



2018 Annual Committee Report

October 26, 2018

Mark Groves, MCA 2018 President

My Goals as 2018 MCA President

1. Support MCA Committees and Chairs; champion initiatives.
2. Continue to invest in MCA (website, newsletter, sponsorship, membership, exhibitors, etc.).
3. Increase membership to 1,000; Student members to 100.
4. Continue to provide monthly Education & Training events. Host two all-day forums (e.g., Sex Offender, Domestic Violence, Juvenile Offending: Prevention & Intervention).
5. Continue to develop our presence and influence regarding juvenile justice.
6. Continue to promote and champion MCA as a destination for membership in corrections, community corrections, human services, et al., by initiating and developing collaboration, partnership with other associations (MARRCH, MSSA).
7. Collaborate and partner with ACA to help host their 148th Congress of Corrections Conference. (See below).
8. Make a BIG SPLASH at our 85th Annual Conference in Duluth.
9. Complete a Board Assessment and Strategic Planning.

Achievements

April/May 2018 President Report: Mark Groves

1. I completed and submitted MCA's "Welcome to Minneapolis and the ACA 148th Congress of Correction" letter and submitted to ACA. (See below).
2. As of May 1, 2018, I've sent an email to 344 MCA lapsed members encouraging them to rejoin.
3. I have discovered that there are dozens of dead-end emails whereby they are no longer at that email address. Several are also retiring. We will update the list removing their names and contact information.
4. A good many of the expired members are Correctional Officers. I received one particular email from Sgt. Michael Flipp explaining the difficulty of CO's to attend MCA events and thus, not maintaining their membership. I suggest we develop a Correctional Officer Committee as a standing committee to explore, identify, develop and address their particular needs. It is time to take a serious run at it.
5. I met with Ron Solheid and George Lang (Director of Freedom Works) on April 27, 2018, to discuss reentry options for offenders exiting prison. They have purchased a large property in North Minneapolis offering: Housing; Chemical Dependency Treatment; Cognitive and Behavior Therapy; Mental Wellness Maintenance and Care; Culinary Arts School; Catering Service with On-The-Job Training and 14 Part-time Jobs; etc.

Welcome to Minneapolis and the ACA 148th Congress of Correction. The Annual American Corrections Association Conference is one of the premier events for corrections professionals throughout North America. This year is extra special as we get to show off our state, city and populace. Minneapolis is a city known for its world-class restaurants, beautiful lakes and thriving neighborhoods. I can't think of a better location for ACA and our fellow corrections professionals to celebrate such a significant milestone.

ACA is the nation's premier association for corrections. ACA's standards and accreditations have always focused on what is best for corrections. The Minnesota Corrections Association (MCA) is a proud member of ACA. Our membership with ACA has helped us broaden our view when it comes to corrections practice and policy. Conferences like this have enabled us to network with professionals from across the country.

One of the most important aspects of this conference is the level of professional development opportunities available. Whether it's principles of leadership, reentry services, restorative justice, clinical practice, business practice, drugs, gangs, you'll find what you're looking for at this conference.

Enjoy the National Conference on Correction. Enjoy the Twin Cities. Your presence is an indication that you are committed to making a positive difference, not only in your own district, but throughout your state and the country. Meanwhile, we're here to help you. If there is anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Mark Groves
MCA President*

May/June 2018 Mark Groves, MCA President Report

1. I talked with Jane Schmid, chair of the MCA Juvenile Justice Committee. I will meet with them at their next meeting on June 14 to discuss the development of an all-day Juvenile Justice Education & Training event.
 - a. I would like to us develop more ongoing juvenile-specific trainings for the Annual Conference break-out sessions. I think our JJC would regularly have brainstorming sessions identify topics, reach out to possible trainers, and work with our Annual Conference Planning Committee to ensure juvenile justice topics are a regular feature.
2. Laura Anderson and I attended the annual MACPO Conference at Breezy Point on May 23. We hosted the MCA booth. We spoke with most of the exhibitors and participants. We also purchased 8 pizzas for their Hospitality Event.
 - a. I had lunch with MACPO's current president: Eric Johnson, past president: Jonathan Schiro and president-elect: Carter Diers on May 23. We talked about how MCA/MACPO could develop deeper partnerships, collaboration. Ideas include: attending each other's EC and Board Meetings; hosting joint education & training workshops; partnering our Spring Conference, Annual Conference. They will talk about it at their meetings, while we will continue to talk at our meetings.
3. I attended JoAnn Brown's MCA Sponsorship meeting on May 17.
4. I worked with Debbie Beltz to secure an ACA Conference Host Committee Booth. We need to recruit folks to host our booth.

