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President's Message

Sarah Eischens - 2017 MCA President

Greetings MCA Members,
Spring is coming soon, I hope. Although it's been a mild winter I look forward to green grass and flowers blooming new life. We are off to an exciting year with MCA.

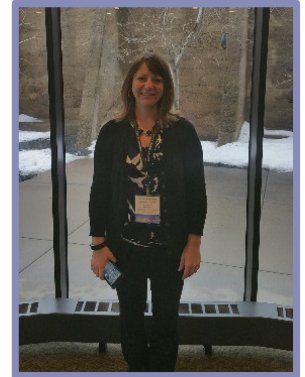
On January 20, 2017, Juvenile Justice 21 held a Mental Health and Systems Collaboration Forum at the Wilder Center in St. Paul. This was well attended by MCA members, with over 130 participants. The event provided opportunity for great networking and conversations around the important work with juveniles throughout the state. I want to thank Mark Haase for his efforts in putting this event together.



On February 22, 2017, Capitol Day was held at the Department of Corrections. We had seven legislators present to talk and answer questions about relevant issues in corrections. The event was hosted and attended by members from MCA, MACPO and MACCAC. I want to say a special thanks to Cal Saari and Mark Bliven for putting together this event for members.

The MCA Spring Workshop - The Impact of Organized Crimes and Combating the Trends - was held in Rochester on March 23, 2017. The speakers and participants enjoyed a day of networking and learning about the crime trends in Minnesota. This is an annual training event that is put on by the Education and Training Committee. I want to thank the committee for their hard work in putting this event together.

During our recent board meetings we have had discussions about what we could do to enhance the benefits offered to members. We as a board are always looking for input and feedback from our members. Our members are what makes MCA great. We are looking at creating some *free* short workshops for our members. A subcommittee is being developed to carry out this important mission. We also have open spots on the Communications Committee and Student Services.





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If you are interested in volunteering feel free to contact MCA at mca-mn@hotmail.com. MCA will be offering a tax day discount event to members to re-new your membership before tax day and receive a \$5 discount.

Best Regards,
Sarah Eischens - MCA President 2017



Legislative Affairs

Cal Saari - MCA Legislative Liaison



As I prepare this update report for inclusion in the new FORUM newsletter, the Legislature remains very busy in their quest to meet the final self-imposed deadline of March 31st, which would include all fiscal bills for this Session. In recent weeks, Committee hearings have been packed with many bills and little time in hearings to react to most of them. This is an annual happening and is just part of the process. I submitted a Tracker Report to our membership on March 16th and will have another next week as we reach that final deadline.

As I mentioned previously, all Committees have now been spending time preparing Omnibus bills which include the Committee's budget appropriations proposals, and in the case of the House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee, also includes numerous policy provisions within the appropriations proposal.

The Governor, House Public Safety Committee and the Senate Judiciary Division released their budget proposals this past week. These will now be debated for the next several days and will eventually be sent to a Conference Committee to see if both Chambers can reach an agreement on language to be sent to the Governor.

Here are the fiscal appropriations under consideration:

House: HF 896 \$ 2.28 billion
Senate: SF 803 \$ 2.22 billion
Governor: \$ 2.43 billion

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As I indicated, the House Omnibus bill includes a number of policy proposals from bills we have been tracking this Session. Seventeen different bills have been incorporated into the House proposal by Chairman Rep. Tony Cornish. I will be detailing those proposals in my next Tracker Report this next week, but for this article I'll mention just a couple "high profile" bills which are included. HF 390 (Zerwas), which deals with protests where traffic is obstructed on a highway or airport access. Sentences are increased where, if violence or force is used, the sentence may include imprisonment of not more than three years and or a fine up to \$5,000; and without violence, imprisonment of up to one year and a possible fine of \$3,000.

The bill also allows the Corrections Department to house offenders in non-publicly owned facilities, HF 1510 (Miller), and under certain circumstances, would require the Department to enter into a contract to operate the private prison at Appleton.

