

This is the text of the second invite for March/April 2005

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Estimated reading time is about 4 minutes.

**Hello All,**

It is time to gather the MCA Seasoned Coaches for the **MCA Seasoned Coaches Circle**.

**Please check your calendars for the following days and check your availability.**

(Consensus from Nov was that midweek during the day was optimal for the supermajority)

- Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Weds March 30<sup>th</sup>
- Thurs March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup>

Time options: 1:30-4:00; 2:00-4:30; 2:30-5:00 (1:30-4:00 will avoid most of rush-hour)

**Please reply with your availability by Friday Mar 18th**

Our gathering on November 30<sup>th</sup> was a powerful reconnecting of our energy as seasoned coaches. Many people had not seen each other for years, some faces were new, and others were both old and new at the same time. It was a success. Of the 25 invitees, 14 were able to come. Though we scheduled three hours the time flew by it always does. We agreed not to take notes in November, but rather focus on reconnecting and leave note taking for future gatherings.

The **Seasoned Coaches Circle** in November reaffirmed for me that there are many areas where we can learn from, share, grow, and comfort each other in ways that we don't easily with novice or new coaches and other colleagues. The SCC provides a space for us to be vulnerable, and question and NOT be the expert. We are all experts to some degree or another. We are all seasoned.

This is about our finding new ways:

- To stretch us.
- To reinvigorate us.
- To question the unquestionable. To challenge the assumptions.
- To be the coaching rebels which many of us feel that we are.
- To talk about issues that aren't normally talked about.
- To explore arenas never thought of before now.
- To find comfort and safety among true peers.

A collection of seasoned coaches is a force to be reckoned with. We have tremendous strength and wisdom to share with each other and with the community at large. How do we choose to be with the community?

I heard Dick Leider speak twice in February and skimming his new book *Claiming Your Place By The Fire*. It has made me ever so much aware that we, the seasoned coaches, are the elders in this community. So what would it mean to us if we Claimed our Place by the Fire

What are your questions?

What have you been learning?

Where have you needed community?

What has inspired you lately?

What has you stuck?

[MCA Seasoned Coaches Circle](#) or Coach Seasoning Circle: adding spice and kick to life, profession, and community through conversation circles.

Thank you for your time and I hope that you will consider joining us in circle. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call and/or visit my website for more information about conversation circles or [see the movie](#). [www.conversationcircle.com](http://www.conversationcircle.com) and [www.seasonedcoachescircles.com](http://www.seasonedcoachescircles.com),

Regards,

Matthew Rochte  
MCA president

\*\* The [Minnesota Coaches Association](#) is taking great strides and succeeding in shifting the programming away from programs solely designed for new coaches. The Dialogues of Learning with Julio Olalla, master coaching classes and this project are just some of many new advancements in the programming of the MCA. So, if you have not been to an MCA meeting in a while, you might be in for a treat!. <http://www.minnesotacoaches.org>

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