% to 31% and also modify the assessment process for motor vehicles and farm equipment. Other bills would reduce the property tax assessment rates for real property. These bills would likely reduce revenues to CERF, counties, school districts, and other political subdivisions. HB 462 and HB 1194 would decrease the amount of revenue that CERF and the counties would receive from late property tax fees. CERF staff and lobbying team testified at the committee hearings and have been communicating with the bill sponsors. Session is at the halfway mark and CERF will continue to watch the legislation and engage with the legislature as needed.

A COLA is approved annually by the CERF Board. By law, a COLA is given each year and is set at the lesser of 1% or CPI. Inflation has been much higher these past two years. A 1% COLA might not seem like much but there are some public pension plans in Missouri that have no COLA so CERF is fortunate to be able to offer one to its retirees. Also, for a number of years when inflation was running around 1%-2%, the 1% COLA did a good job of keeping up with inflation.

The CERF Board of Directors has its second quarter Board meeting in June. CERF staff is available by phone and email if any of you or your county staff have questions about your benefits. Robert Eastburn is out visiting counties to meet with members for the CERF Savings Plan.

Any questions?

2024 - 457 Plan

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50 cents for each \$1
up to the first 4% of Pay

DMH Liaison Committee Report 4/18/2023

- Committee met as a whole on June 17, 2022.
- Issues Identified:
 - Improve Communication between MAPA and DMH
 - Co-Chairs continue quarterly meetings with DMH executive staff
 - DMH Deputy Director has presented at MAPA Regional meetings/training and presented at MAPA Lunch and Learn session
 - Improving mental health services
 - FY23 Budget includes a revision to SNF vendor reimbursement rates
 - New program authorizes behavioral health services to clients in hospital
 - New beds in development at Higginsville (24) and Sikeston (23) for clients minimal security state hospital clients; new unit at FSH for I/DD forensic clients (note FSH still down one unit due to staffing)
 - Define protocol for access more resources for at-risk
 - Start with SB40 Support Coordinator or CMHC Community Support Worker
 - Escalation
 - I/DD side – Regional Center Director
 - CPS side – Janet Munsterman (west side of state) or Bobbi Summers (east side)
 - Other resources
 - New CBHLs are for everyone
 - 988 – not just suicide hotline, but also access point for MH services
- DMH Legislation Pending
 - HB 1082 – Jail Base Competency Restorations – 4/6/23 placed on informal perfection calendar
 - SB 616/HB1254 – distinguishes violent from non-violent PITP respondents, provides for guardian and administrative review of discharge plan, and monthly community monitoring

MAPA Legislative Committee Report 4/18/2023

- Committee met on August 19, October 7, October 28, November 18, and December 9, 2022. January 13, and February 17, 2023.
- MAPA proposed/endorsed legislation
 - SB365/HB1013
 - Revises Shared Account and verification audit/reporting requirements, opening up the potential to use shared accounts for all PAs
 - Revises guardian venue transfer statute to remove change in residency as a basis to transfer venue
 - 3/27/23 voted do pass Local Government
- Current legislation watch list
 - SB 613 – met with Sen. Arthur’s staff and expressed concerns
 - Public Administrator Fund – working on separating out paragraph regarding guardian training and developing appropriations
 - Notice and Court review of guardians’ visitation decisions – will plan on off-season meetings with Sen. Arthur and staff
 - HB 1082 – Jail Based Competency Restorations – 4/6/23 placed on informal perfection calendar
 - SB 616/HB1254 – distinguishes violent from non-violent PITP respondents, provides for guardian and administrative review of the discharge plan, and monthly community monitoring
 - Judiciary Committees hearing 4/17/2023
 - SB 569 – Electronic Wills (MoBar Sponsored) Referred to Judiciary Committee
 - SB 182 – Voting rights - Creates a presumption that a person is competent to vote regardless of guardianship. Referred to Local Government
- Lobby Day April 4, 2023
 - 22 Public Administrator’s attended
- Other Topics
 - Guardianship Funding – see SB 613(Public Administrator Fund)
 - Department of Justice Investigation – no updates

PROCEDURE/RESOURCE MANUAL REPORT
Spring Business Meeting
April 19-21, 2023

The Procedure/Resource Manual Committee meets monthly on the fourth Thursday after our Lunch & Learn training. The main topic has been discussing and scheduling the Lunch & Learn trainings for 2023. The tentative schedule is as follows:

January	Tiered Supports/Value Base Billing Mark Hartman (CVA)
February	Ways to handle when hospitals and other entities attempt to hold PAs Personally liable for client debt James Owen, MAPA attorney
March	CIT Training Teaser Tom Gorsline (CIT Trainer/Camden Co Public Adm)
April	Health Based Homes Leslie Bradly, DD Federal Programs Unit Cory McMahon, DD Constituent Specialist Jessica Bunds & Karen Will, DBH CMHC Healthcare Home
May	Center for Human Services (CHS) Presentation David Kramer, CEO
June	Veterans Benefits Eugene O O'Loughlin (Veterans Benefit Specialist)
July	MO Behavioral Health Council Brent McGinty, CEO
Aug	QPR Training (Question, Persuade, Refer, Suicide Prevention Technique) Ann Chambers, LCSW, Missouri Bar
September	Open (<i>Possibly Medicaid Recovery</i>)
October	Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Workshops KC Rafferty, Assistant Director of Community Engagement MO Behavioral Health Council

The committee is also planning to review current presentations on guardianship and develop a new presentation that can be used by the association when asked to present on guardianship.

We will also be reviewing our Standards of Practice to see if there is anything that should be updated.

The committee will be reviewing the Practice Manual in 2024 for updates as well.
Our next meeting will be April 27, 2023 immediately following our Lunch & Learn.

Respectfully submitted,

Cher Caudel, Procedures/Resource Manual Chair

MAPA Public Relations Committee Report

4/21/23

We are still planning to streamline the website for easier use, but have not yet done so. Updates to the website directory were recently submitted to our web manager and should be completed soon. Please continue to send any updates to me throughout the year.

The private Facebook page is going well; it is a source of information and support for PA's and there have been no major issues that I know about.

The public Facebook page was rolled out last April and was met with a good reception. Several former PAs follow the page and seem to enjoy seeing updates on how things are going. To ensure page integrity, outside posting is not allowed and I close commenting on posts after a few days. We do want to share good things that are happening, so please continue to forward me any positive PA news to post!

The email distribution list continues to be functional for our group. Any group member can send out emails to the group by using the address mapa@freelists.org. Each message is flagged for approval prior to distribution to the group.

PROBATE JUDGE ASSOCIATION REPORT

Comes now the undersigned, Paula Scobey, committee chair for the Probate Judge Association and makes the following report:

The Missouri Association Of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges (MAPACJ) met for their annual association meeting on April 12, 2023 to April 14, 2023 at Chateau on the Lake, Branson, MO. The 2024 meeting will be held in April, 2024 at the same place as this year's meeting.

The Judge's Association mainly deal with probate issues on the first afternoon of their meeting. This year the topics were "Unique Procedural Issues In Probate" – determination of heirship, refusals, small estate affidavits, will contest and petition to require administration- and Probate Law Update – history of the probate law and court. This was very interesting.

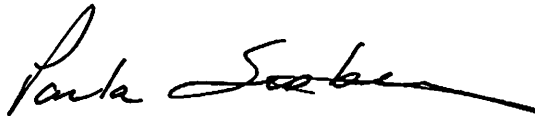
In addition, this year there was a probate session entitled "How Did You Become My Guardian". This session was mainly a Probate Judge/ Public Administrator Roundtable discussion and was very interesting and informative. The general consensus of all present was that the PAs do their job very well and the judges understand what the PAs are facing. Topics discussed, to name a few, were:

1. Judge's role in training new PAs
2. A petition for conservator fees is mandatory to be filed
3. PA's wards living out in the community and how does the PA know that the ward's needs are being meet
4. The court appointing PA over family members, either at the request of family members, no show of family members or contested matter. Be careful using the PA because of the stress in contested matters. PA unable to please both sides.

5. Evaluation of P. A. bond annually
6. On Petition To Require Administration making petitioner post deposit to cover PR fees on the PA.
7. How to suspend PA authority and removal
8. What to do if settlement cannot be approved (set for hearing and have PA testify)
9. PA filing for appointment, some do and some don't
10. Mental Health Coordinators
11. PA is a fiduciary in conservatorship and therefore, all fiduciaries has to have an attorney per 473 RSMO. and a lot of PAs don't have an attorney.

Dated: April 15, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula Scobey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Paula Scobey

MSSOURI ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES
STATE CONVENTION 2023
INDEPENDENCE, MO

MEMBERS

Article III

(Purpose is to add to and change wording/last sentence)

Adopted as presented

Membership in this association shall be open to all duly elected and appointed Public Administrators in each of the counties of Missouri and the City of St. Louis. Associate Membership **will be permitted and shall include Deputy Public Administrators and Staff of the Office of Public Administrators. Only duly elected and appointed Public Administrators shall be permitted voting privileges and serve as Officers and Committee Members of this Association.**

OFFICERS

ARTICLE IV

Tabled

Section 6 (To rewrite section adding duty of being member of the Convention Committee)

The Immediate Past President shall

D. Attend the annual MAPA Convention **and be a member of the Convention Arrangement Committee.** If the Immediate Past President is no longer in office or a member of the Association, MAPA shall pay for registration **and all out-of-pocket expenses incurred to attend the annual convention and Convention Arrangement Committee Meetings** in order for the Immediate Past President to fulfill their duties as set forth in this Section.

