

# MAPSA MATTERS

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## **Important Dates:**

### **March 28, 2008**

Scholarship applications and award nominations are due

### **April 4, 2008**

Conference registration is due

### **April 17, 2008**

MAPSA Conference!

## **Enough already with this cold, windy, and too long winter!**

In the spirit of "sick of winter" we are gearing up for the upcoming MAPSA Conference. The Conference will be held at the Historic Landmark Center in Saint Paul, Minnesota on Thursday April 17, 2008.

We also invite you to join us for an informal happy hour at the Great Waters Brewery immediately following the conference, so mark your calendars.

More information to follow so watch your emails and mailboxes in the next few weeks!

Hope to see you all there,

The MAPSA Board



# President's Letter

Hello Friends of MAPSA,

Now that the coldest part of our Minnesota winter is behind us (we all hope), it's that time again to look forward to the Annual MAPSA Conference being held on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The MAPSA Board is working very hard to make sure that we have a quality training event again this year, and we're hoping that everyone will be able to take some helpful information and skills back to their jobs. Even though it's a lot of hard work, it's also a very exciting time and we try to have fun at the same time.

At this time, I'd also like to invite anyone from our membership to run to be on the Board of Directors. The only qualification needed is to commit to give it your best. You wouldn't be promising to be perfect, but only to try to represent your region and keep in touch with other pretrial professionals and bring their issues forward. Being a member of a Board is a great way to get better acquainted with the field of Pretrial, and you would meet some incredible and committed volunteers. It's also a great place to network and find out about other professional opportunities. We try to balance work with fun, and I know being on the Board has made me appreciate much more than just my job at Operation de Novo.

This also is an important time for us because our State Senators and Representatives are back in session in St. Paul. As has been the case in past years, we expect that the Crime Bill will again be addressing issues that are important to us in the Pretrial field, especially in this exciting election year. In closing, I ask you to consider increasing your involvement with MAPSA, and get educated about all the political races going on around the country. It's going to be a very interesting Summer and Fall. I hope to see you at the conference in April!!

Thanks,

Your MAPSA President, Tim Gothmann

## **This just in: Win a Scholarship to the 2008 MAPSA Conference!**

This year the MAPSA Board has decided to give away one scholarship per region to cover the registration cost of attending the 2008 MAPSA Conference. Applications materials will be emailed shortly and will also be available on our website. Applicants need not work in Pretrial Services but must be dedicated to promoting and improving Pretrial Services in their respective areas.



## **Nominations now being accepted for the 2007 Board of Director's Award!**



We are currently accepting nominations for the 2007 Board of Director's Award. This award will be given to a person or program who has demonstrated outstanding dedication and professionalism in the field of diversion, pretrial screening or pretrial services. Nomination forms will be emailed next week and will also be available on our website at [www.mapsa.us](http://www.mapsa.us).



This years Conference topics will include: cultural compen-  
tency, collateral consequences, working with informants and  
drug testing methods. We also honored to welcome the Presi-  
dent of NAPSA, Michelle Brown who will be giving our opening  
presentation.

This year promises to be yet another exciting conference  
brought to you by the MAPSA Board and we will look forward  
to having you all there!

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