

**CONTACT & GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name John Sovec

Relevant degree(s) MA

Occupation LMFT

Number of years as a CAMFT Member 4

**EDUCATION & LICENSE INFORMATION**

List all licenses which you hold and the date each license was issued. (Note: You are considered to be licensed if you hold an active, inactive, delinquent or retired license.)

License: 46376

Date Issued: 09/30/08

License:

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License:

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From what school did you graduate that qualified you for each license?

Phillips Graduate Institute

**DISCLOSURE OF ADVERSE ACTION**

Are you a party to any litigation, or are you or have you been involved in any other legal proceeding that may adversely affect the Association or the profession, should you be elected to serve on the Board?

Yes  No

If yes, please explain on a separate page.

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Has any licensing board, regulatory body, or ethics/peer review committee of a professional association ever taken any disciplinary action against you or a license/registration/certification held by you?

Yes  No

If yes and action was taken by a licensing board or regulatory body or an ethics/peer review committee of a professional association OTHER THAN CAMFT, please attach a detailed explanation.

If yes and the matter involves an action taken by the CAMFT Ethics Committee, please indicate below and provide your consent, below, acknowledging that your application will be forwarded to the CAMFT Ethics Committee to provide a recommendation regarding your application. In providing its recommendation, the Ethics Committee would not divulge information regarding the nature of your case.

\_\_\_\_\_ I consent to my application being forwarded to the CAMFT Ethics Committee to provide a recommendation.

**BOARD POSITION**

Position for which you wish to run:

- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Clinical Board Director-at-Large (Elected by Clinical Membership)
- Pre-Licensed Board Director-at-Large (Elected by Pre-Licensed Membership)

**BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE**

Describe your past and current activities within CAMFT or CAMFT Chapter.

I have presented at multiple CAMFT Conferences including 2016 and am a previous member of SGVCAMFT.

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Complete answers attached.

Describe any community activities you have or are involved in, including the offices held.

Current:

Clinical Consultant - The LifeGroup LA - An HIV/AIDS community support organization  
Board Member, Austin Cabaret Theater  
Founder, The Therapist Salon

Past:

Advisory Board, The Mountain AIDS Foundation  
Advisory Board, Red Ribbon Foundation



List the special interest(s) in your clinical practice or internship.

Coming out process for LGBT teens and their families  
Adolescents  
Grief process

Describe your education, training and/or experience which has qualified you for MFT licensure:

Masters in psychology from Philips Graduate Institute – focus on post modern theories  
Additional training in school based programs, adolescent development, teen self  
harming behavior, and positive parenting

Traineeship:

Family Services Agency of Burbank – school based program

Internship:

Alternatives LGBT Treatment Program – Glendale Memorial Hospital

Insight Teen Treatment Center

Private practice – Diane Lee, supervisor



What are the reasons you would like to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of CAMFT?

I would like to be more proactive in the development of our field in the state of California. For me, this involves deeper connections to schools and training facilities to build strong foundations for trainees and interns. Additionally, encouraging the development of modern marketing practices to build the understanding of what an MFT is in California and the services they provide to clients and the general public.

What strengths do you have in your background and/or experience that are relevant to your candidacy?

A strength I bring is my management experience from four years of entertainment management for The Walt Disney Co, which includes program development, employee evaluations, development of best interdepartmental practices, maintain department budget, and monitor compliance.

I also bring my work as a clinical consultant for The Life Group LA as strength to my candidacy. This work balances the use of clinical skills, volunteer management, board advisory, and goal setting for the organization. ❏

What aspect of being a Board member will help you meet your personal goals?

Building a deeper understanding of the role of CAMFT in the development of the field of Marriage and Family Therapy in the state. Being a board member will also allow me to meet with fellow therapists from all over the state and learn more about their work, training, and perspectives.

What CAMFT programs/activities interest you and why?

CAMFT programs I am interested in include:

Educational Foundation Scholarship Committee – I am interested in this a means to build opportunity for the future generations of MFT's

CAMFT Chapter Activities – my interest here focuses on building stronger connections between members, chapters, and the governing body.

What new programs/activities would you like to see CAMFT embark upon? What do you think would make CAMFT more effective?

New programs I feel could make CAMFT more effective would include:

Educational Institution Outreach – a focused effort to build CAMFT awareness amongst schools and develop stronger relations with students as they enter the field.

Social Marketing and Community Education – working within CAMFT and with the membership to grow a stronger presence in social media as a means to increase the visibility of MFT's and the work they do.

What aspects of the office you seek are most and least attractive to you?

The most attractive aspects of this office would be to represent my fellow MFT's and to build strong collaborations within our community both on a personal and organizational level.

The least attractive aspect of this office would be the possibility of being targeted for unwelcome points of view.

What is your five year vision for CAMFT?

My five year vision of CAMFT is of an organization that is inclusive and representative of an increasingly diverse community with active outreach and support to the lesser heard voices in our field. I also see an organization that is media and internet savvy that encourages interest and responsiveness to the needs of the mental health field in California.

What is your one year vision for CAMFT?

My one year vision of CAMFT is to lay the foundation for a more active and inclusive media presence that highlights the work of our members and builds a stronger awareness of the field to consumers.

**JOHN SOVEC**

*Application for 2017-2018 Board of Directors*

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Volunteer Training Committee, Los Angeles Shanti

Plus Programs Advisory Committee, Los Angeles Shanti

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