



MAPSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 15, 2013



MEMBERS PRESENT: Diana, Tara, Levi, Aaron, Ronalea, Kelly, Vicki, Amy, Jeremy (Held at Broadway Pizza)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary, Lynette

NOTES BY: Tara Rother, MAPSA Secretary



COUNTY UPDATES:

Jeremy Gallagher is starting new duties in the Domestic Violence Court Unit.

Aaron Langer is back in the building at Rice County, as they have completed the renovations in the probation office.



FINANCIAL REPORT: - Levi

We approved the March 2013 Financial Report. (No April Report due to the conference.)

Levi presented the May Financial Report. The current balance as of 05/14/13, is **\$5755.20**. Previous balance was \$4847.94. We have \$100 cash on hand. There were multiple checks written out for the conference:

\$298.72 Tara Rother (Copies)

\$29.04 Ronalea Lahti (Flowers)

\$3148.25 Mystic Lake (Balance of conference)

\$120 Amy Olson (Gift cards)

\$38.53 Diana Wilkie (Basket prize)

\$85.04 Awards of America (MAPSA Award)

\$82.20 Matthew Blissenbach (Mileage for conference- requested)

Also, \$100 to US Postal Service for mailbox rental, service charge of \$.25 and \$.75, and a deposit for \$255.

We determined our budget broke about even or will end up having a slight increase from the conference. That is great considering there were unexpected fees near the end and we worried we would fall short or use a lot of the budget! About \$260 should still be coming in for the cookie reimbursement and one vendor payment, but it appears all conference fees have been paid.

Levi collected the \$20 membership fee and Registration Forms from Nicole Schroden (Federal Probation), Diana Wilkie, Aaron Langer, Vicki Netjes, Ronalea Lahti, Levi Scheeler, Tara Rother, Amy Olson, and Jodi Hilbert(Kandiyohi County). These fees will be deposited prior to the next meeting. Please submit your check to Levi if you have not already done so.

MAPSA BOARD BUSINESS:

We discussed the conference a bit more, filling in Jeremy and Aaron on some of the details since they were unable to attend the conference.

We received 41 Feedback Evaluation Forms back from the members that attended the conference. The majority of the feedback was very positive, with only a few suggestions. It appears everyone loved the new venue and commented it was a good environment for the conference and meals together.

The overall comments noted our first speaker, Mr. Frank Del Re, was the conference favorite. Many really liked his presentation and would like to hear him speak again. This was reinforced by the number of members requesting his presentation on power point after the conference.

There were positive comments for each speaker and many noted they received good information and learned something new. We were lucky to have the Veteran's Administration send Mary Michaels in the afternoon to replace the speaker who could not attend in the morning. Matthew Blissenbach did well with his methadone presentation, and the Stearns County Domestic Violence Court speakers delivered a good presentation about how their court project is working. Two vendors from Smart Start and Midwest Monitoring also presented their products and booths. It was unfortunate we did not get to hear our closing speaker, Jillian Peterson, speak as she cancelled due to the weather issues. We will hear her speak at a separate presentation.

The vendors were a hit and it was noticed they seemed to be busy with member visits throughout the conference. Feedback noted members would like to see more vendors next time.

Other topics of interest noted for next time included: gangs, DEA, personality disorders, SWAT/Hostage Negotiations, Fugitive Apprehension, drug types and trends/addiction, interviewing skills, community engagement, pretrial services, stress/wellness in the workplace, efficiency/proficiency and Probation Training Academy, assault cases, and gambling addiction.

Negative Feedback included smoke smell in the venue, security officials not knowing where the conference room was, early start time (7:30 am), weather issues, room directions poorly marked, unknown parking location, and missing out on a major speaker presentation due to a cancellation.

Diana stated she will get in contact with Jillian to finalize a plan for her Psychopathy presentation. We decided to serve cookies and water. We will need someone to go to Costco or Sam's Club to get the snacks before the presentation. We will confirm this next meeting as well as prepare what she needs for her presentation.

We discussed Kelly Kalla's role with the website now that she has stepped down from her position as Hennepin County's Regional Representative. We decided as a Board we would like her to stay on with MAPSA as the website master. She will update and maintain the website only, but will not be attending meetings. We will need to send her exactly what we would like posted on the website from this point on. She uses Mail Chimp and Dreamweaver for the website. These products cost money so if we decide to take on the website later, we would incur costs to purchase the site hosts, etc. We asked that she stay on until December 2013 in her role and we will make a decision if we will choose a new person by that time. A check was disbursed to Kelly for \$300 for her webmaster services through December 2013.

We discussed the Board Elections and the voting procedure. Norman Meier from Hennepin County was selected to replace Kelly Kalla as the Hennepin County Region 3 Representative. He will be appointed at the next meeting.

Linnea or Jamie from Ramsey County will be appointed to replace Ronalea Lahti as the Region 6 Representative (2-year term), as Ronalea agreed to accept the Acting Vice President position.

Levi Scheeler was voted in as the Treasurer for a 2-year term.
Lynette Wellmann was voted in as Region 2 Representative for a 2-year term.
Jeremy Gallagher was voted in as Region 4 Representative for a 2-year term.
Vicki Netjes was voted in as Region 8 Representative for a 2-year term.

Regions 1, 3, 5, and 7, the Vice President, and the Secretary position will be open for election next year in 2014.
Aaron Langer affirmed his interest in staying on with MAPSA through next year (Region 1)
Norman Meier will replace Kelly Kalla as the Region 3 Representative until next year's election.
Region 5 and Region 7 are still open.
Ronalea Lahti will remain the Acting Vice President until the election next year.
Tara Rother will remain the Secretary until the election next year.

15 Nomination Ballots were returned at the 2013 Conference. There were no opposing votes for any other Region Members or Treasurer. The President position received a few nominations to consider: Amy Olson, Gary Smith, Jeremy Gallagher, Patrick Guernsey, and Dusty Blankenship. None of the candidates aside from Amy expressed interest in serving as the elected President of MAPSA.

A low turnout of 7 Voting Ballots were received back from the membership after election voting was officially closed for the positions. All current MAPSA Board members were re-elected and there were no write-in opposing votes for the President.

After some consideration, Amy Olson accepted the position of MAPSA President, but noted due to her schedule and work duties, she will need everyone's consistent participation to support the needs of the organization.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AND OUTREACH:

Char Applewick from Duluth expressed some interest in returning to MAPSA. She was a prior Region Representative.

Member Amy Hertzog asked a Rep if the meetings were open to attend and will be told they are.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Mystic Lake will be the venue for the 2014 Conference. We will need to confirm a time/date for the conference as soon as possible to get our choice of dates. It is never too early to start planning!



NEWSLETTER:

Amy will be working on the Spring/Summer Newsletter. Please send her articles of interest. We have not determined if Amy will continue working on the Newsletter now that she has taken over the role of President. We will discuss this further. No one expressed an interest in the Newsletter duties at this meeting.



IMPORTANT MEETING REMINDER

**WEDNESDAY JULY 10, 2013
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
SEWARD PROBATION OFFICE**