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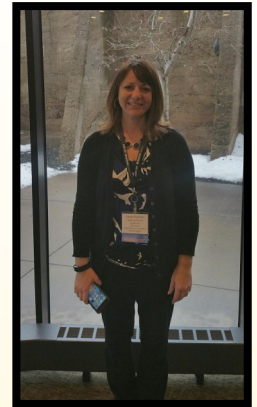
PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It was a "*Grand*" 2017 Fall Institute

Submitted by: Sarah Eischens

Greetings MCA members,

I have attended MCA Fall Institute since my start in corrections in 1997. I have always enjoyed the conference and it is one of the highlights of working in corrections. This year's conference was exceptional. From the trainings to the networking opportunities, the conference had something to offer all MCA members. I love music so having the opportunity to listen to Kat Perkins sing, sing karaoke and listen to a band all in one week with some great corrections folks was awesome.



We had an increase in attendance from last year and looking forward to a record number in Duluth next year. I wanted to thank all of the Fall Institute Committee members that helped make this great event possible. I wanted to thank all the members and vendors that choose to attend Fall Institute.

Sincerely,

Sarah Eischens

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Technology at work for you

2017 MCA Conference

Technology Table Recap



By David Heath - Technical Committee Chair

For the MCA October Conference, the Technology Committee provided information on Home Security Systems, Identity Theft and Data Security recommendations. We answered questions asked by attendees about these topics, and quite a bit of printed information was picked up by visitors to the Technology table. Hopefully it will bring awareness to the problems of identity theft and give MCA members a quick synopsis of what they can do about it. The general security recommendations should also provide a starting point for those members considering deploying a home security system. Thanks to all the Technology committee members involved in setup of the table!

Next year, the MCA Technology Committee hopes to have more interviews with technology vendors that might potentially impact Minnesota Corrections and the Public Safety umbrella. With that in mind, we will continue to search and recommend technologies that seem to fit these areas. We will also continue to provide information to MCA members in an effort to keep them informed of emerging technologies trends.

Last, we also received lots of good feedback on the new MCA Conference phone application. Many said they used the MCA phone app almost exclusively for their conference information. I expect we will see more of this technology at future MCA Conferences, as it seemed to be a big hit with those that used it. Great job by the new Communication Committee that got this application implemented this year! It had been evaluated in the past and it proved to be a useful technology tool to MCA members.

See you all next year at the Duluth 2018 MCA Conference!

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MCA Annual Training Institute

SUBMITTED BY: AMY MOECKEL, DAN RADEN, & SHANNON FETTE
MCA Annual Training Institute Chairs

IT'S A WRAP!

The Minnesota Corrections Association (MCA) Annual Training Institute Committee would like to thank the vendors and attendees for making this year's conference a success!!

A Special Thank You To Our 2017 Fall Annual Institute Chairs and their committee members:

- Tom Redmond/Tom Jungmann— Arrangements
- Jolene Rebertus/Sherry Bohn/Mary Oberstar— Program
- Vicki Lanners/Jean Wipper – Registration
- Raul Sanchez/Kurt Heideman – Resource Fair
- Christine Schweich-Hospitality-Networking

Be sure to join us next year as we celebrate our
85th Anniversary for the Annual Training Institute
by returning to Duluth, MN!

The training will be held on October 24-26, 2018



MCA PROUDLY ANNOUNCES THE 2018 MCA EXECUTIVE BOARD RESULTS!

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A good time was had
by all the past presidents!

Pictured: Tom Roy, Karen Evans, Ron Solheid, Michelle Smith, Carl Wicklund, Terry Fawcett, Steve King, Mark Groves, Sarah Eischens, Monique Drier-Sutton, Karla Henrichs, and Rick Sundberg and Nuwoe Cooper from 180 Degrees.

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Past Presidents Breakfast

SUBMITTED BY: STEVE KING

Bright and early on the Thursday morning of our 84th Annual MCA Fall Institute at Grand View Lodge nine MCA past presidents, one current president, one incoming president and two generous sponsoring hosts from 180 Degrees met for a wonderful breakfast, delightful hospitality and camaraderie for our annual MCA Past President's Breakfast. This was certainly more than the usual coffee, rolls and fellowship some of us may receive on a Sunday after church. This was a fully loaded, take no prisoners bacon-fest!

This special breakfast has always been well received as a way to honor MCA's history and take a trip down memory lane while eating appropriate amounts of healthy breakfast goodies because believe me, good nutrition is important to this group. Those in attendance were Tom Roy, Karen Evans, Ron Solheid, Michelle Smith, Carl Wicklund, Terry Fawcett, Steve King, Mark Groves, Sarah Eischens, Monique Drier-Sutton, Karla Henrichs, and Rick Sundberg and Nuwoe Cooper from 180 Degrees.

This fine group of corrections professionals regaled each other with their memories of the time they served the organization as president, made sport of each other and snapped a few pictures. Before long, it was time to take our full bellies and our bacon greased chins and get back to an amazing breakout session for some book learnin' or for some of our more mature past presidents, "The Price is Right" and a nap.

VICTIM SERVICES

COMMITTEE

The Fall Institute proved to be a success for the Victim Services Adhoc Committee. The most notable outcome is that the Victim Services Committee was approved to be a permanent committee at the Annual Member Business meeting, which was held on the final day of the conference!

This decision allows our committee to move forward with highlighting victim issues with the membership and provide input about legislative actions for consideration by the association. Thank you to all those that attended the meeting and voted to approve this change.