Also included is HF 1572 (Grossell) which eliminates the stays of adjudication and stays of imposition in criminal sexual conduct cases, in addition to several other provisions which I'll detail in the Tracker Report.

Surprisingly, one bill, HF 238, was not included in this bill. This provision expanded the use of force in defense of Home and car. And finally, the Omnibus bill makes changes to the state's controlled substance schedules which would be expanded to add nine synthetic drugs to Schedule! Also, the bill would permit drug scheduling changes made at the federal level to be automatically adopted and aligned in Minnesota.

Following the final legislative deadline, the Legislature will move toward its Easter break the second week in April, then return to try to tie things together for an orderly adjournment. Many very important needs not yet addressed and no talk at this point of a needed Bonding bill, so don't hold your breath! More later! Thanks for your support!

Calvin Saari
Legislative Liaison



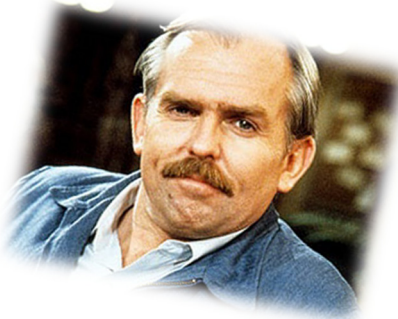


Voice Assistants and Potential Future Impacts

David Heath - Technical Committee Chair

When researching new technology, one topic I often read about, are Voice Assistants and their growing popularity. We can now talk to our phones and computers asking almost any question, and it will try to answer it. Siri, Cortana, Google Now and Amazons Alexa, are all examples of Voice Assistants. We can solve almost any factual argument almost immediately, with these “Know it All” devices.

There was a time you could while away the afternoon, arguing a particular sports statistics or a variety of other topics. It was standard bar room chatter, like Norm and Cliff discussing a point from the Cheer’s TV show. Now it is usually Siri or Google on a cell phone claiming the “Know it all Role”, of Cliff Clavin. And with Voice Assistants, they are always right, unlike Cliffy’s more humorous version of the facts.



With that being said, I am not always sure it makes our lives better. It can be helpful in some areas and potentially damaging in others. As TV shaped many of our lives as kids, these voice assistants are shaping the children of today. Maybe not all for the better in some cases. Researchers are discovering many are becoming very rude and impatient with real people. They don’t differentiate why they can boss around Amazon Alexa for example, but not a real person. Some of the very young view the robot as a near equal. On the positive, it also makes them more curious and probably smarter with

factual information. Or, it might create a generation of Know it All - Clavins, if they’re caught without their phones and just remember bits and pieces. It’s hard to say what might happen in the future. I’m pretty positive Siri will never have Cliff’s cognitive ability to twist a story, like his example of “Why you feel smarter after a few beers”.

<http://audiokarma.org/forums/index.php?threads/cliff-clavins-theory-about-beer-braincells-like-buffalo.96917/>

Anyway, today’s parents are not answering all the kid questions anymore, that’s for sure. That also has some Psychologists and Linguistics concerned on potential impacts of these Voice Assistants.

Check out this article below to form your own opinion.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/technology/how-millions-of-kids-are-being-shaped-by-know-it-all-voice-assistants/ar-AAAnHNmY>

Here is another article highlighting some more emerging trends. Voice Assistants being one of them and where it is headed.

<http://www.inc.com/business-insider/9-tech-trends-will-make-billions-starting-2017.html>



Victim Services Ad-Hoc Committee

Lori Korts, Chair

We are excited to announce that a request was submitted to establish a new committee to the Minnesota Corrections Association. As the criminal justice field continues to strive for a balanced, well rounded approach when working with people convicted of crimes, there is a gap in the approach where victims are concerned. This was addressed at the Annual Business Meeting at the Fall Institute in October of 2016. Those in attendance at the meeting approved the formation of an ad hoc committee to work on victim issues.

