

**MIDWEST PCA/ACA**  
Annual Membership Meeting  
Saturday, October 4, 2025  
12:30pm – 2pm

- . Call Meeting to Order – Meeting called to order at 12:38 pm by Julia Kuttler
- II. Approval of agenda – Sarah Licht motions, Allen Babiarz-Lira seconded. Agenda approved by vocal consent
- III. Reading and Approval of 2024 Minutes – Paul Peters motions, Scott Peters Seconded. Minutes approved by vocal consent
  - 1. Minutes are posted on the website shortly after the conference.
- IV. Report of Conference Coordinator—Paul Booth
  - 1. I forgot to order drinks at lunch! SORRY! There will be drinks tonight at the pub quiz
  - 2. Thank you all who have made this year possible
  - 3. 2026 Location – October 9-11, 2026 in Muncie, Indiana at the Horizon Convention Center
    - 1. We are moving back to the hotel block model. We are trying to emphasize the importance of the community of people, and we are able to do that more when we are at a conference center
    - 2. Hotel Block – we are trying to hit a minimum number for the hotel block so that we can get food and meeting rooms covered. We will make sure this is easy to do on the website.
  - 4. 2025 Conference Report
    - 1. Thank you all so much for your support. We will be in the black this year by about \$1500 because we have had good registration and great partners at the University of Iowa (shoutout to Dr. Brian Ekdale and Dr. Melissa Tully!!)
    - 2. Registration number this year – Numbers are slightly lower than last year (we are currently at 194 registered – roughly 80 FT faculty, 50 grad students). We gave discount rate to U Iowa students – 20 came and registered. We are considering ways to increase our attendance in the future.
    - 3. Please remember we are all volunteers
- III. Report of Executive Council—Julia Largent Kuttler, President
  - 1. This year's conference at University of Iowa – We have never been to Iowa as a conference, so we are very excited to be here.
    - 1. Please pay attention to deadlines – we are changing things for next year.
  - 2. New deadlines for MPCA 2026 – this gives the program committee more time to drop individuals and get the final program out faster. Please keep these dates in mind for the future.
    - 1. Early Bird Registration: August 1
    - 2. Panelist Drop Date: September 1
  - 3. Keynote or Featured Speaker ideas? Keynote is usually an academic and featured speaker is someone cool in the community
    - 1. Don Corrigan – Kurt Vonnegut Museum curator
    - 2. Paul Peters – Women's Basketball is getting a lot of attention in Indianapolis

3. Don Corrigan – someone from NCAA might talk about how few trans athletes there actually are
  4. If you have any ideas (even topics), feel free to reach out with ideas.
  4. Elections close TODAY at 6pm! – The only thing that membership is voting on is President/VP. VP is a President-Elect Position. This is Julia's last year as president. Cory will be moving into the position after 6 pm today. We have two nominees.
    1. <https://bit.ly/MPCAElections25>
    2. Results of Exec Council Appointed:
      1. Program Committee: Scott Chappuis (chair) and Sam Kizer
      2. Conference Coordinator: Julia Largent Kuttler (please bear with me next year – hopefully I don't forget drinks!!)
      3. Marketing & Communication Chair: Sarah Licht
  5. Post-Conference Survey – Cory will likely send this
- VI. 2026 Elections—Julia Largent Kuttler, President – If you nominate someone else, please get their permission. We have several new positions open. These are all volunteer positions (you get registration covered)
1. Nominations are due June 30, 2026: <https://bit.ly/MPCANoms26>
    1. Student/New Professional Representative (elected by Membership) – this person doesn't have to be a student but speaks to the needs of students and new professionals. If you are looking for a great entry point, this is a great option. This is a two-year term
    2. At-Large Representatives (elected by Membership) – this position is on behalf of the membership itself. You represent everyone. This is a two-year position
    3. Program Committee Member (selected by Executive Council) – this is a three-year position for someone who is organized
    4. Webmaster (selected by Executive Council) – If you have experience with Wix, this might be a great experience for you
  2. Post-conference survey
- IX. Conference Planning Committee—Cory Barker, Vice President
- IX. Award Committees & Volunteering—Aisha Powell
1. Congrats to the winners! We have seven awards, and we want your help to push out communication for awards in the future. We have undergrad awards, three book awards, competitive papers, graduate travel awards (cash prize), and the contemporary paper award.
  2. Please send us your books and papers
  3. Please be a reviewer. An email will be sent out soon seeking reviewers.
- X. Report of the Journal—Michael Blouin
1. Please submit things to the journal. We have had great papers come in. Think of this journal as a supportive community to get constructive feedback. Take the papers that

you've presented and consider how you could submit things. Submissions don't just have to be traditional papers. Also, encourage your undergraduate students to submit

2. Please be a reviewer for the journal. We have a hard time getting reviewers. There's a link on the website to sign up to be a reviewer. Think about this as an opportunity to work together.
3. Beth Shiller is stepping into the role of Book Review editor. If you want to review books, get in touch with Beth

XI. Unfinished/Old Business - NONE

XII. New Business (matters initiated at this meeting based on reports and/or new information)

1. Brendan Riley – Can we get a round of applause for Paul
  1. Julia Kuttler – We will miss Paul

XIII. Announcements

1. Keynote Address: 5:45pm in Richey room!
2. Pop Culture Pub Quiz: 7:30-ish in Richey Ballroom
3. Elections close today at 6pm.
4. Pictures! Send us your pictures!
  1. Don Corrigan – is there a number we should text photos to?
    1. Julia Kuttler- text appropriate pictures to 765-499-0080. You can also email to [President@mpcaaca.org](mailto:President@mpcaaca.org) or VicePresident@MPCAACA.org
5. Go to the book exhibit in room 351. Closes today at 5 pm and tomorrow at noon.

XIV. Adjourn – Cory Barker motions, Julia Kuttler seconds. Meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm