Dissolving the Midwest Chapter as a Separate Corporation and Merging with the Aging Life Care Associations a Chapter Committee

Q. What does this Vote mean?

A. The Corporation, Midwest Care Managers also known as Aging Life Care™ Association Midwest Chapter (MC) will be dissolved as a separate entity, and become a "Chapter Committee" with the Aging Life Care Association. Being part of a larger organization makes us stronger as a profession and as individual Aging Life Care Managers.

Q. What would be the role of the Midwest Chapter Committee within the structure of ALCA?

A. The role of the Midwest Chapter Committee will be very similar to the current role of the Chapter. The Changes will be ALCA will take over many of the routine, time consuming administrative tasks now managed primarily by our Board members. Board officers and members will spend less time on these activities and more time on Chapter Committee strategy and development. Examples of tasks we could offload include: record maintenance (bylaws, meeting minutes, agendas, bill paying, and support for the nominations process and elections and website maintenance).

Q. What is the benefit for Midwest members to have Chapter Committee?

A. Our Chapter Committee would still be an important, active part of our national organization. We still need to recruit, inspire and retain members, develop leaders, elect committee board members, manage our resources, educate our members, referral sources and the public. This means a greater focus on committee work - less focus on the routine day-to-day administrative tasks of running a chapter committee.

Q. Would there still be a point to having a Chapter at all?

A. There is still a benefit to having a Chapter committee. As we all know as professional and business owners, long term care and consumer/referral markets are all local. We're the local experts in our field. We also are the ones who hold the key to the future - to helping recruit and develop the next generations of care managers. There is a definite benefit to all the technology that allows us to access information and communicate with each other, but local relationships matter.
This merger provides us with a chance to focus on what really matters - growing awareness of our presence and expertise locally and serving our clients. By building on services and information that ALCA is already providing nationally, we don't have to "reinvent the wheel" - we can focus on activities that help our members and our communities.

Q. What are the direct benefits to our Midwest Members?

A The merger will allow the board to spend more time developing programs and services for membership benefits and better coordination and communication with ALCA.

We hope that having the administrative support from National will promote volunteerism on the part of all our members to participate on committees, Chapter Committee Board and Unit leadership.