

CONTACT & GENERAL INFORMATION

Name STEVEN CARACO

Relevant degree(s) BA and MA in psychology

Occupation LMFT & ACCOUNTANT

Number of years as a CAMFT Member 20.5

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: LMFT #37987

Date Issued: 03/1999

License:

Date Issued:

License:

Date Issued:

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

PHILLIPS GRADUATE INSTITUTE (FORMERLY CAL-FAM)

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.

X 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 not had involvement on the state board level. However, I have had several years involvement with the SFV-CAMFT board as their CFO, and was more peripherally involved with the board prior to that.

Complete answers attached.

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

Friends of the Highly Gifted (Treasurer on BOD 6/2013 - current)
Phillips Graduate Institute (Alumni BOD 6/2007 – 6/2013)
Hospitals & Institutions Committee (CFO BOD 3/2006 – 3/2011)
School Site Council (advisor BOD 9/2007 – 9/2010)
TVC Non Profit Recovery (Treasurer on BOD 11/2002 – 10/2009)
Licensed Financial Operations Principal (Series 27 NASD License 8/1997 – 8/2003)
West Coast Finance Committee, (CFO Roundtable for the SEC 2/1998 – 10/2002)
Tae Kwon Do federation board, Tarzana Chamber of Commerce, North Valley

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

Couples Therapy
Sexuality Therapy
Separation & Individuation of late teens

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

For licensure I had several internships. One, group therapy for the parents of troubled kids 4-7, coupled with individual sessions for the children utilizing play therapy under Dr. Cunningham. Two, Mens Yalom style weekly group therapy. Three, private practice under Dr. Klaristenfeld utilizing Object Relations and Psychodynamic theories. Four, private practice under Jules and Renee Burg at The Center for Individual and Family Counseling. I have had ongoing education, experience and psychotherapy to help me become a better technician and effective therapist.

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

I want to add to the progress of our professional organization, and of our profession. I want to help the board and CAMFT leadership to be more positively perceived. I want to help with financial organization and expanded inclusion of our constituents.

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

I have been on several boards over many years and know that experience adds value to my participation. I have been in Corporate America for 30 years, and the last 16 as an Executive Officer of both public and private companies. I have over 20 years of experience as a therapist. I keep a balanced perspective and try to add diplomacy to difficult situations.

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

Involvement on a statewide level appeals to me. I know there is much to learn from being a member of the CAMFT organization and its leadership.

What CAMFT programs/activities interest you and why?

As a therapist I appreciate the resources CAMFT provides to network, to market my practice, and to educate myself. These include the Legal Call Center, Counseling California, the Annual Conference, EBSCOhost, The Therapist, and the Workshops. As a board member I imagine meeting the leadership and more of the membership having tremendous personal and professional benefits; it would be very gratifying.

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

I am not sure what new programs I would like to see at this point.

I have some thoughts about existing programs:

- 1) expand the Scholarship/Grant outreach and PR
 - 2) improve the communication about issues the board is considering, and the rationale for decisions made
 - 3) utilize surveys to increase involvement, suggestions and the democratic approach
 - 4) improve the connection with individual chapters through "mandatory" CAMFT leadership visits for presentations or Q&A sessions
- Etc.

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

The most attractive aspects are learning more about CAMFT, being involved with decisions and higher-level discussions, being of service to CAMFT and her constituents, and doing my best to have a positive impact on CAMFT, LMFT's and our field.

The least attractive aspect is the time commitment. Although I am sure it will be very worthwhile, it does not come without its sacrifices. As all of us that volunteer know there are many rewards, and some inconveniences.

What is your five year vision for CAMFT?

- 1) To have every LMFT be a member and involved
- 2) To have a solid reputation for helping the profession, the professionals and through positive influence on therapists-helping their clients
- 3) To have LMFT's be understood and welcomed in all institutions and broadly accepted as a beneficial and essential part of everyone's life, even if it is just for the occasional psychological tune-up.

What is your one year vision for CAMFT?

To take the beginning steps on accomplishing all of the above mentioned changes and goals.

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Application for 2017-2018 Board of Directors

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