



Background and History

About PACA

The Philadelphia Area Coaches Alliance (PACA) is *the* place for professional coaches! Our members include personal and professional full-time coaches, part-time coaches, people transitioning into the profession and those interested in learning more about coaching.

PACA is a charter chapter of the International Coach Federation (ICF) and our membership fully supports the ICF Bylaws, Standards, Practices, Coaching Core Competencies and Ethics Pledge.

In addition to providing the region with a centralized directory when looking to hire a coach, PACA is dedicated to supporting the coaching community through its monthly meetings, networking events and continuing education opportunities.

History

Founded in 1998 by Ken Abrams and Nancy Baker – two local coaches looking for professional community in the region – PACA began as the Montgomery County Chapter of the International Coach Federation. The first meeting was held at City Line Diner on City Line Avenue. As the chapter quickly grew, so did the location and, eventually, the name. A Charter Chapter of the ICF, the organization became known as the Philadelphia Area Coaches Alliance

Throughout the years, PACA has brought some of the most well-known names in the coaching and development fields to Philadelphia, including Thomas Leonard, Sandy Vilas, Laura Berman Fortgang, Cheryl Richardson, and Andrea Lee. Additionally, PACA has launched several community initiatives, including its Community Coaching Connection, which won PACA the annual ICF Community Activism Award in 2006.

Today, PACA is known as a pioneer of ICF Chapters and recognized for its vitality and success within the global coaching community. In addition to its monthly meetings which offer continuing education credits, PACA sponsors a plethora of events and activities to support its membership. From large networking events and coaching expos to smaller, member-only collaboration events, the organization is continually working to move the coaching profession forward with integrity and excellence.