June/July 2018 Mark Groves, MCA President Report

1. I attended Jane Schmid's MCA Juvenile Justice Committee at the DOC Central Office on June 14, 2018. We discussed developing an annual MCA Juvenile Justice Forum. Her committee minutes will reflect what we discussed.
2. I attended the MCA monthly workshop on June 15, 2018. The topic was Domestic Terrorism. Kevin Lowry, Chief USPO was the presenter.
3. I attended the "What is Justice" forum hosted by the Minnesota Justice Research Center. See attached brochure for details. Gina Evans was one of the panelists. This was well-attended by county attorneys, corrections leadership. I sat with Commissioner Roy and we chatted about the topics presented.
4. I met with the MACPO leadership: Carter Diers (current president); Jonathan Schiro (past president); Terry Fawcett (president-elect); Deanna Ruffing (E & T chair); Amber Chase (membership chair). Mr. Diers took notes of the meeting:

Mark, again, thank you for your collaborative spirit and energy. We look forward to moving both organizations forward with this kind of good work.

The following is basically what I jotted down during our initial discussions. I will bring this back to our next meeting on Wednesday July 25, 2018, and will get back to you as soon as we have an understanding on our end.

- *Newsletter (MACPO Corner on MCA Website/MCA Corner on MACPO Website.*
 - *Combine efforts on regional trainings (Initially thinking Amy Hertzog and Jody Henkemeyer to work on this from MACPO).*
 - *Consider combining conferences (start discussions) (Perhaps MCA conference in fall with more MACPO involvement / MACPO conference in Spring w more MCA involvement).*
 - *Free memberships for e-boards on each other's organizations.*
 - *Liaison from each org. (Duties? Scope?).*
 - *Get booths or combined booth at MSSA/MAARCH conferences. (Free both for them at our conferences & free booth for us at their conferences).*
 - *MACPO/MCA Trainer to present to MSSA March 20 – 22.*
 - *MCA has a booth at ACA, offering MACPO space at MCA Booth.*
 - *MCA offering for Debbie Beltz, Administrator to meet w us.*
 - *Carter attend MCA meetings initially, then perhaps a liaison. (first in September) & vice versa.*
5. I was asked to join the Minnesota Social Service Association (MSSA) annual conference committee. I attended their first meeting on July 18, 2018. This will be an excellent initiative for our MCA/MACPO collaborative to annually conduct presentations at MSSA's annual conference. They typically have 3,000+ participants attend. There is a lot of great information we will be able to glean from our membership and this will be an excellent way to recruit new members to MCA/MACPO. We have a friend that is a past president of MSSA on the committee: Alicia Nichols, who works at DOC in the restorative justice unit. I met with her afterward and explained what we'd like to do regarding providing corrections workshops. She is all in. She said she is totally excited that we are on board.

August/September 2018 Mark Groves, MCA President Report

1. I conducted an Ethics & Boundaries workshop for MCA on August 17, 2018.
2. I attended Tara Rathman's MCA Communications Committee at the DOC Central Office on August 22, 2018. Her committee minutes will reflect what was discussed.
3. Carter Diers and I met with John Magnuson, Executive Director of MARRCH to develop a formal partnership/collaboration. The **Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health** (MARRCH) is a professional association of addiction treatment professionals and organizations striving to raise awareness about addiction and the power of recovery. They represent more than 75 agencies and more than 2,000 individuals (Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors, students, other behavioral health professionals) with members in every region of Minnesota. As a collective body, MARRCH works to educate, support and guide individuals and agencies while speaking with a unified voice in public policy venues.
4. I met with Collin Gau on September 6, 2018. We talked about how to involve CO's with MCA (and vice versa) more moving forward. MCA can help CO's with monthly education and training by conducting them within the facilities. He said we need to connect with the facility training coordinators. He doesn't think CO's will join MCA, even at a reduced rate. He thinks as we continue with our presence conducting these workshops, CO's will be more attracted.

I shared with him our collaboration, partnership with MCA, MACPO, MSSA, MARRCH. He likes that initiative very much and said that DOC would be an active partner with our conducting workshops at those association conferences. He especially likes the idea of our having shared exhibit tables at MARRCH and MSSA where we could promote DOC open positions.

5. Terry Fawcett, MACPO president-elect, and I met with the MARRCH board on September 7, 2018. Before the meeting I had a breakfast meeting with Dave Hartford, MARRCH President to brainstorm ideas, hash out strategy. Terry and I attended their statewide Public Policy Forum. Afterward we attended the MARRCH board meeting and discussed developing a partnership/collaboration and the benefits we could bring to MARRCH. They like the collaboration/partnership initiative and plan to discuss and vote to move forward at their board meeting. I invited Dave to spend the first day with us at our MCA conference, so he can get a sense of who and what we are. I'm hopeful another MARRCH E.C. member or two will also visit with us at the conference.
6. The MCA president is a member of the Community Service Advisory Council (CSAC) that Ron Solheid chairs at the DOC Central Office. I sent Ron an email asking for 10 minutes at the September 19th meeting at 1:00 PM. He put us on the agenda. I will bring Dave Hartford to talk about MARRCH, our emerging collaboration and he has some questions, issues he'd like to present. I will share our progress with our MCA, MACPO, MARRCH, MSSA collaboration.
7. I continue to meet with and communicate with the Minnesota Social Service Association (MSSA) annual conference committee. We spent the month reviewing and researching a keynote speaker for their 2019 Annual Conference. Our next meeting is on September 19 at noon.



