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Letter from the President


Greetings Programmers,

The unofficial start to summer has kicked off with a record-breaking heat wave and while Minnesotans are usually eager for the sunshine and warmth, this might have been a bit excessive, even for us. With a change in the season has also come a change to many of the restrictions and ways of life we got acclimated to with a pandemic the last year and a half. While the loosening of restrictions brings some relief and eagerness to get back to our usual way of doing business, there will still be plenty to sort out in the way we do jail programs. While the return of many of our volunteers and program facilitators to our facilities will bring back a much missed energy, we may find there are some things we never go back to; having found new ways to utilize our resources and technology.

One of the things we are undoubtedly looking forward to however is getting back to an in-person conference. The online spring conference was a great way to stay in touch with programs, but we're excited to see real faces at Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort, October 18th-20th. The conference line-up is coming along nicely, and we are excited to introduce some new programming ideas and opportunities to connect and learn from one another as usual.

Stay safe, enjoy your summer, and I'll see you in the fall!

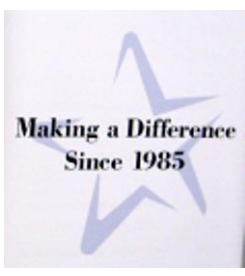
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MJPS FALL CONFERENCE 2021

OCT 18TH- OCT 20TH 2021.

CHECK THE MSA WEBSITE FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS!

Save the Date for the MJPS Fall Conference:

Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge: 25039 Tame Fish Lake Road Deerwood, Minnesota 56444

October 18 – 20, 2021

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 2021 MJPS Conference Agenda. (Link not yet available.)

ONLINE Registration

[CLICK HERE](#) to register online either for the full Fall Conference. (Link not yet available.)

You may either pay with a credit card or by check (by selecting “Mail My Check”). Once your online registration is completed, you will receive two emails:

1. A confirmation email and
2. Either a receipt for your credit card or an invoice to submit for payment so a check may be mailed in. This is the only invoice you will receive.

Online Registration is the MSA preferred registration method.

(You may also go directly to the MSA Events page to register for any MSA events.)

PAPER REGISTRATION:

[CLICK HERE](#) for Registration Form to email or fax in. (Link not yet available.)

There is still time to nominate someone for these awards!

For the Kay Siebrass Program of the Year Award, [CLICK HERE](#) for the criteria and nomination form.

For the Dave Grant Program of the Year Award, [CLICK HERE](#) for the criteria and nomination form.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2020

Via Zoom

Attendees: Dustin Naumann (Mille Lacs), Jim Watt (Meeker), Kalie Drinkman (Polk), Cindy Fowler (Steele), Nicole Torgrimson (Douglas), Tom Wells (MSA)

Absent: Kelsey Demmert (Dakota) Noelle Flesher (Wright)

Call to order

Old Business: Meeting Minutes from April 27, 21 were approved.

New Business:

MSA offices will be open for business/meetings as of July 12. It was decided to continue MJPS Board meetings via zoom since so many would be coming from quite a distance.

Jim is still waiting for a couple items but should have the MJPS newsletter out to everyone in the next week or so.

The Sheriffs just had their annual training conference last week; first MSA in-person conference since December of 2019. They had a great vendor show with 78 that showed and around 10 that had to be turned away due to space restrictions. Many vendors were asking about coming to the MJPS conference.

Kalie Drinkman and Nicole Torgrimson will represent the MJPS Board at the 2021 Jail Administrator's Conference at Craguns in September.

2021 Fall Conference Planning:

Itinerary: Speakers are locked in. Still looking for topics for the Programmer to Programmer.

Program Awards: It will be mentioned in the newsletter but since we have several months yet we will wait for official announcement asking for program award nominations.

Fall Conference 2021 will be at Ruttger's on Bay Lake October 18 - 20.

Next Executive Board Meetings: TBD via Zoom



As Jail Programmers, we know the impact that one person can make on the lives of those in custody. The right word, spoken at the right moment, in just the right way, can penetrate even the toughest exterior. The Dakota County Jail recently experienced the loss of one of our program facilitators who had a gift for doing exactly that. Ron Reed passed away early this month after battling cancer. He was a consistent and impactful presence in our facility for ten years. During that time, he facilitated Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT), a cognitive behavioral intervention program that allowed participants to explore their decision making by confronting their beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors and had also began facilitating Decision Points. Ron had a unique and authentic way of connecting with the individuals in his program; known for saying what needed to be said, even if it ruffled some feathers. Whenever we asked those in custody which programs at the Dakota County Jail were most impactful, it was MRT and Ron Reed that we heard over and over again. We tried to calculate the number of men in our facility that his program reached and we know it climbed well into the hundreds over the years. Sergeant Jake Schak reflected on Ron's impact, "[his] ability to transform any environment into a classroom of transformation will be missed. We want to express our deepest sympathy to the Reed family and friends." The staff at the Dakota County Jail will miss your partnership and your absence will undoubtedly be felt for years to come. It was a pleasure to know you.

In every endeavor, people make the difference, and just one person has the power to make a profound difference in the lives of so many people. – Lowell Milken

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.



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Anderson Press Rele

Our thoughts go out to Olmsted County.



Congrats to Nicolle Torgrimson! Latest ICLD graduate!

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

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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