The Victim Services Committee is currently looking for MCA members to participate in this committee. As Chair of the Victim Services Committee, Lori Korts, State Program Administrative Supervisor, Principal with the DOC Victim Assistance and Restorative Justice Program hopes to garner attention to victim issues throughout the variety of functions served by the Minnesota Corrections Association. The committee hopes to have a voice in the development of a more victim sensitive approach, as well as exposure to current victim response opportunities at the Fall Institute and other training opportunities offered by MCA. We also hope to build relationships within the world of victim advocacy.

Please contact Lori Korts at lori.korts@state.mn.us if you are interested in becoming a member of the committee or you have suggestions about what the role of this committee should be.



MCA Continuing Education & Training Workshops

By Mark Groves

Hi. The Minnesota Corrections Association (MCA) is dedicated to promoting the professional development of individuals working in all aspects of the corrections field and to promote ethical and just correctional practice since 1933.

We are in the process of expanding our member benefits to include monthly Education & Training events in the Twin Cities. We're thinking these events would occur on a Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. What topics would you like to see us develop and present?

Here is a sampling of some topics to consider: What is Evidence-Based Practice?; Diversity; Domestic Violence; Brain Injury; Cognitive-Behavior Therapy; Motivational Interviewing; Stages of Change; Ethics; Internet Predators; Gambling Addiction; Predatory Offender Registration; Sexual Psychopath Personality; Criminal Background Checks and Expungement; Prostitution; Gang Culture in Minnesota; Mental Illness and Criminal Justice; Conflict Resolution; Effective Case Management; Technology; tours of the Minnesota Correctional Facilities.

We urgently need your input. Are you interested in attending MCA workshop events as part of your membership? If yes, please drop us a line. Tell us what topics you'd like us to present. Just contact: Mark Groves (mark.groves@state.mn.us) or Monique Drier (mdrier@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us) and let us know what you think. We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks.



We have reserved space at DOC Central Office to hold FREE monthly workshops.
The address is:

1450 Energy Park Drive
St. Paul, MN 55108
West Entrance - Afton Room - 1st Floor

April 28
May 23
June 16
July 21
August 18
September 15
October 20

Ethical Issues and Boundaries in Practitioner-Client Relationships



April 28, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
DOC Central Office
1450 Energy Park Drive
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This 3-hour workshop will help participants become exposed and familiar with ethical theory and boundary issues pertaining to their profession. Participants will also be provided with an introduction to understanding and recognizing the origins, potential dangers and implications of behaving in a manner that crosses over the boundaries of ethical guidelines. All professionals have a violation potential, which is the product of the risks we take compounded by our unseen internal vulnerabilities. This course covers these issues to help develop a plan to minimize the potential for a boundary and ethical transgression, thereby protecting the professional, the client and the professions.

Registration Full

This FREE member workshop is Full
Watch for details on the next free member workshop scheduled for
May 23rd

Meet your MCA Committee Chairs



Nancy Johnson: Education & Training Committee

Nancy Johnson is a 1992 graduate of Minnesota State University – Mankato (MSU), with a Bachelor's degree in Corrections. She has worked in Corrections since 1992 with her career beginning in Houston County as an Agent. After that she worked in Watonwan, Brown, Faribault and Martin counties for the Department of Corrections. Nancy has worked with Adult felony, Gross Misdemeanor/Misdemeanor, and Juvenile offenders. She is currently working out of Martin County Probation for the Department of Corrections.

Since attending college, Nancy has been a member of MCA. She has been involved with the Education and Training Committee since 1995. Nancy has served as Committee Chair and Co- Chair positions on numerous occasions. She has made many positive connections and friendships through MCA. Nancy speaks highly of our organization and is very passionate about MCA.