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Mary Oberstar, MCA Vice President

2018 MCA Vice-President Goals

1. Learn both executive and full board positions and operations.
2. Work to ensure MCA continues its forward path providing enrichment services-educational and developmental-for its criminal justice and partner membership.

2018 MCA Vice-President Report

1. A review and edits to MCA's *constitution and bylaws* and *operating manual* were completed.
2. An MCA anti-discrimination policy was created.
3. The vice-president served as a member of the communications committee.
4. The vice-president brought forward for review and vote on a *trainer liaison* position for the board. A decision for this position to be part of the *education and training committee* was made.
5. Vice-president proposed non-paid presenter proposals for the fall conference are approved and signed by someone other than the president. A motion was made and passed for the president-elect to assume this duty.



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Annual Training Institute

Co-Chairs: Shannon Fette (CC-Ramsey County), Amy Moeckel (CC-Ramsey County) Dan Raden (DOC Central Office),

Program: Pat Leibel-Beiring (MCF-Moose Lake) Mary Oberstar (DOC-Central Office) Christine Schweich (CC-Ramsey County)

Committee members:

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| Gary Atkins (MCF-Stillwater) | Cheri Humphrey (MCF-Moose Lake) |
| Darnell Baker (MCF-Lino Lakes) | Bryan Milliron (MCF-Stillwater) |
| Tom Beiring (MCF-Rush City) | Shelli Monio (MCF-Oak Park Heights) |
| Kayla Perkins (MCF-Redwing) | Alayna Starr (Sherburne CC) |
| Stephanie Duhme (CC-Rice County) | Melissa Peterson (DHS) |
| Amanda Evenski (MINNCOR) | Debra Schmitt (Mower CCS) |
| Margit Heald (MCF-St. Cloud) | Jolene Rebertus (MCF-Central Office) |
| Roxie Karelis (Family Pathways) | Duane Stanley (Mower CCS) |

Arrangements: Tom Redmond (CC-Ramsey County) & Tom Jungmann (CC-Ramsey County)
Committee member: Paula Wendel (Student)

Resource Fair: Kurt Heideman (MCF-Oak Park Heights) and Raul Sanchez (CC-Ramsey County)

Committee members:

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| Lonnie Danielson (MCF-Lino Lakes) | Al Pfeilsticker (MCF-Red Wing) |
| Jason Hills (MCF-Oak Park Heights) | Jerry Wilhelmy (MCF-Central Office) |

Hospitality/Networking: Sherry Bohn (MCF-Oak Park Heights) and Jason Mereness (CC-Ramsey County)

Committee members:

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| Dustin Bohn (MCF-Oak Park Heights) | Bryan Moses (GTL) |
| Emmy Seidling (MCF-Rush City) | Tammy Wherley (MCF-Red Wing) |
| Brent Sharon (MCF-Oak Park Heights) | |

Registration: Vicki Lanners (MCF-St. Cloud) & Jean Wipper (MCF-St. Cloud)

Committee members:

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| Arthrea Cunningham (MCF-Stillwater) | Ricardo Lopez (DOC-Retired) |
| Sammy Ehlenz (DOC-Retired) | Natalie Radich (MCF-Stillwater) |
| Collin Gau (DOC-Central Office) | Paula Wageman (MCF-Faribault) |
| Michelle Johnson (MCF-Faribault) | Merlin Kath (Waseca County) |
| Dora Krogh (MCF-Faribault) | |

Business meeting report:

As we celebrate 85 years of MCA, it was only fitting we return to Duluth, MN to celebrate! The conference is being hosted at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center on October 24-26, 2018 with a special 85th Anniversary Kick-off and Awards Ceremony Event.

The Fall Institute Committee has done an outstanding job adding new thought provoking trainings that are inspirational and relevant to our work. Areas of focus include “specialty topics” such as: working effectively with people suffering from mental illness, domestic abuse, drug addiction, technology and trafficking of our youth in Minnesota. Another key focus is around coaching and being inspired in our work with motivational speakers such as Charles Marshall and Joe Schmit.

We welcome 51 exhibitors to the resource fair this year!

We anticipate an increase in the number of attendees for this year’s conference based on the popularity of MCA in Duluth, MN as well as interest in the topics mentioned above. Advertisement for the fall institute was increased this year (with the 85th) that helped make this event even more popular.

An added feature this year includes giving the Annual awards its own evening along with the 85th celebration. We will feature award winners on Tuesday October 23, 2018 at the DECC in the Harbor Side Ballroom.

This year MCA will be offering Continuing Education credits (15 hours) and Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) credits (16 hours).

Wednesday will have a hospitality event at Clyde Iron Works. This rustic building is sure to be a hit with his open format. This will also give or exhibitors a chance to interact and connect with attendees. Thursday night kicks off at Grandma’s Sports Garden with live music from Good for Gary. This time honorable tradition is sure to continue our commitment of networking with entertainment!

