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2012 mca award winners

Congratulations to the 2012 MCA Award Winners.

Corrections Person of the Year* - Steve Sanchez - Department of Corrections
 Professional Achievement (Field Services) - Dave Munson - Brown County
 Professional Achievement (Institution) - Rebecca Fratzke - Department of Corrections
 President's Award - Transition from Prison to Community Steering Committee
 Technology Award - Victor Wanchena - Department of Corrections
 Board of Director's Award - Mark Groves - MCA Membership Committee Chairperson
 Board of Director's Award - David Heath - MCA Technology Committee Chairperson

The Awards Ceremony will be held on October 24, 2012 at the Fall Institute in Duluth, Minnesota at 5:00 p.m. in the Split Rock Rooms 1 & 2 at the DECC. The award presentation for Corrections Person of the Year will be done during the opening/welcome session 8:30 a.m.

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 Northwestern MN Juvenile Center
 Prairie Lakes Youth
 Wings
 Woodland Hills



2012 fall training institute

Just a reminder that the 2012 MCA Fall Training Institute is fast approaching and scheduled for October 24 & 25 2012. Online registration will be open until October 15, 2012, and available at www.mn-ca.org. If you do not have the capability to register on the website you may contact the MCA office at 651-462-8320 or at mca-mn@hotmail.com. You must be an MCA member in order to register for the Institute.

Hotel reservations can be made at the following hotels. Be sure to mention **Minnesota Corrections Association** to get the group rate.

The hotels are listed on the next page.

Canal Park Lodge

Group ID: 1146

Password: 37000725

218-279-6000

1-800-777-8560

All Rooms Nightly Rate \$99 plus tax

The Suites Hotel at Waterfront Plaza

(formerly the Hawthorne Suites)

218-727-4663

1-800-794-1716

Nightly Rate \$79-\$199

Holiday Inn & Suites

218-722-1202

(Do not call the 1-800 Holiday Inn number)

Standard Room Single/Double Nightly Rate \$82 plus tax

Rooms are available for reservation on a first-come first-served basis.

mca election results

MCA would like to announce the results for the 2013 Executive Board:

President Elect (will serve as President in 2014)

Monique Drier, Brooklyn Center Police Department

Vice President

Mark Groves, Minnesota Department of Corrections

Secretary

Laura Anderson, MCF-Red Wing

Treasurer (two year term)

Dayna Burmeister, Minnesota Department of Corrections

Congratulations on your future term!!!

legislative update

CAL SAARI, MCA Legislative Liaison

As I prepare this report on legislative activities for the October issue of the Forum, most of us, at least the Northern section of the state, are also dealing with heavy frost each morning - a clear signal that a change in the seasons is soon before us. With about forty days left in Campaign 2012, there continues to be much uncertainty and political pundits are struggling with election predictions. There appears to be about 25 or so legislative races around the State of Minnesota that remain quite close. According to the pollsters, most of the races are considered within one or two percentage points apart. This is significant as a major move to either one of the primary political parties will determine which party will control the 2013-2014 Legislature.

Earlier this summer, there was a prevalent sense we would see a negative reaction to the radical conservative philosophy of "Tea Party" members of the Legislature that could influence elections this Fall. For the most part, that isn't taking place. Most first term extremely conservative legislators appear to be holding their own, and in some cases, even appear to be expanding their base - an example, the primary intra-party contest over the endorsement for the legislative seat held by Rep. Steve Smith. This 13 term legislator was rejected by his own party and lost the endorsement to another Republican because Smith was considered "too moderate". Smith's loss is also a big loss to the Criminal Justice and

Corrections community. Over the years, Legislator Smith consistently advocated for many of our positions. He always expressed his support for the men and women choosing a career in Corrections and was a legislator we could always approach for Republican support. He certainly will be missed.