MCA plans to continue to offer more valuable training opportunities to increase awareness of victim issues. The victim services committee hopes to have an ongoing presence in the FORUM in the coming years. Initially, we plan to begin to highlight advocacy and victim services organizations throughout the State.

If you are aware of any agencies in your area that work with victims, please provide their information to the MCA Victim Services Committee Chair, Lori Korts at lori.korts@state.mn.us.



Fall Institute Wrap-Up

SUBMITTED BY: LORI KORTS

There were several training opportunities to learn about victim issues. There was a protective order session which provided the attendees with information about the various protective orders that are available to victims and how to determine which is the most appropriate. This is important as we continue to strengthen relationships and collaboration with Victim Advocacy organizations throughout the state. There was also a session about stalking, which highlighted the challenges that law enforcement faces with identifying the pattern of behaviors. The pattern is important for, not only the determination about potential new charges, but also aids in planning for mitigating safety risks to the victim. The threat to the victim in these cases is very real and can destroy their sense of safety and ability to live within the community without fear of what is around every corner. It highlighted the need for collaboration with victim services organizations in each community to provide the support to the victim. There was a session that introduced the Victim- Offender conferencing program that has been implemented in Pine County. It highlighted the challenges and successes they have experienced through their implementation of their restorative justice program.

We will begin highlighting different organizations in each issue of the FORUM. We hope to continue to begin conversations about victim issues and increase the collaboration between criminal justice professionals and victim advocacy professionals throughout the state. We will also work to increase victim centered training opportunities. This will begin with the DOC Victim Services and Restorative Justice session, which will be offered to membership in January as the monthly training opportunity. This session will speak to the continuation of victimization perpetrated by offenders post-conviction, even from within the prison walls. It will show the measures that are being taken to address the increase in reports of unwanted contact, as well as provide a brainstorming opportunity for continued collaboration with the County Attorney's offices and victim advocacy agencies statewide.

It is an exciting time for change. Thank you for the support. We look forward to serving the membership in the years to come.

LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP

Overview of the Legislative Workshop Conducted on October 26th the MCA Fall Institute

This presentation included a detailed Power point of statistical data outlining the history of public pensions in Minnesota, the negative impact of the economic decline of recent years and how this affected the bottom line of investments and the impact of these events on the stability of our pension funds.

COMMITTEE INTEREST???

The MCA Legislative Committee always welcomes new members so if you are interested in getting involved in this committee work, please let any of us know.

PAC—Political Action Committee

We also announced at the workshop that we would not be pursuing the formation of a MCA political action committee (PAC). Work had been done on proposal earlier this Fall, but several possible scenarios have come to light that could have an adverse impact on MCA, and without full consensus of our members, we do not feel this should be pursued.



SUBMITTED BY: CALVIN SAARI

The MCA Legislative Committee followed tradition and again presented a legislative workshop at the Fall Institute. This was a different session this year in that we presented information on public pensions in Minnesota with a great presentation from Susan Lenczewski, the Executive Director of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement. Also joining her in this presentation were LCPR Ass't Director Rachel Barth, Doug Anderson, Executive Director of PERA, and Erin Leonard, Executive Director of MSRS.

During the last Legislative Session the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement made several recommendations for changes to public pensions. This resulted in a large pension bill being passed by the Legislature but later vetoed by Governor Dayton because of some late additions that were objectionable. The Legislature eventually adjourned their Special Session before these objections could be resolved, so nothing passed in that Session. It is known however, that similar legislation will again be introduced in the 2018 Session and most likely will be passed into law. This would make several changes including increased contributions by current contributors, both individual and governmental units, in addition to several new limitations on pensions. These changes are needed to maintain to financial stability of the state's pension funds.

The data presented at this workshop is available by contacting the Legislative Commission on Pensions. We have also made copies of the Power point available to every current member of the MCA Board of Directors.

Also at this Workshop, we presented a "draft" copy of the 2018 MCA Legislative Agenda prepared by the Legislative Committee under the leadership of Mark Bliven. This detailed agenda will be presented the MCA Board of Directors at the November Board meeting for final approval. This document is available from any Legislative Committee member or by checking the MCA website.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED BY: TARA RATHMAN
COMMITTEE CHAIR

POLL RESULTS

QUESTION: Have you enjoyed
having access to the MCA app?

ANSWER:

93.6% - Yes, use it again

4.3% - Yes, but I could do without it.

2.1% - No, it was not useful.

The MCA Fall Institute app
was powered by:

The logo for Attendify, featuring the word "attendify" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font on a blue rectangular background.

WHAT ABOUT THAT CONFERENCE APP???

The Communications Committee is new as of last year's fall institute and has been busy trying to establish itself and provide members with new forms of communication. This year, thanks to the diligence of committee member **Joseph Becker (Blue Earth County Community Corrections)**, the newly introduced app was a huge hit! We took a poll from members who were utilizing the app and the results showed the app was well liked. As a result, we will be utilizing this app again at next year's fall institute in Duluth!

The Communications Committee will be highlighting sponsors and members throughout the year through the MCA's publication (FORUM) and our social media sites (Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn). Be on the lookout for e-mails from committee members regarding being featured in upcoming publications or social media postings. In addition, our website will also be getting a facelift in the future, so be sure to stop back frequently and check out the progress.

We hope to continue gauging the whether we are meeting our membership needs by utilizing surveys at future trainings. If you are afforded the opportunity to give us your feedback, please do! We value our members and want to learn how to better serve our members in the future. We look forward to **communicating** with you in the upcoming year!

another wonderful year of memories

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