Suggestions for the future are to reach out to MACCAC for collaboration with directors to ensure they are involved in the fall institute and are providing input in our training sessions being offered.

In 2019, the Annual Training Institute will return to Rochester, MN. This venue will allow access for the southern Minnesota area to easily attend next year’s event. A goal of the committee is to choose locations that show a commitment to all areas of the state.





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Communications Committee

Co-Chair(s):

Tara Rathman, MN Department of Corrections – Central Office

Committee Members:

Roger Carr, MN Department of Corrections – Central Office
Mark Groves, MN Department of Employee and Economic Development
Kaylee A. Henson, Wright County Court Services
Mary Oberstar, MN Department of Corrections – Central Office.
Melissa Paquette, MN Department of Corrections – Central Office
Robyn Wood, Olmsted County Community Corrections
Ryan Ruzich, MN Department of Corrections – Central Office
Rose Widell, MN Department of Corrections – Central Office
Matthew Zehoski, MN Department of Corrections – MCF-Lino Lakes
Elana Brunner, MN Department of Corrections – MCF-Faribault

Report:

The Communications Committee just completed its second full year as a permanent MCA committee. The committee was established in 2017 and approved at the 2017 MCA Fall Institute. We continue the difficult work of establishing ourselves within MCA and continue our goal to provide better communication to our members.

Our committee established MCA's presence on social media and has had two prize giveaways in an effort to gain membership participation. The committee publishes the Forum six times per year and has worked to provide more articles, pictures and additional information from our sponsors and members.

Back by popular demand, the committee also worked with Attendify to provide conference attendees access to an app for the Fall Institute. We look forward to additional feedback as we hope to have more people download and use the app during the 85th Anniversary.

Our goal for 2019 is to better connect with our members through electronic communication and social media. If you have ideas for social media, the Forum, our website, or the app, please let us know!





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Education and Training

Co-Chair(s): Zayda Harsha– Dispositional Advisor, Public Defender's Office– 4th Judicial District
Nate Jackson – Corrections Agent, DOC Field Services – Red Wing District

Committee Members: Mark Groves-DEED

The MCA Education and Training Committee went from planning the spring workshops (which is a separate committee now) to planning monthly workshops from 9AM to 12PM on the third Thursday of the month where all members had to do was sign up and they were able to attend for free. The committee provided coffee and refreshments for attendees.

Topics included the following:

Untouchable - This documentary ventured into the difficult and emotional issues of sex offender registration and restrictions. A big thank you to Mark Bliven who did an amazing job leading discussion after the viewings in February and August.

Planning for your Future – This workshop was to help corrections employees plan for their future. Dan Athmann from Thrivent Financial is a former Police Officer and current Financial Advisor who specializes in knowing how to financially plan as a government employee. Melissa Hagstrum Bayne is an expert in the topics of Estate Planning and Health Care Directives and did great educating members on a very important topic.

Understanding the Radicalization and Terrorism for Probation and Pretrial Services - This presentation provided a general understanding of current trends in the complex process of radicalization and terrorism cases with regard to recruitment by Al-Shabaab, ISIL/ISIS, and other groups in Minnesota and throughout the United States. Great job to Chief US Probation and Pretrial Services Officer Kevin D. Lowry. His passion for the topic really shown through during his presentation.

Ethical Issues and Boundaries in Client-Practitioner Relationships – Mark Groves, MCA President, had a good sized group attend his presentation on ethics and boundaries in the corrections field. This interactive session was a great opportunity for members to take advantage of a more hands on learning experience.

Stages of Change: Transtheoretical Model – Mark Groves again put on a great presentation on a topic that can be integrated into a wide range of client contact approaches. Members were taught

how to help clients identify their problem behavior, get motivated to change and prevent a return to the negative behavior. Great Job, Mark!

Probation: Transition, Programs and Service Collaborations - This presentation will be put on in November by Supervising US Probation Officer Odell Wilson. Mr. Wilson's 21 years of experience in the District of Minnesota's US Federal Probation Office will provide insight on providing pretrial and post-conviction supervision.

Our committee will be meeting with Amy Hertzog and Jody Henkemeyer who coordinate regional training events for MACPO. Our goal is to grow the attendance in both associations training events by collaborating and figuring out how it is all going to work. We will more than likely need to figure out how to financially make it work to provide refreshments at these trainings. We are excited to get the ball rolling on this!

Zayda and I were new to MCA this year and have enjoyed taking on this committee even through major life events going on. It has been great working with such wonderful professionals on the MCA Board. A big thanks to all presenters and individuals who helped make our monthly training workshops a success.





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Juvenile Justice Committee

Co-Chair(s): Jane Schmid

Committee Members: Kari Boser; Allison Carroll; Holly Clark; Lolita Davis Carter; Julie Duff; Arielle Edelman McHenry; Andrea Emery; Rebecca Erickson; Rick Gieseke; Mark Haase; Tim Haug; Sherry Johnson; Erik Mattson; Mike McGrath; Laraine Mickelson; Jennifer Nimps; Robin Phinney; Dorie Rose; Shon Thieren; Monty Vikdal

MCA JJC meets monthly, every second Thursday of the month at the DOC Central Office in St. Paul. Thus far in 2018, our committee has held eight meetings addressing a variety of juvenile justice issues detailed below.

