



MAPSA MATTERS

Summer 2014

Letter from the MAPSA President

Greetings MAPSA Members,

This time of year tends to be busy with BBQs, cabins, camping, summer vacations and the list goes on. I hope you were able to take some time off work and enjoy the summer weather.

MAPSA held its annual conference on May 1st, 2014 at the Mystic Lake Casino and luckily not in a snowstorm this year. The MAPSA board was thrilled with the turnout and I wanted to thank all of the members who attended; the board for planning the conference and to the speakers and vendors for their participation. We received excellent feedback from members on the speakers and venue. Detective Brian Hill ended the conference with a training on Electronic Stalking. Please contact your regional representative if you have other training topics you are interested in.

Your board has been busy planning fall training and working with NAPSA to strengthen our pretrial services in Minnesota. We are excited for the task ahead and hope to be a valuable resource for our members and all counties and agencies in Minnesota.

The board continues to meet one time a month and we invite members to attend the meetings.

MAPSA welcomed two new board members this summer: Cindy Miller from Operation De Novo will be our Region III Representative and Dan Bartlett from Arrowhead Regional Corrections will be our Region V Representative. The board was also pleased to have Dan Ryan attend the last meeting as an active member. He has a great deal of experience working with the Justice Solutions Group, PJI, National Institute of Corrections, Office of Justice Programs and several other agencies. He was also awarded the Ennis J. Olgiate Award from NAPSA in 1988. He will be able to provide a great deal of knowledge and experience to MAPSA. Regions VI and VII are currently open; please contact a MAPSA representative if you are interested in becoming a board member.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and I hope to see you in 2014.

Amy Olson

MAPSA President

Financial Report:

April 2014: \$4227.01

May 2014: \$4956.96

July 2014: \$5943.47

2014 CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



**KAREN ALTMAN
MINNESOTA MONITORING**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS WINNER:
DIANA WILKE**



Congratulations to Diana! The award was presented to her at the 2014 MAPSA Annual Conference.

Diana was a charter member of MAPSA in 1995. She served as Conference Chairperson from 1995-1999 & 2007-2012, Vice President from 2007-2011, and President from 2011-2013. Diana currently works for the Hennepin County Public Defender's Office as a Disposition Advisor Supervisor.



**BECCA STICKNEY
MN AIDS PROJECT**



**CHERISE FANNO BURDEEN
NAPSA PRESIDENT**



**AMY OLSON
MAPSA PRESIDENT**



Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week

July 13 thru 19, 2014, was recognized as Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision week. It's a week to commemorate the important work done by community corrections keeping our communities safe. Community corrections professionals are in a unique position to make a real difference in people's lives.

Pretrial services programs have the unique responsibility of being the gateway to the criminal justice system. Pretrial services professionals are often the defendant's first encounter with community based supervision. A successful encounter early at the front end is paramount to giving the system a positive face and assuring due process. Pretrial services programs make release/detention recommendations and supervise individuals involved in the criminal justice system

prior to adjudication. An estimated 300 jurisdictions including the Federal system have some kind of pretrial services program.

Today, in America there are over 5 million adults on community supervision and most of these individuals are monitored by pretrial, probation and parole officers.

There has never been a more exciting time to be pretrial practitioner as we move forward as a profession implementing solutions to improve the criminal justice system on the front end. There is a national movement where the criminal justice system recognizes the importance of moving from a resource-based to risk-based process. Providing additional and more data driven information whereby more informed decisions at made at each phase of the pretrial process from first contact with law enforcement through adjudication.

<http://www.napsa.org/Presentation/NAPSA%20July%202014%20Eblast.pdf>

42nd Annual NAPSA Conference: September 7-9th Denver, Colorado

The conference is being held at the Hyatt Regency in Denver. The theme is "Taking Pretrial to New Heights: The focus of the general sessions will be: The Colorado Story, Smarter Justice – The Smart Pretrial Demonstration Initiative, The 30th Anniversary of the Bail Reform Act, and Partners in Pretrial Reform.



