

Meet the MABS Board!

New Officers and Board Members were installed on May 5th at the Annual Spring Conference in Columbia, MD. The President, President-elect and Past President will each serve two years in those respective roles, 2018-2020.

President:

Jessica Eure, LPC, BCN, is the Director of Neurotherapy at the Virginia Center for Neurofeedback, Attachment & Trauma in Charlottesville, VA. Jessica is passionate about advocating for the use of neurofeedback as an effective tool in helping improve the quality of people's lives. She feels that together with the other skilled and committed professional MABS members, the Society can contribute to the visibility, understanding and acceptance of the power of applied psychophysiological interventions by healthcare providers, researchers and the general public.



President-elect:

The new President-elect is **Anne Arena, MA, CAS**.

Ms. Arena is a Maryland certified school psychologist with a Masters and Certificate of Advanced Study in School Psychology from Appalachian State University in North Carolina. She has an advanced clinical certificate in clinical neuropsychology from Fielding University.

Anne is in practice in Ellicott City, MD, and completes neuropsychological assessments and provides direct treatment for a number of developmental, affective and stress related disorders through an integrated treatment approach. Anne will chair MABS' Program Committee during her tenure as President-elect.



Past President: Katherine Thorn, MA, LPC, BCN. Katherine has been in private practice in northern Virginia for more than 20 years and also has an office in Silver Spring, MD. She is a certified clinical supervisor in both Maryland and Virginia. She specializes in group therapy and is a Certified Group Psychotherapist. Katherine will chair MABS' Communications/Membership Committee (CMC) for the next two years and has a focus on expanding our social media presence.



Moving from Past-President to **Treasurer** is **Jay Dickinson, MA, LPC, NCC, BCB**. Mr. Dickinson offers psychotherapy and neurotherapy at a counseling and wellness center in Philadelphia, PA. As Treasurer, Jay will chair MABS' Finance Committee.

Secretary: With former secretary Anne Arena becoming our President-elect, **Dawn Perez, MA, LPC, NCC**, assumes the role of Recording Secretary. Ms. Perez is a neurofeedback practitioner and counselor at BiofeedbackWorks in Virginia. An LPC, she holds NBCC certification as a Nationally Certified Counselor. Ms. Perez earned her Bachelor's Degree in Social Science, as well as a second degree in Computer Science. She has a Masters Degree in Counseling and has been a neurofeedback practitioner since 2005.

Walter Ciecko, PhD, BCB, was elected to a three-year term as an **At-large Board member**. Walt is the Director of the Delaware Relationship Center and a certified Imago therapist. He provides training and education through workshops and individual sessions based on his more than 32 years experience as a licensed psychologist. Continuing as **At-large Board members** are **Hogan Pesaniello, MD; Gary Ames, MA; and Liz Schroth, LCPC**.

In addition to a voting Board of Directors, MABS has an **Advisory Board** who are asked to serve as non-voting members by the President. **Bonnie Sobel, RN, LCSW**, has moved to the Advisory Board after serving many years as an MABS officer (Secretary, Treasurer and President). **Kristin Holdaway, MA**, our first student board member, has agreed to serve on the Advisory Board. Continuing as Advisory Board members are Past Presidents **Lilian Rosenbaum, LCSW-C, PhD; William Decker, PhD; Russell Hibler, PhD and Manuel Morales, PhD**. The Board of Directors extends many thanks to Past President **Michael Sitar, PhD**, as he completes several years of service on the Advisory Board. Mike was President twice, one time for three years straight. When asked if he would like to be relieved of board service, Mike replied, "Time to be put out to pasture, eh? Must mean there is enuff [sic] new blood... which is good. So, I am fine with it." Thanks, Mike, for guiding us with your good humor all these years.