REGIONS

ARTICLE V

Section 2 (Purpose is to remove "H" and "L" and to add wording and replace sections)

Adopted with changes Handwritten Below

Regional Vice-President shall

F. Arrange and hold an annual Regional Meeting in their Region for the purpose of discussing the various items of business, the recommendations of the various members in their Region and Regional Training. They shall notify all members of their Region, State President and State Training Commission Chairperson by mail or email of the time and place and program of such Regional Meeting.

"H" will be removed and replaced with "I"
"I" will be replaced with a combination of "J" and "K"
The original "H" "K" and ~~"L"~~ will be removed

H. Hold elections of Regional Vice-Presidents at appropriate annual conventions.

I. Report to the President of this Association, prior to the annual convention of this Association, the results of any meetings held in their Region, the names of newly elected or appointed Public Administrators in their Region due to death, resignation, elections or any other changes in the Office of Public Administrator.

J. Be a member of the MAPA/DMH Liaison Committee or Appoint a Representative from their Region to serve in their place.
~~REMOVE "L"~~

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article VII

Adopted As presented

Section 1 (Purpose is to assure that all minutes of every Associational Meeting are recorded)

ADD "D"

D. Shall submit minutes of any meetings being held while Association is not in session to the Public Relations Committee for inclusion on the MAPA Website.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ARTICLE VIII

Section 2 (Change Section to Add "D" and "E")

Tabled

The Convention Arrangement Committee shall

D. Be made up of every member of the Region who is holding the convention as set forth in Standing Rule #16 and the Immediate Past President.

E. Turn over all convention financial accounting records at conclusion of convention to the MAPA Treasurer and the Chairperson of the Audit Committee for auditing purposes.

Section 3 (Purpose of change is to add the duty of auditing the convention arrangement committee's financial records)

Adopted As presented

Auditing Committee shall make a complete audit of the financial records of the Treasurer covering the period from the first day of the previous annual convention to the first day of the present annual convention. **The Audit Report shall also include the audit of the Convention Arrangement Committee's financial records from the previous year's convention.**

Section 5 (Purpose is to add Past Presidents to Committee)

Adopted As presented

The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of all past presidents of this association who are still in office and any other members appointed by the President. They shall nominate at least one candidate for each office. Nominating Committee shall report nominations for the officers to be elected at each annual Convention of this Association at the business meeting as scheduled by the Convention Arrangement Committee. Additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted. Consent from each nominee must be obtained.

Section 9 (Add new wording to clarify who serves on this committee)

Adopted As presented

Award Committee shall pick an Outstanding Public Administrator to be presented at convention each year. Recipient shall be judged on achievement as County Public Administrator, contributions to the Missouri Association of Public Administrators and Community Services. **The members of the Award Committee shall be comprised of all past PA of the Year Award Winners.**

Section 11 (BEING CHANGED FOR CLARIFICATION)

Adopted As presented

Program Chairpersons shall be appointed for each association with affiliation to MAPA as set forth in Standing Rule #9. Chairperson shall attend State meetings of the affiliated associations and report at convention to the membership.

Section 12

Members Advocate Committee

Adopted As presented

REMOVE CURRENT SECTION 12 and REPLACE WITH SECTION 13 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 12. (Purpose of change is to remove duty of reading written report at convention) Archive Committee shall be composed of three members, the Chairperson shall be known as the historian. The historian shall display all Archive Books at conventions, meetings and all other events the Association President deems appropriate.

Section 13 will be removed.

REMOVE SECTION 14
RETENTION MANUAL COMMITTEE

Adopted As presented

Public Relations Committee

Section 15 (Purpose of change is to add management of social media to duties)

Adopted As presented

Public Relations Committee shall prepare press releases for Public Administrators to submit to their local media following the annual convention and any other times which may merit such recognition. This committee shall prepare and maintain a website for the benefit of all members and information for other agencies and shall provide articles of interest and keep an updated Membership Directory posted on the website. This committee shall manage all MAPA related Social Media sites.

MAPA/DMH LIAISON COMMITTEE

Section 17 (PURPOSE IS TO REMOVE REGIONAL VP'S FROM THE COMMITTEE)

Tabled

MAPA/DMH Liaison Committee shall be comprised of the MAPA President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the MAPA President's appointments of any other members in order to assure that every region in the State is represented on this committee. This committee shall act as a liaison between MAPA and the Department of Mental Health and shall present this association's concerns to DMH and stay apprised of changes that affect Department of Mental Health clients and report these changes to this association.

