

# MCA FORUM



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## FALL INSTITUTE

Join us at the 2019 MCA Fall Institute! The conference kick-off begins with the MCA Awards Ceremony and Social Hour, on October 22nd at 6:30pm! This year's conference will be held at the Grand View Lodge in Nisswa.

See you at the conference!



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## President's Message

*Connie Hartwig, 2019 MCA President*

Hello Everyone,

Happy October!!!! It feels like I just finished my last message for the August Forum. Oh my how the time is flying by.....

Our Annual Fall Institute is shortly upon us. Yet again, our Fall Planning Committees have been working very hard to put together an amazing experience for us all - filled with great networking opportunities and wonderful speakers. Kicking off our Institute will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Night. I encourage you to get up to Grandview Tuesday so you are able to be part of this wonderful ceremony honoring those who go above and beyond in their jobs and their communities to make life just a little better for others. On Wednesday morning, Matt Havens, Keynote Speaker will kick things off with his presentation: "Stop Acting your Age". Matt entertains his audiences with exciting and unique stories addressing leadership and generational issues. Visit the MCA Keynote page to see why one of Matt's clients has called him "both the funniest and most informative speaker I have ever heard in my life." I can't wait because I think we all could use a few more giggles in our lives.

Save your appetites for Wednesday and Thursday evenings' Hospitality. There is a promise of amazing foods, great music and catching up with old and new friends. Bring your appetites and dancing' shoes.

One of my goals for this year was to increase our membership to 1400. Well....we did not quite reach that goal, but we are 1121 strong, in addition to 57 Student Members. Mary Oberstar has her work cut out for her when she takes the reigns from me in January. Do you think we might have persuasive folks in MCA? Perhaps you or someone you know would be a great Membership Chair for our Board....just saying....

Please remember to thank a committee member for all of their hard and committed work throughout this past year and consider joining our team to help make this wonderful association even bigger and better. I look forward to seeing you very soon.

Safe Travels and Warmest Regards,

Connie Hartwig, 2019 MCA President

# FALL INSTITUTE UPDATE



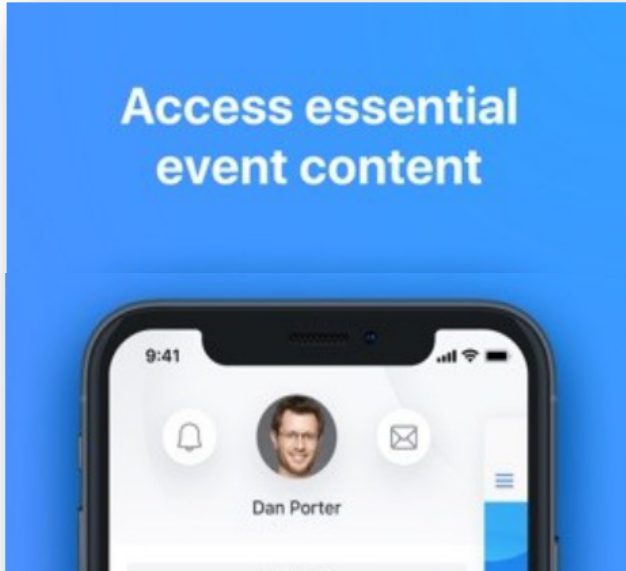
The conference is being held at the beautiful Grand View Lodge in Nisswa, MN October 23rd through October 25th, 2019 with over 400 attendees. A social hour and special awards ceremony event will take place the evening before on October 22nd. The Fall Institute Program Committee has done an outstanding job laying out a diverse program that covers a wide range of training opportunities. There are 3 keynote speakers and over 30 breakout sessions being offered this year. The program was completed with a new look thanks to the hard work of the program committee. Furthermore, a decision has been made to going green in 2020 and moving to the app next year at the Fall Institute for the full program. This is an exciting change for 2020! We welcome about 60 exhibitors to the resource fair this year! Many that went above and beyond with sponsorships. This year MCA continued to offer Continuing Education credits (15 hours) and Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) credits (16 hours). Wednesday evening networking event will include a hospitality event provided by our generous exhibitors followed by DJ Electrifying Dynamics to end the evening in the Norway Center. This will also give our exhibitors a chance to interact and connect with attendees. Thursday night kicks off a Taste of Grand View with four food stations followed by live music from The D-Boys.

**In 2020, the Annual Training Institute will return to Mankato, MN October 28th through October 30th at the Verizon Convention Center. In 2021 and 2022, the Annual Training Institute will return to Grand View before heading to Duluth in 2023 for the 90th Anniversary.**



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- **Tailor your experience:** tailor your Fall Institute experience to your liking! Set reminders, organize/build a schedule, and network!