Ryan Busch: Education & Training Committee

Ryan Busch began his corrections career in 1998 at MCF-Lino Lakes as a Corrections Officer II and in 2004 he began employment as a case aide/agent with Wright County Court Services. In the nearly twelve years of service in Wright County he has held positions with the DWI Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) and Traditional Supervision. In 2015, he created a domestic violence specific caseload Domestic Violence-Intensive Supervision Program (DV-ISP). He also co-facilitates the Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP) in Wright County and created BIP extended care for DV-ISP offenders. BIP extended care meets on a monthly basis and is facilitated by Ryan and other BIP trained agents within Wright County Court Services. This expanded role has allowed Ryan to provide regular contact with offenders and victims of domestic violence. Ryan has been very active with the MCA Education and Training Committee for the last few years and appreciates the committee's support and hard work.

Personally, Ryan has been married for the last four years, is in care of his two bright eyed nephews full time, has a Siberian Husky named Kota, and has been crazy about baseball since he can remember!



Steve King: Past President/Awards Committee

Steve is an Austin native and a graduate of Pacelli Catholic High School. He has 29-years of experience in the field of corrections and has been the director of Mower County Corrections since January of 2005. Prior to returning to his hometown, he was a long time employee with the Minnesota Department of Corrections. During his tenure Steve held various positions including Work Release Agent, Probation and Parole Officer, Enhanced Sex Offender Agent, Intensive Supervised Release Agent, and Community Notification Coordinator for Level 3 sex offenders.



He currently serves as chair of the Interstate Compact Advisory Council. Steve possesses a Bachelors and a Master's Degree from St. Mary's University. He is active in the Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers (MACPO) serving as president in 2009. Steve is currently the past-president for the Minnesota Corrections Association (MCA) having completed the honor of serving this organization as president in 2016. He was recently elected to a third term on the Austin City Council and serves on the boards of the United Way, Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau, Mower County Community Health, KSMQ Public Television, and the Austin Area Drug Taskforce. He's an active parishioner at St. Augustine Catholic Church where he lectures and volunteers. Steve is married to Shelley King, who recently graduated from St. Thomas Law School and is a partner with Baudler, Maus, Foreman and King. They are the proud parents of Carter (15) and Sam (13).



Pew Article was submitted by: Kelley Heifort

MINNESOTA AMONG NATIONAL LEADERS IN EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING *State uses checklist and cost-benefit model to assess program effectiveness*

February 23, 2017 * Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative * By Sara Dube and Darcy White

The Pew-MacArthur Results First report, "How States Engage in Evidence-Based Policymaking: A National Assessment," released in January, found that several agencies in Minnesota that administer human service programs prioritize funding of evidence-based or "proven effective" programs. Those agencies also reported outcome data—such as rates of recidivism, child maltreatment, and substance abuse—in recent budget cycles to show policymakers the extent of progress toward state goals.

Minnesota is an exemplar in using policy tools to identify what works in improving outcomes for the state. Examples include the use of two tools—the University of Cincinnati’s Correctional Program Checklist (CPC) and the Results First cost-benefit model.

In 2015, seven Minnesota counties, the state Department of Corrections, and the state Office of Justice Programs formed the Minnesota Correctional Program Checklist Collaborative to help state and local corrections offices more effectively implement evidence-based practices and build better relationships with program providers and clients. The collaborative uses the CPC tool to assess the extent to which state, county, and community-based nonprofit correctional programs adhere to evidence-based practices, a challenge that many state and local governments encounter. To date, 67 programs have been assessed and scored. Of those, 12 were reassessed and showed improved adherence to evidence-based practices.

“The tool has really given us a way to talk with providers and look at how we can help them improve their programs. It’s about building relationships and continuous improvement, not punishment,” said Stephanie Ahles, principal planning analyst with the Hennepin County Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation. The collaborative meets bimonthly to share lessons learned, ensure that checklist assessors are reviewing programs consistently and with fidelity to the original design, and to build relationships with assessors across the state because assessment teams are formed from a variety of agencies.