One of our committee's major goals for 2018 involves a commitment to a follow-up to the JJ21 (Juvenile Justice) Project coordinated by Mark Haase starting in 2014. The 2014 JJ21 Project consisted of eleven forums held throughout the state, inviting stake holders (PO's, SW's, attorneys, judges, school personnel, legislators, etc.) for their input on issues needing attention in juvenile justice in MN. Findings from the 2014 JJ21 Project determined six significant issues in juvenile justice across the state (see JJ21 2014 Report). As a follow-up to the 2014 project, JJAC agreed to fund efforts to create a tentative working plan for JJ21 in 2016, outlining an Advisory Group (consisting of JJC and JJAC members, meeting 2-4 times in 2016, including input via email/phone). On January 20, 2017, a JJ21 Forum was held in St. Paul addressing Mental Health and Dual Status (Crossover Youth) Youth. This was followed up with a statewide survey to stake holders addressing mental health/substance abuse and dual status youth issues in MN. From these actions, JJ21 created a JJ21 Work Plan with the assistance of researchers, Arielle Edelman McHenry and Robin Phinney, who will undertake the Work Plan objectives: The project will use as a guide the RFK Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice and consist of three parts, described in more detail below:

1. *Foundational background research;*
2. *Analysis of laws and policies;*
3. *Advisory group creation and meeting facilitation.*

The work undertaken in the three parts will result in a work product, the information sharing guide for practitioners.

Additionally this year, JJC again collaborated with MCA Adult Legislative Committee to review and provide input on juvenile issues in the legislative agenda draft for 2019. JJC supports elimination of the mandatory sentence of LWOP for juveniles, revision of the juvenile POR, and added language addressing juvenile issues in mental health and substance abuse. Furthermore, JJC coordinated with members of the Annual Training Institute Committee to have one JJC member join their committee to assist in involving juvenile justice trainings in the Fall Conference.

With the encouragement and support of MCA President, Mark Groves, JJC is taking on the goal of resuming an all-day Juvenile Justice conference in collaboration with MACPO. This conference is striving to be annual event highlighting Juvenile Justice issues. Throughout our JJC meetings, committee members are free to discuss and propose juvenile justice issues deemed in need of attention. We continue to discuss looking into

surveys to determine status of placement beds around the state. We are finding our juvenile clients are on extensive waiting lists for (6-7 months) residential treatment and (2-3 months) for corrections programs. We are experiencing particular struggles with juveniles who have significant mental health issues with aggressive behaviors, seeing a growing female population. Agents end up seeking out of state placements for youth or having to place youth in programs that are unable to meet their extensive needs, often resulting in more legal charges.

Regards,



Jane E. Schmid
MCA JJC Chair





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Legislative Liaison

Calvin Saari, MCA's Legislative Liaison

The annual report is a document prepared for review by the MCA membership at the annual Fall Institute, and is a summary of legislative highlights dated from the last Fall Institute in October, 2017 through September, 2018.

Let me begin by expressing my appreciation to the MCA Board of Directors for awarding me the 2017 Board of Directors Award at last year's Institute. It is very special to be recognized by your peers, and I am humbled by the support I've experienced from the Board of Directors year after year.

We really haven't reported a lot of positive results from the Legislature in the past few years, primarily due to significant political polarization which will usually happen with "divided government" that we've experienced in recent years. The last two years we've had a House and Senate controlled by the Republicans and a Democratic Governor. Every year we hear from new "freshmen" Legislators announce that they want to collaborate within both parties to get the job done, the party leadership demands every Legislator adhere to the party agenda, so the polarization continues.

The 2018 Legislative session waited until February 20th to begin, facing mandatory adjournment on May 21st giving lawmakers only eleven weeks to accomplish the enormous tasks that confronted them. In the Public Safety/ Judiciary Committees of both chambers a very large numbers of bills were introduced, but relatively few were assigned hearings before Committee. This past Session has been called a "Grossell Session" within Public Safety and Corrections. This is because he introduced a large number of bills in the Session, and actually had twelve of those bills pass through the Committee process and were included into the final Omnibus Public Safety bill agreed upon by both the House and Senate. They were passed by both chambers but were ultimately vetoed by Governor Dayton, which meant the end result was nothing accomplished! One bill that was approved was the Omnibus

Pension bill, which was a work in progress that took four years to get final approval. As you will remember, our Legislative Workshop last year focused on the pension reform legislation.

Working with the MCA Legislative Committee and the Juvenile Justice Committee, our focus has been to prepare a new 2019 Legislative Agenda for presentation to the membership at the Fall Institute in Duluth. We will also focus on bringing some Legislative leaders to our Workshop on opening day, Wednesday, of the Fall Institute. We have already confirmed the participation of Rep. Matt Grossell, which will make for a great opportunity for us to hear his philosophy in the numerous

bills he is pursuing. He will be accompanied by Committee Chairs or their representatives which will provide us with a good session.