Join us for MCA's Annual Training Institute  
October 22-25, 2019  
Grand View Lodge  
Nisswa, MN

The Annual Training Institute will kick off with  
the Awards Ceremony on Tuesday evening.

# Communications Committee

With the annual fall conference just around the corner, we wanted to ensure that everyone knows where to find important updates and links to our sponsors on social media. Please follow us on Twitter @JoinMnCA; like us on Facebook – Minnesota Corrections Association; and follow us on Instagram @ joinmnca. All postings are maintained by the communications committee. If you have any ideas regarding what postings you'd like to see more of or any questions regarding the accounts, feel free to message us on any of the social media platforms and we would be happy to start a conversation!



Going to the Fall Conference?



Don't forget to download the ATTENDIFY App before you go!



## Highlights of the 2019 MCA Annual Training Institute

### Join us for MCA's Annual Training Institute!

October 22-25, 2019  
Grand View Lodge - Nisswa, MN

#### Tuesday, 10/22/19 - MCA Awards Ceremony and Social Hour - 6:30pm

The Annual Training Institute will kick off with the Awards Ceremony on Tuesday evening. Come and support your peers as they are recognized for their hard work over the past year! Featuring Honor Guard & Corrections Peace Officer Association.

**The Awards Social Hour  
is sponsored by:**



#### Wednesday, 10/23/19

**7:00-8:30am:** Registration and Resource Fair

**8:30-10:30am:** Honor Guard and National Anthem

President's Welcome - President Connie Hartwig

Opening Remarks - Commissioner Paul Schnell

**"STOP ACTING YOUR AGE!" - Matt Havens, Keynote Speaker**

**10:45 - 4:30pm:** Breakout Sessions

*Please join us at a networking vendor-sponsored event with food and fun!*

**Wednesday, 10/23/19 - 6:00pm - 9:00pm - Vendor Hospitality**

**9:00pm - Midnight - Electrifying Dynamics DJ / Cash Bar— Norway Center**

Raffle drawing — must be present to win!

#### Thursday, 10/24/19

**7:30-8:30am:** Registration and Resource Fair / Past President's Breakfast

**8:30am-10:30am:** - **"The Magic of Positive Change" - Tim Gabrielson, Keynote Speaker**

**10:30-10:45am:** - Break/Resource Fair (Raffle Drawing - must be present to win)!

**10:45am-4:30pm:** - Workshops/Lunch/Resource Fair

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**Thursday, 10/24/19—6:00 p.m.—12:00 midnight—Entertainment & Networking**

**"Taste of Grand View" Event - Gull Lake Center**

**Music by the D-Boys!**

More food! Pizza / Cash Bar

#### Friday, 10/25/19

**Premier Thursday  
Evening Sponsor:**





## Attention Past MCA Presidents!

The venue may change from year-to-year for MCA's Past President's Breakfast, but the camaraderie and fun remain the same. We've had some great leadership in our past that really helped get and keep MCA moving forward. We are an association of about 1,000 members.

Our annual get-together is a time where their year as president was remembered and their service to our profession is honored.

Thanks to all who attended last year's breakfast, and thanks to all of MCA's past presidents for your service to our profession and MCA!

*Dear Past President:*

*You are cordially invited to attend the 2019 MCA Past President's Breakfast, sponsored by 180 Degrees! This year's breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2019, at Grand View Lodge, 23521 Nokomis Avenue, Nisswa, MN 56468. We will be meeting in the Headwaters Private Dining Room in Grand View's Main Lodge.*

*Please send RSVP to [mark.groves@state.mn.us](mailto:mark.groves@state.mn.us) by October 1, 2019 at or feel free to call me at (651) 318-9275. We look forward to seeing you there and having a chance to catch up.*

*When you RSVP, please let me know what mailing address you would like for MCA to have on file for you. We would like to update our Past Presidents mailing list.*

*Also, if you would like conference information let me know and I will have Debbie Beltz, MCA Administrative Manager get in touch with you.*

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# LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE



I hope to see many of you at the fall institute. Legislators will be present on Wednesday, October 23rd, during the opening general session where Commissioner Paul Schnell will address us and then introduce Rep. Dan Wolgamott, DFL representative from the St. Cloud area. Commissioner Schnell will also introduce Vice Chair of the House Corrections Sub-Committee, who will make some comments at the conference. This will be followed by a break-out session sponsored by our Legislative Committee, where the agenda is wide open for all conference attendees to meet and greet Rep. Wolgamott. During the session we will discuss our 2020 legislative agenda and any concerns you might want to address. I sincerely hope that many of you will take this opportunity to find out what's in store for the 2020 session.