National Sheriffs' Conference Votes No on Commercial Bail Bonds Resolution

By Gilliam County Sheriff Gary Bettencourt, President, Oregon State Sheriffs' Association
Ada County Sheriff Gary Raney, Ada County, Idaho
Newport News Sheriff Gabe Morgan, City of Newport News, Virginia
Executive Director, Colorado Department of Public Safety Stan Hilkey, former Mesa County Sheriff

(Fort Worth, TX) – Lobbyists for the for-profit bail system hoped the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) would pass a Resolution in 2014 endorsing their industry. It was on the agenda last month at the NSA Summer Conference in Fort Worth. But the NSA "Jail, Detention and Corrections Committee" unanimously voted to oppose the for-profit bail system Resolutions, one of which ended with NSA "...recognizes and endorses the indispensable value of the commercial surety bail system to the criminal justice system." In 2012, when NSA unanimously voted to recognize the contribution of pretrial services agencies to enhance public safety, it joined a dozen or so other national organizations representing criminal justice system policy makers who are working together to push for better pretrial outcomes at lower costs to taxpayers.

The for-profit bail system's lobbying of the NSA started in January during the 2014 NSA Winter Conference in Washington, DC in the Committee's meeting. PJI Board Chair and Ada

County Sheriff Gary Raney (Idaho), former Mesa County (Colorado) Sheriff Stan Hilkey (now Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety), and Oregon State Sheriffs' Association General Manager Darrell Fuller objected to the Resolutions along with others observing the committee's deliberations.



As a result, the proposed Resolutions were tabled until last week's NSA Summer Conference. As the summer conference neared, Sheriffs Raney and Hilkey and GM Darrell Fuller worked with like-minded Sheriffs to build a strong coalition opposed to NSA endorsing the for-profit bail system. Simultaneously, Oregon Sheriffs initiated a more visible campaign against the Resolutions. Text of their email to Summer Conference attendees is below. Oregon, Illinois, Kentucky and Wisconsin are four states that have eliminated their for-profit bail system.

Meet the Board: Jeremy Gallagher

What is your current position and where do you work?

I am currently an agent with the Stearns County Domestic Violence for Stearns County Community Corrections and work very closely with our County Attorney's office and the Court to provide intensive supervision for felony level domestic abusers.



How long have you been involved in MAPSA and what is your role?

I have been with MAPSA for approximately two years and I am the region #4 representative. My role is to spread the good news about pretrial reform and standards within the region I represent. Last year I led some of my fellow MAPSA members on a pilgrimage around Minnesota to provide trainings on pretrial standards and best practices.

Where did you go to college and what is your background in corrections?

I attended college at Minnesota State University-Moorhead when it was called Moorhead State University and I earned a bachelors degree in social work in 2001. I started working at a program offered by Lutheran Social Services called Attendant Care in Fargo, North Dakota while I was in college. The program was a temporary holdover site for juvenile status offenders. It was in the same building as the Cass County Juvenile Court so I was easily able to get an internship working with juvenile probation officers. After graduating college, I briefly worked in residential programming for juvenile offenders before getting a juvenile probation job with the South Dakota Department of Corrections in Sisseton, South Dakota. I worked for the South Dakota Department of Corrections for three years before I was hired by Stearns County Community Corrections where I have been for eight years. Out of the eight years I have worked with Stearns County, I spent approximately half of that time doing pretrial supervision which is why I was interested in joining the MAPSA board.

What is your least favorite thing about Summer in Minnesota?

I dislike Minnesota summers because they are too short and usually too hot.

If you won the lottery tomorrow, where would we find you a year from now?

If I won the lottery, you would find me somewhere near the ocean where the temperature is between 70-80 degrees all year round.

What do you enjoy most about working in the field of corrections?

Being a probation officer allows me to be on the front lines of intervening in the bad choices and bad habits of the offenders I supervise when they are at their worst and although sometimes it doesn't make a difference, sometimes it does and that is the part of the job that I would do for free. Sometimes people have a hard time believing that I have seen several offenders that I supervise in Domestic Violence Court make significant changes in their lives and that is the part of the job that I love. I also have several co-workers that I truly enjoy working with and am inspired by their hard work and dedication to the work that they do.