The effect of Reapportionment earlier this year resulted in several incumbent legislators contending against each other, and also several "open seats" where there are no incumbents. These are very closely contested contests and no real trends are apparent as we near the final month of the campaign. As members of our legislative committee, we urge members to play an active role in the election of your local area Representatives and Senators. **Take the time to meet with them. Inform them of our legislative priorities. Identify the issues in your area.** Electing people who are knowledgeable and supportive of our causes builds greater strength as we work through the Legislative Session.

The MCA Fall Institute is scheduled in Duluth at the DECC, October 24-25, 2012. On October 25th, 10:30 to 11:45 AM, we will present a Legislative Update Session where you will receive a first hand look at the 2013 Legislative Agenda prepared by the MCA Legislative Committee led by Mark Haase, with significant support from the Juvenile Justice Committee. Give us your reaction to that document and submit any other issues or concerns you think we should be considering for the 2013 session. Several legislators will be joining us for an open discussion of legislative issues. As of this report, we have confirmations from Rep. Mary Murphy, DFL from Duluth, and retiring Rep. Steve Smith, Republican from District 33A in the Metro area joining us. We anticipate two or three more legislators to join us, even though our conference is just ten days before the election. Don't forget to express our appreciation to these Legislators who are taking time away from their campaigns to join us at the Fall Institute. It will make for another very popular legislative workshop. See you all at the Fall Institute.

Again, my personal thanks to all MCA's members and the MCA Board of Directors for your continuing support. I truly enjoy representing all of you in our legislative efforts.

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training and education committee

JON ROWE, MCA Training and Education Committee Chair

2012 proved to be a busy year for the Training and Education Committee. To start, I would like to thank all the committee members: Sarah Eischens, MN DOC – Mankato; Karla Henrichs, Blue Earth County Community Corrections; Nancy Johnson, MN DOC – Fairmont; Cris Bennett, Arrowhead Regional Corrections (ARC); Michele Wilson, MN DOC – ISR; Jeff Passeri, Arrowhead Regional Corrections (ARC); Natasha Stepka; Dennis Karp, Dodge-Fillmore-Olmsted Community Corrections. The committee does a great job and at times, it can be difficult to balance daily job responsibilities and organizing/facilitating a training. Thank you.

The 2012 MCA Spring Training Event was held at Rasmussen College in Mankato, MN. Anna McLafferty presented on - Responding Effectively to People with Mental Illness and Kari Fletcher presented on - Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) & Legal Trouble- Working Together to Reduce Secondary Disabilities. This training event was well attended with 130 registered participants. We also had 8 vendors present. We wish to thank all of the vendors for their continued support of MCA.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Rasmussen College – Mankato for hosting our training and supporting MCA.

We are moving forward for 2013 training year! Please check back for updates regarding the Spring Workshop or browse the MCA website at www.mn-ca.org.

Again, we thank everyone who attended the training. Thank you to the vendors and sponsors for supporting MCA and members.

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mca membership meeting

Please remember the 2012 MCA annual membership meeting will be held on October 25, 2012, 830A, in the Lake Superior Ballroom, located at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center (DECC).

student services

SHANNON MARKS, MCA Student Services Committee Chair

The Student Services Committee provides a variety of services to students and universities. These include a job fair and internship information. The committee is also available to speak at any colleges or universities that request more information about corrections.

The 12th Annual Career Fair was held on March 14, 2012 at St. Cloud State University. This was a joint venture between the MCA Student Services Committee and the Criminal Justice Association of St. Cloud State University. Students from numerous colleges attended the career fair and had the chance to meet with vendors from all areas of corrections.

Thank you to current committee members: Amy Waibel, MN Dept. of Corrections-Le Center; Chuck Ness, MN Dept. of Corrections-Pipestone; Rachel Miller, MN Dept. of Corrections-Elk River; Mellissa Holthaus and Nathan Miller of Wright County Court Services; Jennifer Guse and Sarah Miller of Blue Earth Community Corrections; and Jessica Otto of Nicollet County Probation.

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