As you all know, this Fall is a major election year with the election of a new Governor and all House seats are up for election. There are at least thirty positions between the House and Senate which will see new faces in January. This election could change the party leadership in the House and in the Governor's Office. The Senate is not up for election this Fall and will remain under Republican control in the next Session. Elections are important so take the time to know your local Legislators and ask them to support of legislative efforts. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Fall Institute so please step forward and introduce yourself -I'd love to hear from you. Thanks for your past support and I solicit your continued support. It is a privilege to represent our Association at the Minnesota Legislature.



2019 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



Proposed

Needs of Adults and Juveniles in the Areas of Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Incarceration is too often serving as a response to needs for mental health services. A particular concern is how military veterans, especially those with service-related mental health diagnoses, interact with the criminal justice system, and the extent to which veterans are diverted from the courts. People with mental health diagnoses often have related substance abuse problems. We need to adequately address the mental health and substance abuse needs of our probationers, the incarcerated population, those on supervised release, and those within our juvenile justice system.

According to the National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice: 60-70% of arrested youth meet the criteria for at least one mental disorder; 60% of them with at least one mental disorder experience a co-occurring substance use disorder; and at least 75% of youth in the juvenile justice system have experienced traumatic victimization. Surveys of juvenile justice professionals indicate that there is a severe shortage of juvenile mental health and substance abuse treatment options in Minnesota.

Support is needed to adequately fund juvenile-specific mental health and substance abuse assessment, treatment, family support, and Trauma Informed Care Training for professionals.

Offender Reentry

Effectively transitioning people from incarceration and supervision to the community is critical to enhancing public safety and saving tax dollars. Policies that support education, housing, employment, and mental health services will reduce recidivism.

The courts should be allowed to use legal criteria at any time during the supervision process to determine if a juvenile adjudicated delinquent for a predatory offense should be required to register. Residency restrictions, which have increased dramatically during the past several years, severely restrict where certain registered predatory offenders may live. These restrictions have shown no positive correlation to reduced recidivism. The research clearly demonstrates that housing instability undermines public safety and complicates community supervision.

Restoring voting rights to those in the community is a reasonable component of reintegration. While it often takes a back seat to the required basic human needs of housing and employment, it is still a vital part of citizenship.

Smart Sentencing and Supervision

Public safety can be enhanced while saving taxpayer money by continuing to revise Minnesota drug sentences to remove disparities and ineffective mandatory minimums; and understanding the collateral consequences of sentencing decisions.

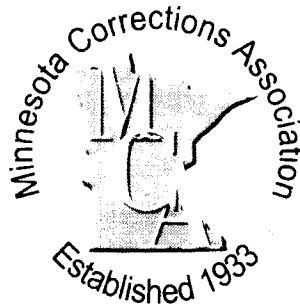
Staffing Levels

Attention to prison staffing and security technology needs is an ongoing issue statewide. Similarly, staffing and support needs in the community must be addressed to include both supervision staffing levels and to reflect the positive effects of community-based intervention, each of which decreases the need for prison expansion.

Juvenile Sentencing to Life without Parole

The U.S. Supreme Court has held that Minnesota's life without the possibility of parole statute for juveniles is unconstitutional.

- Minnesota's juvenile life without parole statute should be revised to life with the possibility of parole after serving a minimum of twenty years, and apply retroactively to the small number of juveniles currently sentenced to life without the possibility of parole.



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Membership Committee

Co-Chairs: Dan Kempf and Jenna Reuter

Mission:

To provide a current directory of members, solicit new memberships and renewals and keep a record of membership applications and fees. The Committee shall be responsible for polling the membership as directed by the Board of Directors in order to get feedback from the membership on the Association's ability to meet member needs.

Membership Goals 2018:

- Continue to promote on the MCA website and in the Forum. Notify members of current incentives to be an MCA member and continue to develop new incentives for MCA members.
- Work with the Training and Education Committee to develop more training opportunities for current MCA members and promote MCA at Trainings.
- The Membership Committee will develop new ways to recruit new members and build MCA membership base.
- The Membership Committee will connect with retired members and promote benefits for retired members.
- The Membership Committee will continue to assemble and staff the display and banner for MCA's Annual Fall Conference and future Corrections Conferences.

Throughout the last year, the Membership Committee encouraged new and old members to renew their memberships through mailings, e-mails and Corrections' Conferences. The Membership Committee continued to work with other MCA Committees to broaden membership to include all public and private agencies. The Membership Committee has worked with the Administrative Manager to ensure membership information is complete and accurate. This included helping update the E-mail list for all members in order to communicate more effectively and ensure that members receive all current information on all of MCA's activities and benefits.

There are currently 758 Members for 2018. The MCA Booth will be assembled and staffed for the Annual MCA Fall Institute.