Also in 2015, as a result of bipartisan legislation, the state partnered with Results First to develop detailed inventories to categorize programs on their evidence of effectiveness and cost-benefit analyses to estimate programs’ expected returns on investment. This effort, led by the Minnesota Management and Budget office (MMB), is being undertaken in criminal justice, adult and children’s mental health, substance abuse, juvenile justice, and child welfare, and seeks to improve the state’s choices when allocating public resources. The first inventories and cost-benefit analyses were released for adult corrections and adult mental health at the end of 2016.

To facilitate transparency, trust, and use of findings from this effort, the state established an advisory committee that consists of executive, legislative, judicial, and county representatives who serve two-year terms and meet quarterly. On behalf of the committee, MMB conducted a survey of state and local policymakers in spring 2016 to gauge interest in using evidence from the Results First tool and to set a baseline to assess future impact. Ninety percent of respondents indicated that having good information on program effectiveness to inform budget and policy decisions was very important, yet 59 percent indicated that they were only somewhat satisfied with the information they currently had available. MMB officials say the Results First model can help fill this vacuum, and they plan to conduct this survey annually as a barometer of how well the model’s findings are understood, trusted, and used.

“Minnesota’s Results First model offers strong data on cost-effectiveness and program quality, informing the work of county and state policymakers and helping us to provide the most efficient and effective services to Minnesotans,” said Myron Frans, MMB commissioner.

Minnesota’s commitment to evidence-based policymaking can serve as a model for other states seeking to enhance their ability to make informed choices that will result in better outcomes for residents.

To read more, click [here](#).

Membership Spotlight

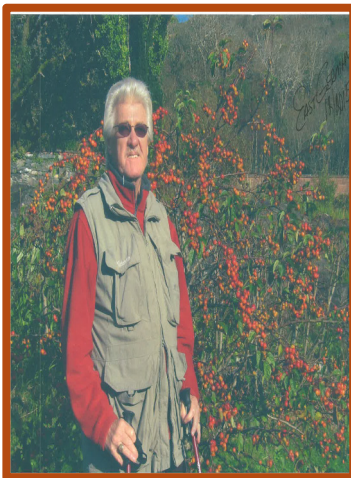


Scott Guhl

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Scott attended high school in Minnesota and then attended the Minnesota Department of Corrections Academy. Scott has had 10 plus years working for Fortune 300 companies in sales and 25 plus years working in security and safety. Currently he works for the Minnesota DOC at the Faribault State Prison. Scott is a Corrections Officer 2. He is also part of the CIT (crisis intervention team), ICMS (Incident Command Management System) and a mentor for new staff.

Scott's purpose in life is to make the world a better and safer place to live. He strives to be a positive role model for everyone he works with or comes in contact with. While working for the DOC his purpose is to provide a safe environment for staff, volunteers and inmates. Scott is involved in many programs to further his knowledge of facility and offender needs. Scott knows that understanding inmate mental health can be a daily challenge, so his involvement with programs related to these needs has been an asset. Scott is also involved with areas of staff conflict. He states that everyone should be able to come to work without the stress of "not getting along". Scott believes it is instrumental to make work a safer place and focus on why we are all here. The common goal is to help reduce inmate recidivism and keep EVERYONE safe.



Bob Gielow

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Bob graduated with his BA from Notre Dame College, Belmont CA and completed graduate work at Winona State. In 1996 he served as the MCA president and in 1983 he was part of the Department of Justice (NIC).

Bob began his career in the 60's and 70's as a juvenile worker in California. He was also a Senior Probation Officer with DFO Community Corrections until 2000. In January of 2000 he retired and has continued to volunteer in the field. He has volunteered through the Red Cross, Hiawatha Human Society, Paws and Claws and Habitat in Rochester.

