

MAPSA MATTERS

Les Schultz, Editor

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Dear MAPSA Members,

Our 9th annual conference is just around the corner and so is the end of my second term as President. I will not be seeking a third term and so this will be my last President's letter.

My history with MAPSA goes back nine years. I was involved in starting the Association and I remember fondly all the planning and strategizing sessions and our ultimate success when we filed the papers with the state to incorporate and then held the first MAPSA conference. It was a very exciting and rewarding experience. At the first conference, I was elected as MAPSA's first Vice President and I served in that position for five years until I was elected President for two terms. Serving on the MAPSA board has been a very enriching experience for me, both personally and professionally and I want to thank all of you for allowing me this opportunity. I also want to thank all the board members, past and present, for their support and hard work on behalf of MAPSA. These past nine years have truly been a group effort and many, many people have contributed time and resources to making MAPSA what it is today. I will continue to remain involved with MAPSA and I will be supportive in any way I can.

I hope each of you will continue to do so as well. The services and options that we provide through pretrial services are critical to maintaining a criminal justice system that is truly just and fair. And so MAPSA needs each and every one of us to do our part and to support the mission of pretrial services. I hope to see many of you at the conference and I look forward to continuing to work with all of you in the future.

Sincerely,

Mary Pat Maher
MAPSA President



9TH ANNUAL MAPSA CONFERENCE

**APRIL 14, 2005
LANDMARK CENTER,
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**



Training sessions include:

**How to Conduct Bail Studies 101
How to Work with the Homeless
Legislative Updates
Terrorism
Immigration
Drug Trends**

Registrations
Due April 7,
2005

Copy this website for the link for the full conference brochure:

www.mncorrections.org/mapsa

ELECTIONS AT THE CONFERENCE INCLUDE:

- ~PRESIDENT ELECT (2 YEAR TERM)
- ~TREASURER (2 YEAR TERM)
- ~REPRESENTATIVES 2, 4, 6 and 8

To locate your District, click here:

<http://www.mncorrections.org/mapsa/regions.html>

Nominations will be held at the Annual Conference, April 14, 2005 with voting to happen after the conference by mail.



FAST FACTS PRISONERS IN 2003

The total number of prisoners under the jurisdiction of Federal or State adult correctional authorities was 1,470,045 at yearend 2003. Overall in 2003, the nations prison population grew 2.1 percent which was less than the average annual growth of 3.4 percent. The numbers breakdown as follows:

- 1,387,848 Federal and State Prisons
- 16,494 Territorial Prisons
- 693,301 Local Jails
- 10,323 Bureau of Immigration
- 2,165 Military Prisons
- 2,006 Jails in Indian Country
- 102,338 Juvenile Facilities

Minnesota has 155 inmates per 100,000 population which is a 10.3 percent increase over 2002.

Information by Les Schultz, MACPO Editor along with information from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, November, 2004

MAPSA'S Finances:

Current Financial Information as of
March, 2005: \$4,979.13



OUR CURRENT
MEMBERSHIP

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www.mncorrections.org/mapsa



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Region VIII:	Open Central Eastern MN (see President if interested)		

MAPSA'S 2005 Legislative Platform

The Minnesota Association of Pretrial Service Agencies was chartered in 1996. M.A.P.S.A. is affiliated with, and subscribes to the standards of, the National Association of Pretrial Service Agencies. M.A.P.S.A. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement of Pretrial Services throughout Minnesota.

MAPSA:

Supports the development of Pretrial Services statewide

Supports Pretrial Release Evaluations statewide, Supervised Pretrial Release, and Diversion

Supports Consistency in Pretrial Practices and Policies statewide

Supports the Concept of secured and unsecured bond, administered solely by the Courts

Supports the concept of Preventative Detention, in certain egregious circumstances