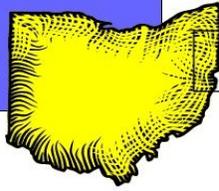


**CAO**

Chaplains Association of Ohio

**“CONNECTIONS”** newsletter**October, 2011****CAO Officers**

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**Faith Proietti, BCC  
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***“Incorporation of CAO!”***

The Executive Committee (EC) of the Chaplains Association of Ohio has worked very hard over the past year exploring the possibility of incorporation for this organization. Since CAO members have entrusted us with the responsibilities of providing educational events and of being good stewards for this organization’s finances, we have looked at protecting your investments for the future.

Our treasurer, B. J. Myers-Bradley, began conversations with Lesley A. Weigand of Wegman, Hessler & Vanderburg, Attorneys at Law, 6055 Rockside Woods, Boulevard, Suite 200, Cleveland, OH 44131 to see what the benefits of incorporation might be for CAO. Karen Ballard (President-Elect) and I met with Ms. Weigand on August 30, 2011 to discuss incorporation and we reported to the EC with information to consider. The EC unanimously voted to incorporate CAO.

There are several advantages to becoming a not-for-profit corporation under Ohio law:

- ***Lends credibility to our organization.***
- ***Standardizes procedures and terminology.***
- ***Offers limited liability to Directors, Officers and Members so that a potential debt (or obligation) of the organization cannot be enforced personally against anyone (with some exceptions).***
- ***Allows the organization to own property and enter into contracts.***
- ***Some donations could have tax benefits.***
- ***Personal asset protection.***
- ***Name protection. In most states, other businesses may not file your exact corporate name in the same state.***
- ***Perpetual existence. Corporations continue to exist, even if officers and board members change.***

- **Deductible expenses.** Corporations may deduct normal business expenses.
- **Guarantees members of proper use of their money.**

**The Executive Committee believes that it is in the best interest of the Chaplains Association of Ohio (CAO) to incorporate at this time.** We are asking CAO members to ratify our decision for incorporation at the November 3rd Conference in Cincinnati. This can be done one of two ways: 1) Be present to vote or 2) Vote by proxy.

Please note that the Constitution and By-Laws of the CAO have been absorbed into the Corporation documents as well. The Executive Committee, once incorporated, will become the Board of CAO. On the Board will be the officers of President, Vice President and Treasurer, plus the four Regional Chairs, Communications Chair, Membership Chair and Historian. Any time there is a membership business meeting, we will need a quorum of 25% to vote and carry out business. When the Board meets to do business, there must be a quorum of 50% of its members to conduct business. These are the subtle-yet-necessary changes that come with incorporation. Incorporation will provide the CAO Board and membership with checks and balances for carrying out the wishes of the membership.

Please plan on attending the fall conference on November 3rd in Cincinnati. Or CAO members can send a proxy vote with a member of CAO who will attend, to vote in your stead. [CAO members will soon receive a proxy form in an email.]

President, Faith P roietti

### **ATTEND THE CAO FALL CONFERENCE!**

**Frank McClure, BCC - SE Region Chair**

The CAO fall 2011 conference planning committee believes our November 3<sup>rd</sup> event will definitely be a high quality, exciting conference. First, the Crowne Plaza Blue Ash accommodations and food are excellent. Second, the location (adjacent to I-71) allows for easy access. Third, the educational segments of the program provide attendees with 5.0 contact hours. And fourth, the topic, **"Integrating Family Systems Theory into Chaplaincy Practice,"** is clearly one of practical benefit to chaplains, spiritual care volunteers and CPE students. Our two speakers, the Rev. Robert Mathis, Ph.D., and the Rev. Orin Newberry, Ph.D., are respected experts in the field of **Bowen Family Systems Theory (BFST)**.

In the morning session, Dr. Mathis will present a clear and concise overview of BFST. He will provide essential definitions and basic understandings of the theory. Dr. Mathis will thoughtfully enumerate BFST's eight concepts and two variables. Then he will lead attendees in an examination of a case study requiring a multi generational view of anxiety.

In the afternoon session, Dr. Newberry will teach conference participants how to fully understand stressors in the context of the larger family system. He will explain how the family life cycle contributes to the very nature of a family's stress. Dr. Newberry will then instruct attendees on how to effectively utilize the Circumplex Model to point toward helpful strategies for pastoral caregiving.

Make sure to register for this high quality, exciting conference on November 3 in Cincinnati.

The registration deadline is Friday, October 28. - (513) 865-1194

**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**  
**Marianne Wilson, BCC**  
**MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR**

It's time to renew your CAO membership application soon, right? *NOT YET!* Because CAO is changing its annual business meeting to the Spring conference, our fiscal and membership years are changing as well. We will now work on a **May to May** yearly schedule.

What does this mean? As a 2011 paid member, you receive an extra four months of membership! Your 2011 membership will not expire until May 2012. You will receive a 2012 membership renewal application next Spring, with a deadline of June 15, 2012. New members are welcome anytime! The membership fee is still just \$30.00 (which gives you \$20 each off CAO's Spring and Fall events).

You may contact me at [Marianne.Wilson@cchmc.org](mailto:Marianne.Wilson@cchmc.org) with questions or concerns or to obtain a renewal/new member application form.

**Treasurer's Report**  
**BJ Myers-Bradley, BCC**

1/1/2011 Opening Balance - \$13,409.91  
Deposits \$ 7,551.67  
 (membership renewals, conference registrations, book sales)

Withdrawals \$ 4,966.00  
 (conference site rental, conference meal provider, speaker fees, conference supplies, mailings, legal fees, outgoing officer gifts, Chaplain Association laptop computer for organization's treasurer)

10/13/11 Balance - \$15,995.58

Bank Balance - \$18,051.86\*

\*Checks listed below have not been cashed:

11/17/2010 Check #1048 (conference site rental) \$2,050.95

11/10/2010 Check #1058 (conference supplies) \$ 5.33

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*I have e-mailed the contact of site rental, with no response to resolve this matter. BJM-B*

The September-October issue of NACC's *Vision*, dedicated to Palliative Care, is now accessible on their website. Enjoy the issue, and pass on interesting articles to colleagues and friends. Go to [www.nacc.org/vision](http://www.nacc.org/vision). And this just in: the NACC Board has voted to remove the "members-only" protection from the journal's articles, so soon 100% of the content will be available to the public.

Coming to Cleveland January 15-18, 2012 (Sunday - Wednesday):

National Association of Jewish Chaplains Conference

Chaplains from other traditions may attend sessions.

*For job-hunting tips and links to other organizations, see [www.chapsohio.org](http://www.chapsohio.org) and look under 'Resources.'*