Bob loved his time at DFO and loves retirement even more! He is able to enjoy his interests of building/designing new homes, travelling domestically and internationally, classic cars and of course MCA.

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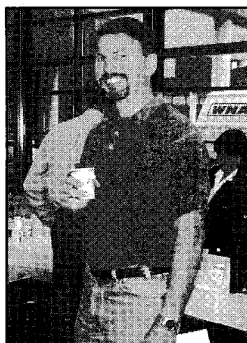
– *Royetta McBain*

From time to time it is not unusual for members to make the observation that it is frequently the same individuals serving on various MCA committees and boards. These observations are made by both participative and nonparticipative members.

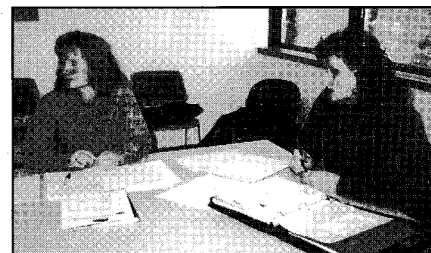
If some of the same faces appear consistently in positions of responsibility, perhaps it is because they have always been willing to work hard at MCA business. Many, if not most, first became involved by volunteering for a committee, either Spring Training, or Fall Institute. A list of names of people who now chair these groups, is included in every issue of the *Forum* and in one or more issues of the Fall Training Institute newspapers. Phone numbers, as well as addresses, are included for easy use by members who wish to give or receive information, join a particular group or, write articles for the *Forum*, if your talent is writing (or, even if it isn't!). Several times a year, committee sign-up sheets are printed in the *Forum*, mailed, published in the Fall Institute Newspaper, and provided as part of registration materials for Training Institutes.

Many very active MCA participants began as noted above. If you don't know persons now serving, volunteer and you soon will! MCA, through the leadership who represent it, has always needed and welcomed all interested participants. If you aren't currently active, you may be missing an enriching career and personal opportunity. Call or sign up now!

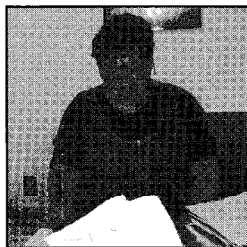
The bottom line is this – in life there are those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened.



TOM ROY – 1998 Fall Training Institute Chair.



FALL INSTITUTE COMMITTEES work throughout the year to provide the best possible product for MCA Members – Services and Social.



(Next *Forum*, Standing Committees will be featured.)



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2017 AWARD NOMINATIONS DEADLINE

JULY 15, 2017



Steve King (MCA President 2016), Award Committee Chair

There are individuals and groups across the state of Minnesota who are making outstanding contributions in the field of corrections every day and now is the opportunity to nominate them!

MCA is looking for your 2017 Award nominations for the following categories:

Corrections Person of the Year

This award is given for outstanding contribution in the field of corrections in Minnesota by an individual in any employment. It could be clergy, judge, legislator, group home parent. etc., as well as a correctional professional.

Professional Achievement Awards

This award is given to two correctional staff persons (field services and correctional facilities) who have demonstrated achievement over a period of time, but shall not exclude professionals new to the field who have displayed outstanding achievement.

President's Award

This award is given to programs, resources or facilities working in the broad field of corrections and criminal justice, which demonstrate creativity, resourcefulness, effectiveness and innovation.

Technology Award

This award is given to individuals, programs, resources or facilities working with technology in the broad field of corrections and criminal justice, which demonstrate creativity, resourcefulness, effectiveness and innovation.

Submission deadline (July 15th) in less than 4 months!

See link in Forum e-mail for nomination form

Or

The MCA website home page

www.mn-ca.org

**Submit your nominations to Award Committee Chair, Steve King –
Past President at stevek@mower.mn.us**

**Awards will be presented at the Annual Training Institute in
October at Grand View Lodge.**

National Correctional Officer's Week in May



In 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed Proclamation 5187, creating "National Correctional Officers' Week." Each year, the first full week in May is recognized as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week, commemorating the contributions of correctional officers and personnel who work in jails, prisons, and community corrections across the country.