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Nominating Committee Members:

Chair: Laura Anderson – MCF-Red Wing
Derrick Crim– Metro State University
Zachary Gahm– DOC Central Office
Steven King– Mower County Corrections
Sarah Hustad– MN DOC Central Office
Frank Jackson– MN DOC MCF Lino Lakes
Lori Korts– MN DOC Central Office
Wayne Niles– MN DOC Central Office
John Shiro– Waseca County

Report:

On Friday, March 23, 2018, the Nominating Committee met to discuss potential candidates for the 2018 Executive Board. There was 100% attendance at this committee meeting which was a first. This group did a very nice job brainstorming and working together to create a diverse list of potential candidates. These names were submitted to the Board for approval. The names were reviewed, approved and the potential candidates were contacted by the Nominating Committee. A biography and profile picture of those interested in running was requested. Over the summer months the committee collected biographies and pictures of candidates.

In August, after all the information was collected, a voting e-blast was sent to current MCA members. The votes were tallied and the winners were asked if they would accept the positions. The results will be revealed at the MCA Members Annual Business Meeting at the DECC-Lake Superior Room on Friday, October 26th. A promotional flyer was created to encourage attendance at the meeting in order to find out the results.

The following are the Executive Board Positions and the candidates who ran:

President-Elect (will serve as president in 2020): Jeff Titus (MN DOC – MCF-Rush City) Lori Korts (MN DOC – MCF-St. Cloud) & Mary Oberstar (MN DOC-Central Office)

Vice President: Wayne Niles (MN DOC-Central Office), Laura Anderson (MN DOC - MCF-Red Wing) & Brian Collins (MN DOC – Field Services)

Treasurer: Robyn Wood (Field Services – Olmsted County) & Emmy Seidling (MN DOC – MCF-Rush City)

Secretary: Kaylee Henson (Wright County Court Services), Quenilla Pettigrew (MN DOC – MCF-Faribault) & Ajibola (Bola) Olarinde (MN DOC – MCF-Lino Lakes)





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Co-Chairs: Ryan Busch, Wright County Probation
Katie Campbell, DOC-Faribault County Court Services

Committee Members:

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| Nancy Johnson | DOC-Martin County Court Services |
| Sarah Eischens | DOC-Mankato |
| Karla Henrichs | Blue Earth County Corrections |
| Dennis Karp | DFO Corrections-Olmsted County |
| Cory Felda | MCF-Stillwater |
| Jenny Guse | Blue Earth County Corrections |

The MCA Spring Workshop Committee held its Annual Spring Workshop on March 22, 2018 at the Willmar Conference Center in Willmar, MN, and the topic of our training was ***Females in the Military- We are NOT Invisible...***

There were five speakers: Bridget Cronin, Jennifer Diaz, Penny Nelson, Kimberly Dobler, and Julie Grandaw. The topics and discussions gave attendees a better understanding of the challenges our female service members face while serving in the military. Some speakers also shared their experiences as a female in the military. We learned about resources and programming available to the military and their families, such as Ars Bellum's art therapy programs and the Minnesota Women Veterans Program. 15 people and 7 vendors attended the training. We heard positive comments about the training topics, speakers, venue, and food. Our net income from this event was \$1369.00. A very special thank you to Village Ranch for their generous donation.

The MCA Spring Workshop committee is very thankful to all of the speakers, vendors, and attendees that made this training exceptional and very informative. We are thankful to have your support and could not have this training without the support of MCA.

Our committee is currently in the process of planning our 2019 Spring Workshop. We have tentatively set a date of March 21, 2019 and are considering hosting the training in St. Peter, MN. Our committee is narrowing down topics, as well as speakers. Continue to look for further details in the future on the 2019 Spring Workshop as well as further training opportunities through MCA.

Thank you to all of the committee members for your continued efforts to make these trainings a success! All your hard work is greatly appreciated!





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Student Services Committee

Chair: Melissa McCann

Committee Members:

Amanda Anthony, Ethan Bjorkland, Jana Carr-Werts, Dan Dingmann, Darryl Goebel, Mark Groves, Connie Hartwig, Justin Hosfield, Melissa Holthaus, Harriette Manis, Jenny McNeill, Nathan Miller, Robin Moes, Wendy Ortiz, Sonal Redd, Dorie Rose, Kurt Vail

Key issues and activities 2018:

Outreach:

Worked to secure college sessions with students at local colleges nearby the fall institute in order to bring information to them regarding MCA and its offerings. Outreach continues to colleges throughout the state to educate on opportunities available through MCA. This is being completed through contacts from the spreadsheet of current college contacts which was developed through the assistance of many members of this committee. This spreadsheet and related information will be located on the MCA website and will be available for students as prospective members seeking employment to view available internships and agency contacts. The goal is for this to lead to increased student membership, access to available employment agencies throughout the state and surrounding areas, training opportunities, as well as continued participation in career fairs and speaking engagements. Two spreadsheets were developed, one which included colleges and universities while the other included correctional departments and agencies. Ultimately the hope is for this to lead to increased relationships with all agencies across the state and surrounding areas.

Our speaking engagements and career fair participation continues to increase. These area outlined below.