On October 3rd, there will be a mini-session of the House located in the Winona area, where the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee and the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy Committees will be meeting that morning with representatives of the 3rd Judicial District. The purpose is to discuss a number of items brought forward in the 2019 session with special emphasis on several juvenile justice proposals and re-entry programs. We will be paying attention to their meetings and report back to our membership of their actions.

As we present our legislative agenda to our membership at the fall institute, I will be providing the information to share with legislators prior to the start of the 2020 session. The 2020 session begins on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

I look forward to seeing you at the fall institute!

Calvin Saari  
MCA Legislative Liaison



The West Central Regional Juvenile Center located in Moorhead, MN, is a co-ed facility offering secure and non-secure detention, secure residential programming, non-secure evaluations, and independent living skills programming (coming early 2020) services. The facility is currently undergoing an expansion/remodel that will provide for additional programming options, increased capacity, and increased level of services.

Programming at the WCRJC is based in cognitive-behavioral theory and has many optional components (substance abuse disorders, trauma therapy (TF-CBT), sexual therapy, and independent living skills). Multiple programming components can be offered to youth at the same time. Various community services work and prosocial community-based activities are also offered. The program continues to partner with community organizations to present opportunities for educational, occupational, and life skill development. During their stay, many youth recoup school credits through regular schooling or work towards and attain GEDs through enrolling in GED preparatory classes.

Great attention is paid to ensuring youth are provided with the skillset to become productive members of society. The facility offers a transitional living skill curriculum to youth in the secure residential program that focuses on skills such as self-care, budgeting, nutrition, seeking employment, preparing for job interviews, searching for housing, vehicle maintenance, applying for college, and many other skills. Additionally, youth are allowed to participate in an employability program that provides youth with job-skill development through cleaning the Clay County Family Service Center. Staff teach youth the importance of following task guidelines, paying attention to detail, and taking pride in their work. Youth are compensated with credit towards community service hours and with funds that can be taken with them upon their release.

Over the past year, the facility has partnered with Minnesota State Community and Technical College (MSCTC) and Lakes Country Service cooperative to provide resources and services to the youth that we serve. Through this collaboration, we have provided our youth with career and personality assessments to aid them in determining possible career paths. Representatives from MSCTC have facilitated groups with our youth to explain what their results mean and how they can work towards their educational and occupational aspirations. Additionally, they have provided youth with college tours and have done a great job providing clarification to them on how to apply for and be successful in college. We look forward to watching this partnership continue to expand and to see the potential for what services can be offered to our youth continue to grow.

The facility is excited to announce that an independent living skills program will also open in February 2020. The Community Living Independent Programming and Skills (CLIPS) program will be available for males and will provide programming designed to integrate youth into the community and assist them in developing independent living skills. Youth may be authorized to attend school in the community and attain employment. The program will be located in a new unit in the facility and will serve as an appropriate option for youth with minimal options for housing or as a stepdown program from the secure residential program.

To make a referral for the secure program, contact Dustin Berg, Program Director, at [dustin.berg@co.clay.mn.us](mailto:dustin.berg@co.clay.mn.us) or (218) 299-7550. For referrals to the 30 day evaluation program, contact Dylan Shimell, Non-Secure Supervisor, at [dylan.shimell@co.clay.mn.us](mailto:dylan.shimell@co.clay.mn.us) or (218) 299-7556. For referrals to the CLIPS program, contact Bryan Hanson, CLIPS Supervisor, at [bryan.hanson@co.clay.mn.us](mailto:bryan.hanson@co.clay.mn.us) or (218) 299-7567. For all other inquiries, please contact the main telephone line at (218) 299.5150.





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October 22-25, 2019

Grand View Lodge - Nisswa, MN



We hope to see you there!





# Who will it be??



Mark Bliven

Melissa Peterson

Gina Evans

## 2021 President-Elect Nominees



Laura Anderson

Kevin Fors

Luann Buck

## Vice President Nominees



Nicole Kalow

Kaylee Henson

Jody Henkemeyer

## Secretary Nominees



You voted! The results are in! Find out who at the Fall Conference!





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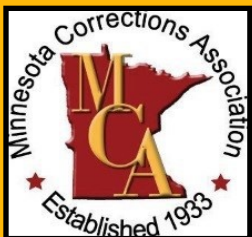
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