In 1996, Congress officially changed the name of the week to National Correctional Officers and Employees Week. The names of more than 580 correctional officers are engraved on

the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. These courageous heroes are forever remembered, and their light continues to shine through their memory, and through the selfless men and women who continue to serve each day.

To recognize the contributions made by corrections personnel, NCJRS presents this compilation of resources related to correctional facilities and staff within the facilities. Please select a topic from the following list or from the section at the right under the heading "Correctional Resources" to learn more:

- [Equipment and Technology](#)
- [Officer Stress](#)
- [Public Safety Officers' Benefits Programs](#)
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To learn more: https://www.ncjrs.gov/correctional_officers_week/index.html



Department of Corrections Corrections Employees Week

The Minnesota Department of Corrections honors all Corrections staff during Corrections Employees Week. Events are held state-wide in agencies during the first full week of May.

This year, Corrections Employees Week will be the Week of May 7 – 13.

Spring Workshop



MCA Spring Workshop: *The Impact of Organized Crimes and Combating the Trends*, was held on March 23rd in Rochester, Minnesota.

Featured Speakers: Mary McComb, Chacho Estrada and Dr. Jarret Brachman.

CALL FOR PRESENTER PROPOSALS



Are you interested in submitting a presenter proposal for the MCA annual fall institute or know someone who may be?

The Annual Fall Institute Program Committee is gathering proposals for the 2017 fall institute!

The Fall Institute will be held October 25-27, 2017 at Grandview Lodge in Nisswa, MN.

The program committee is looking for a wide variety of workshops to make this conference an excellent professional development opportunity for our members.

If you're interested in submitting a presentation proposal for the institute, please:

- ***Fill out proposal form (link to form in Forum e-mail) or visit the MCA website home page at www.mn-ca.org.***
- ***E-mail proposal form to Program Committee co-chair Jolene Rebertus at jolene.rebertus@state.mn.us***

Our present committee members include:

- **Dan Raden/Amy Moeckel/Shannon Fette** – Co-Chair
- **Tom Redmond/Tom Jungman** – Arrangements
- **Jolene Rebertus/Sherry Bohn/Mary Oberstar**– Program
- **Vicki Lanners/Jean Wipper** – Registration
- **Raul Sanchez/Kurt Heideman** – Resource Fair
- **Christine Schweich**-Hospitality-Networking

If you have interest in being a sponsor for the Annual Training Institute – contact the MCA office at mca-mn@hotmail.com or 651-462-8320

Please join us for what is sure to be a top notch memorable training at Grandview Lodge!



Check it out!

MCA Annual Training Institute

Amy Moeckel - Dan Raden - Shannon Fette
MCA Annual Training Institute Chairs

The Minnesota Corrections Association (MCA) Annual Training Institute Committee is doing a phenomenal job at preparing for the 2017 Annual Training Institute. Please join us in celebrating 84 years of MCA at the Annual Training Institute located this year at the Grandview Lodge Nisswa, Minnesota.



Watch for notification on the opening of registration and the program schedule. You can also check out the MCA website at www.mn-ca.org . There will be an Early Bird option for conference registration you won't want to miss out on!

The mission and highlights of this year's Annual Training Institute Committee includes the following:

- Cutting edge training at the front of the latest trends in corrections
- Provide a top location for networking with fellow peers in corrections from all over the state
- 2 ½ day training
- Provide training that will attract a diverse population of participants
- Offer a conference with quality programming at a low cost to agencies/participants
- Provide a venue for the annual Association business meeting
- Awards recognition of staff that show exemplary service to the field
- Connect resources/vendors with agencies to meet their needs and include an excellent opportunity for sponsorships as well as the popular resource fair venue

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