Career Fairs/Speaking Engagements: Pending

Southeast Technical-Red Wing, MN Speaking Engagement TBD

Career Fairs/Speaking Engagements: Completed for 2018

Minnesota State University- Mankato, MN

University of Wisconsin River Falls-Speaking Engagement

Fond Du Lac Community College-Speaking Engagement

University of MN –Duluth-Speaking Engagement

University of WI –Superior-Speaking Engagement

Fall Institute:

There will be a session at the upcoming fall institute again this year for students attending the conference. This session will assist students in learning more about MCA and what it can offer to the student member. It will also focus on information regarding the fall institute. Also placement and funding for both attendance and funding for lodging was secured for interested students.

In addition, to continue supporting our outreach to outside agencies, there will be the opportunity to leave contact information for those attending the fall institute.

Committee Membership:

The committee has remained steadfast in its membership numbers at the committee is attempting to meet quarterly at DOC Central Office in person as previously the committee has met via email and phone. The first meeting was held in September 2018 and the hope is for this to continue to remain a feasible option for the committee on a quarterly basis. Other meetings will continue to occur via email.





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Technology Committee

Chair: David Heath – Arrowhead Regional Corrections IT Analyst

Committee Members:

Steve Ouradnik – Minnesota Department of Corrections
Dan Bick – Minnesota Department of Corrections (MNIT)
Dennis Doffing – Satellite Tracking of People LLC
Joseph Ventre – MN DOC ISR/CIP/CRP Agent
Jeff Schultz – Hennepin County DOCCR

Report:

Technical Work for the MCA board:

The primary projects for the board this year was:

1. Setting up a Technical booth at the 2018 MCA Conference as a resource for members to ask questions and present information that has potential value to MCA members. Our focus will this year will be Identity Theft and Security, Home Virus Protection, and displaying some of the Emerging technologies we have come across during the year.
2. Emerging Technology research: We interviewed several vendors this year in our technical meetings. These included Securus Wireless Containment Solutions, Vigilant Drone Defense systems, and local company Securonet, who wrote a Phone App for the MPLS Police Department to help secure the Super bowl. In October of this year, we hope to speak with Susteen a cell phone forensics company.
3. Product Evaluations: I did a product evaluation on Optima Micro Projectors and the MCA Board approved the purchase of 5 projectors.
4. We did a review of product information gathered at ACA Vendor show in August by one of our attending members. Some of these will be displayed in the Technical booth at the Conference.

Forum Articles:

Six technical articles were submitted to the Forum this year.

1. December 2017 Issue – Active Shooter Prevention Technologies
2. Feb. 2018 Issue – Best of 2018 Consumer Electronics Show
3. April 2018 Issue – Newer "IoT" Technology and Corrections -- Dan Bick
4. June 2018 Issue – Road Trip Phone Apps
5. August 2018 – Issue – Manual Phone Searching tips
6. October 2018 – Emergency Rescue Phone Apps

Technology committee members:

Once again we have a good cross section of technology skills and work environments within the group. Our discussions have been excellent and we hope to have enough attendance to hold a meeting most months. We have shifted into a more focused smaller group, and I am scheduling more vendor webinars and tele-conferences, in an effort to make technical meetings more relevant. Product review had an increased focus next year and will continue to do so in 2019.

We usually have 3 or 4 members that can make the committee meetings. Technical meetings are scheduled every month and we averaged just a bit over bi-monthly meetings. Others members have provided input to the technical group in other ways besides meeting attendance. Primarily in the preparation and work for the MCA Technical booth and helping with DOC vendor recommendations and evaluations. We hope to have a good informative display in the Duluth Technical booth this year with some of the technical information gathered through the course of the year.





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Chair: Lori Korts

Committee Members: April Johnson, Barb Carson, Truda Boler, Louis Dessellier, Evonn Westcott, Hailey Johnson, Latisha Cannon, Lisa Belvito, Rachel Nynas, Lori Opatz, Robyn Wood, Roxie Karellis, Laura Thielen, Lois Tucke, and Shari Hunter

After being an MCA Ad-Hoc Committee in 2017, The Victim Services Committee became an official MCA Committee after a vote of the by-laws at the October 25, 2017 MCA Members Business Meeting.

The Victim Services Committee conducted three meetings during this past year. We hope to find a space at the Annual Fall Training Institute in October.

Accomplishments:

Created a column for the FORUM to highlight victim services organizations within the community. Committee members have been submitting descriptions and logos for agencies throughout the state.

Identified conferences we may want to have a MCA booth at"

OJP (Office of Justice Programs)

MSSA

MCBW

MNATSA

Cornerstone

Attempted to get direct link to Dept. Public Service/ Office of Justice Programs provider list. Unfortunately, the link did not work, so we need to revisit this.

Submitted many training sessions related to victim issues for posting on the MCA website and Facebook page.

We doubled our committee member numbers. We look forward to better defining the direction we are going in the coming year. We would like to sponsor/host one of the monthly training sessions offered to MCA members.

