

CONTACT & GENERAL INFORMATION

Name Lisa A. Romain

Relevant degree(s) M.F.T., PhD.

Occupation Psychologist, Counselor, Therapist, Professor, Consultant

Number of years as a CAMFT Member 3

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: IMF #89810

Date Issued: 10/31/2015

License: PCCI #2443

Date Issued: 10/31/2015

License:

Date Issued:

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

Alliant University

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.

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.

In the past I have served as the Continuing Education Coordinator and Newsletter Editor for Southwest Riverside County (SWRC): CAMFT. Additionally, I have attended the annual "Law and Ethics" workshop hosted by SWRC:CAMFT. Currently, I attend Southwest Riverside County monthly chapter and 3000 club meetings. To date, as a pre-licensed member, I am unable to hold additional board positions for the SWRC: CAMFT organization.

Complete answers attached.

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

I am the founder/executive director for "New Beginnings and New Hope (NBNH)", a non-profit organization serving the needs of individuals and families that are currently involved in or impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, substance abuse and the justice system. Additionally, I serve as a board member for two community agencies, "The Center"- serving the needs of those who are challenged with substance use and homelessness and "Black Coal and Roses Society" - a mentoring and leadership program for young girls. Furthermore, I recently organized, hosted and presented a "Mental Health and Well-Being" 4-hour workshop with other practicing clinicians.

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

I have a passion to serve in the areas of training and development, leadership development, domestic violence, substance use and the justice system. I am currently gaining intern hours at "The Center for the Treatment of Addiction"- providing therapy services and facilitating domestic violence, child abuse and parenting groups, "JA Precious" - providing counseling and therapy services and facilitating parenting classes, and "Palomar College"- providing crisis and personal counseling services. I also provide counseling and therapy services and facilitate domestic violence and mental health workshops at "New Beginnings and New Hope".

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

My education consists of a B.A. in Psychology, M.Ed., Educational Counseling, M.S., Organizational Management and Development, M.S., Couples and Family Therapy and a Ph.D., Organizational Psychology. The training and experience that qualifies me for licensure is over 22 years of counseling experience in higher education as a counselor at Palomar College as well as "in the trenches" life experience. Most recently, I have gained additional therapy exposure and experience in serving the needs of the community by working with "The Center", "The Center for the Treatment of Addiction", "JA Precious" and "New Beginnings and New Hope".

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

I am a transformational leader inspired to work with a team of professionals dedicated to the mental health profession. I have a passion for helping people and organizations realize their potential and pursue their passion. I am passionate about the issues facing clinicians, clients and mental health in general. California is very instrumental in providing "a voice" and being an advocate at the local, state and federal levels for professionals providing mental health services. CAMFT has the needs of "the client" and "professional" at the center of legislative movements in an effort to improve overall service delivery. I would like to be part of an organization committed to serving the mental health profession and empowering professionals dedicated to legislative movements as world changers. ✘

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

My strengths of working with teams of people, diplomacy and creating an environment of inclusion has lead to being a catalyst for various important organizations concerns. I have held many leadership positions at the regional and state levels working on delicate higher education and community issues. Currently, I am working with a team of higher education professionals in addressing the "basic skills" and "mental health" needs of students in the community college systems. As a pre-licensed candidate, I have "practical" and "professional" insight that would be an asset the CAMFT organization in pursuing relevant issues for the overall MFT profession.

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

Serving people at the "grass roots" level in an effort to help them realize their potential and become healthier individuals, is one of my life goals. I recognize that being in positions of leadership avail opportunities to be part of dynamic discussions and intentional advocacy efforts that impact service delivery in the mental health profession. On my professional growth and development journey, being a Board member would assist in connecting and networking with professionals in an industry dedicated to the MFT needs in California. I would like to be part of working with professionals dedicated to creating a healthier CAMFT legacy for professionals and clients.

What CAMFT programs/activities interest you and why?

The aspect of Advocacy, Training/Development, Educational Opportunities, Conference and Resources are of particular interest. "Advocacy" is an opportunity to research, write, support and advocate for relevant MFT issues impacting the profession. Partaking in "Training/Development" to educate professionals, lends to the desire I have for colleagues to be equipped with insight to thrive in the profession. "Educational Opportunities" and "Conference" involvement is an opportunity to expand professional growth amongst colleagues. Lastly, "Resources" are key to success in professional development and service delivery.

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

I would like to hear "the voice" of the people in highlighting what programs and activities they would like CAMFT to embark on. Most critical is aligning services that are fair and equitable among professionals (e.g., insurance billing for interns, specialized licenses in areas such as substance abuse, etc., telehealth and internet services, etc.). It's imperative that CAMFT continue to advocate for issues that will serve the mental health profession. I would like to see services equivalent to those of other human service professionals (i.e., SW's). No issue should be left untouched.

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

The least attractive to committee involvement would be the time invested in the work and no movement on relevant issues. Additionally, not having intentional dialogues that lead to "action" versus discussions that lead to continuous impasses, would be a challenge of the office position. With the least attractive highlights above, I recognize that creating an atmosphere that embraces authentic dialogues are critical, yet I would expect that the committee work will be progressive in moving the agenda items forward in a timely manner to adhere to the needs of the professionals served.

What is your five year vision for CAMFT?

The five year vision includes, additional leadership development, training/development, advocacy and professional legitimacy endeavors. I would like to see additional legislative bills introduced and advocated for at the state level to enhance the profession. Additionally, I would like to see greater efforts to align BBS requirements commensurate to the training and education gained at regionally accredited colleges and universities versus the rigorous test taking exam criteria. A more asserted effort to recruit and train ethnically diverse groups of professionals in relation to the populations served would be ideal for service delivery and leadership involvement.

What is your one year vision for CAMFT?

The one year vision would entail moving agendas forward that would assist in licensed and pre-licensed interns having fair and equitable rights commensurate to training and experience, and professional legitimacy concerns of therapists commensurate to other human service professionals. Additionally, advocacy of ethnic diversity measures to meet the needs of the mental health profession at large would be another goal in the one year vision plan for CAMFT.

LISA ROMAIN

Application for 2017-2018 Board of Directors

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