STANDING RULES

Adopted AS presented

(Purpose is to change the amount of Associate members registration and remove non-attending associate members from paying registration)

5. Associate membership registration to annual convention shall be **\$300.00** for Associate members attending convention. **\$100** of each registration shall be turned over to the Treasurer of this Association for membership fee and **\$200** shall be applied to convention costs.

Adopted by the Association at the second organizational meeting in Jefferson City, March 11, 1981.

Amended October 1981 Branson
Amended October 1983 Mexico
Amended October 1991 St. Louis
Amended October 1994 Kansas City
Amended October 1997 Branson
Amended May 1999 Lake of the Ozarks
Amended April 2000 West Plains
Amended April 2001 Cape Girardeau
Amended May 2002 Hannibal
Amended April 2003 Springfield
Amended April 2004 St. Joseph
Amended April 2005 Jefferson City
Amended April 2007 Kansas City
Amended April 2008 Branson
Amended April 2010, Hannibal
Amended April 2014 Joplin
Amended November 2017, MAPA Fall Board Meeting, Tan Tar A, Osage Beach
Amended April 2019 Columbia
Amended June 2020 Columbia
Amended April 2021 Springfield

Amended April 2023 Independence, Mo -

WHERE AS the Office of the Missouri Public Administrator is a state-mandated office and the Officials are duly elected by their constituents at the county level (or appointed, if in a charter county or the City of St. Louis).

WHERE AS when no other party is available or capable, Missouri Public Administrators are court-appointed Guardians of **Citizens** of their county who have been deemed incapacitated.

WHERE AS when no other party is available or capable, Missouri Public Administrators are court-appointed Conservators of **Citizens** of their county who have been deemed disabled.

WHERE AS when no other party is available or capable, Missouri Public Administrators are court-appointed Personal Representatives of Estates of the deceased.

WHERE AS Missouri Public Administrators must find placement for Wards based on said Ward's level of capacity and ability.

WHERE AS the State of Missouri is lacking appropriate placement and treatment facilities for individuals facing mental health and substance abuse disorders, creating a crisis situation.

WHERE AS the State of Missouri is lacking appropriate resources for the mental health and substance abuse crisis.

WHERE AS Missouri Public Administrators have an increased caseload of younger individuals with more severe and complex needs.

THEREFORE let it be known Missouri Public Administrators are on call to their Wards and the Wards' direct caregivers both inside and outside of regular business hours.

THEREFORE let it be known there are varying degrees of Ward capacity and/or ability which require access to a wide variety of living situations.

THEREFORE let it be known safe living arrangements are not always available in the domicile county of the Ward and therefore must be found in another county.

THEREFORE let it be known the staffing pattern in Missouri Public Administrator Offices varies throughout the state and often does not meet the recommended national guardianship staffing guidelines.

BE IT RESOLVED the County Government **must** provide the Missouri Public Administrator with adequate office space to conduct business.

BE IT RESOLVED the County Government **must** provide to the Office of Public Administrator adequate office staff based on the number of court letters of Guardianship, Conservatorship, or Personal Representative as advised in State Statute.

BE IT RESOLVED the County and/or State Government **must** provide the Office of Public Administrator with an adequate yearly budget to complete daily business and attend the Missouri Association of Public Administrators annual conference, regional meetings, and other appropriate continuing education opportunities.

BE IT RESOLVED the County Government must follow State Statute 473.742 concerning compensation to the elected Public Administrator.

BE IT RESOLVED the State of Missouri **must** provide adequate mental health and substance abuse resources for Missouri citizens, including those with a guardian and/or conservator.

#1 – Whereas, Region 2 of the Missouri Association of Public Administrators have spent many hours planning an educational conference,

Whereas, they coordinated with C2C and many vendors to be present at our conference, Whereas, they planned and coordinated a tour of Arrowhead Stadium and evening events

Therefore, be it resolved that the Missouri Association of Public Administrators recognize Region 2 for their hard work and dedication in planning and hosting our 2023 training conference.

#2 – Whereas, the Missouri Association of Public Administrators have chosen Steve Farmer as Public Administrator of the Year,

Whereas, Steve has served his wards, his country, his community and our association with great compassion and dedication.

Whereas, Steve spent over 20 years serving in the active and reserve Navy.

Whereas, Steve has served as MAPA regional vice-president for region 8 from 2015-2017, and has served on the legislative committee since 2013, including serving as chair for a few years.

Whereas, Steve has brought compassion and joy to clients in facilities by visiting with his touch therapy dog, Aengus.

Therefore, be it resolved that we recognize Steve Farmer, of Jefferson County, as our 2023 Public Administrator of the Year.

Adopted resolutions by the members.