

# Letter from the President

Happy summer to all!

This is the inaugural voyage of a President's Letter from your new MJPS President Dustin Naumann (Mille Lacs). I am very excited to be working with and for an extremely creative, collaborative, and dedicated membership. This is my third year on the board and it has been a fantastic ride working with these great folks. Just a quick background on myself, I have worked for Mille Lacs County for 16 years. The first six years I worked as a Correctional Officer and the last 10 years I have been the Program Coordinator. (Yes I received my coin this year. Woohoo!) I took over for the legendary Bob Hoheisel for those of you with some years under your belts.

The Spring Conference always does an excellent job of wrapping up our "year" and this one did not disappoint. Out-going board member Roger Edwardson (Kandiyohi) did a fantastic job working with everyone to get this lined up and executed. Tom Wells (MSA) is the conference guru and we appreciate all of his help and leadership he provides. The board will continue to look for the most relevant and impactful speakers for us to bring information back to our facilities. Ruttger's was a gracious host providing excellent food, staff and accommodations. Thanks to everyone that had a hand in pulling off a great three day conference!

New board members were selected at the Spring Conference as we welcome Jim Watt (Meeker) and Nicole Torgrimson (Douglas). New perspectives and ideas are always welcome and these two will be great. New positions were selected with Denise Eichten (Washington) Vice-President, Nicole Torgrimson (Douglas)

Secretary/Historian, Noelle Flesher (Wright) Training Officer, Kelsey Knops (Dakota) Resource Officer, Jim Watt (Meeker) Publications Officer, and Mary Davidson (Mower) Past-President. We cannot forget to give our thanks to Roger Edwardson (Kandiyohi) and Janet Adams (Goodhue) for their hard-work and dedication over the past few years on the board. Best of luck and have fun in retirement Janet!

The planning of the Fall Conference was handed off to the new Resource Officer Kelsey (Dakota) and she has hit the ground running. Anoka Co. volunteered to be the host for the day and have a great facility to handle the duties. Speakers are being contacted and exact date is being finalized. Please plan on attending this great one day training.

Enjoy your summer and we'll see you this fall in Anoka Co.,

Dustin Naumann, MJPS President

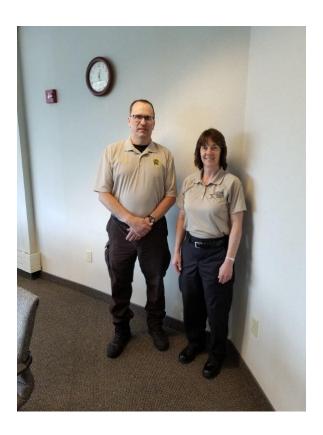






# MJPS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thank you to the outgoing board members Janet Adams (Goodhue Co.) and Roger Edwardson (Kandiyohi Co.)! Your service to the MJPS is appreciated.



## **Execute Board Meeting Dates**

August 20, 2019 at 11:00am November 12, 2019 at 11:00am January 21, 2020 at 11:00am March 24, 2020 at 11:00am

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All members welcome!

Congratulations to the new board members!

Nicole Torgrimson, Douglas Co. Jim Watt, Meeker Co.

Janet Adams, Goodhue County

Janet Adams retired from Goodhue County in June 2019. She served as the At Large Board Member for the past year and was an integral part of the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office for nearly 30 years. She and her husband recently moved to Faribault and she is looking forward to embarking on a new adventure at Luther Seminary. We'll miss you, Janet!



# MJPS SPRING CONFERENCE "EXCEEDING THE VISION" APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> – MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2019



Dave Grant Program of the Year Award

Congratulations to Douglas County for receiving the Dave Grant Award for their Parenting with Resilience program.

Kay Siebrass Program of the Year Award

Congratulations to Mower County for winning the Kay Siebrass Program of the Year award for Recovery is Happening.





Dr. Jody Janati presented on Drama-Free Communications in the workplace.

Her energy and charisma filled the room with laughter and knowledge.

A presentation on sex trafficking in MN by Imran Ali from the Washington County Attorney's Office proved popular. He provided information on how to identify and assist trafficking victims in jails.





Hannah Purdy, Mental Health Coordinator at Dakota County Jail, presented on the Peer Support Program that she implemented last year and gave advice to other counties interested in establishing their own peer support programs.

Former police officer Mike Kutzke closed the conference with a training on building resiliency and how to develop the tools for a successful future.

Fall Conference tentative date is 10/15/2019 in Anoka County. Details to follow!



## **MJPS FORUM**

The goal of the forum is to provide a place to collect feedback on various topics relating to jail programs and services so that we can all benefit from our collective knowledge and avoid reinventing the wheel on the most effective policies, procedures and practices in our field.

We are setting up a "Programmer's 101" area that will include forms, contact lists, and other useful information pertaining to jail programs. Please consider sharing some of your great work with and for others.

#### How to Use the Forum

General Discussion

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Subject

As of last October, the MJPS forum is available on the MSA website at www.mnsheriffs.org. Navigate to the Divisions of the MSA section on the left sides and select MN Jail Programs and Services. Click on the MJPS Forum to view the discussion board.

At the top you will be able to login or register if it is your first time posting to the board.



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