



MCA FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 14 2023

State Services for the Blind

Attendance:

Mark Groves	P	Patricia Gerbozy	P
Mark Bliven	A	Dan Besser	P
Jane Schmid	P	Kari Boser	P
Laura Anderson	P	Wayne Niles	A
Latonya Reeves	P	Carter Diers	P
Robyn Wood	A	Lori Quist	A
Debbie Beltz	P	JoAnn Brown	P
Laura Thielen	P	Shannon Olean	P
Calvin Saari	P	Mary Cardinal	P
Shannon Fette	A	Melissa McCann	P
Amy Moeckel	A	Ron Solheid	P
Dan Raden	A	Roman George	A
Marlin Meszaros	P	Jason Mereness	P
Jamie Rigling	A	Becki Erickson	P

Call to Order: 11:36 AM by President Groves

Introductions for new members

Guests: Gail M.

Secretary's Report: Latonya Reeves

- Motion to approve meeting minutes for August 2023
 - 1st-Latonya
 - 2ndJane
 - Remove Gail - she has stepped down from the Education and Training Committee at this time.
 - Motion approved by all 11:41 am

Treasurer's Report: Robyn Wood (Given by Deb)

- \$338,081.11 current balance
- \$40k more than last month
- Approval of June, July and August 2023 financials needed
- 32k came in from the DOC, not included in the minutes.
 - Lots of people applied by separate means, through their departments and through the trainer allotted spots.
 - Deb is working with Belinda at the DOC central office to coordinate attendees.
- Motion to approve—Mary, seconded by Laura
 - Unanimous approval 11:44 am

President's Report/ MCA Liaison Report: Mark Groves

1. August 15: I participated in the Pension Stakeholder Meeting with GRS (Actuary Firm).

2. September 5: I attended the community supports committee meeting. Here are the notes from Holly VanPelt:

- a. As a few of us met this morning and we reflected on the momentum of planning that day of training and the unfortunate events that lead to it being cancelled. I feel we are still struggling to find our next challenge/goal that we can put our heads together to figure out. With that said we really need to find our purpose and intention as we move forward.
 - i. What does MCA, as a whole, want us to focus on? Does our committee have a clear purpose?
 - ii. A few suggestions if these topics fit for our purpose:
 - streamline process for volunteers/treatment providers to access jails. Statewide? Regionally?
 - Recently a juvenile resource list was updated. Should we work on one for adults?
 - MRRA and its impacts (other legislative changing impacting our work?)
 - Invite resources to present to our committee to build relationships/network but also compile list/share resources with our network.
 - What else?

Our next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 9am-10am.

3. I have invited the leadership of MACPO, MACCAC and MARRCH to stand by my side and provide an (5-minute each) introduction of themselves, the respective organizations they represent and their partnership with MCA, during my president MCA Annual Training Institute kickoff on 10/25.

The idea being to demonstrate our commitment to moving our professions forward and the initiatives, work we've partnered this year. I want to "showcase" them at our event: a show of solidarity and the work I've done establishing and nurturing our relationships with others.

President Elect--Carter Diers

- Will be calling board members to get more info and input into direction, goals and focus.
- Excited and nervous to take on his president's term.
- "We shall see" how much trouble he can get into 😊
- Contracted with GRS, connected with other groups as well
- They are figuring out the run of 60 years old, 30 years in.
 - How much would this cost?
 - Monthly deductions?
 - Paid for two runs when it comes to the data?
 - MACPO—not sure of the amount that they will pay. Does not have the amount yet
 - This could be up for a vote with the legislature as soon as next spring.
 - The hope is to not use state dollars, but if we need to, will slow down the process.
 - Funding essentially will come from staff.
 - How many people will take advantage of this.
 - Includes everyone in the profession—all but institutions (who have access to the 55 year old retirement). Does not include support staff at this time
 - Look at putting support staff into this.

Past President Report: Jane Schmid

- 90th Anniversary Planning
 - Have a few more award winners than usual
 - Met in person
 - 18 nominations received for our awards ceremony.
 - Trinkets and mugs ordered
 - Memorabilia book
 - Updating MCA timeline

Corrections Person of the Year

Joseph Arvidson – Ramsey County Community Corrections

Corrections Officer of the Year

Paige Pieschke – Corrections Officer, Scott County Jail
Heather J. Hansen – Corrections Officer II, MCF-Togo

Professional Achievement (Field Services)

Erik Ness – Career Corrections Agent, DOC
Tim Haug – Corrections Agent, Cass County Probation

Professional Achievement (Corrections Facility)
Brady Hartmann – Corrections Lieutenant, MCF- Shakopee

President's Award
All Square – Emily Hunt Turner, CEO

Technology Award
Nichole Vee – Case Manager, MCF- Oak Park Heights

Board of Directors Award
Erica Fauchald – Kitchen Supervisor, Northwestern MN Juvenile Center

Vice President's Report: Laura Anderson

- Safety Committee---looking at options and logistics
 - Continue as own committee or merge with another

Administrative Report/: Debbie Beltz

- Has her hands in a lot of things
- Jackets available to view and order
- Email for scholarships for students—email blast
- 375 people total with exhibitors
 - 312 members registered—went up four since this morning
- Membership numbers keep going up.
- MCA has a booth at the resource fair---Mark G will staff it. Jane will also help
 - Sign up for membership to the committees
 - Jason brought up ideas to use instead of clipboards

MACPO—not present

Adult Justice/ Legislative Liaison Report: Mary Cardinal/Mark Bliven –Cal Saari

- Staffing issues effecting corrections
- Working with legislators—confirmed from 4-- Feist, Witte, Novotny, McEwen
- Waiting to hear from a few others to get confirmation.
- Working on legislative agenda

Annual Conference—Becki Erickson/Dan Besser

- Setting up site visits for next year's conference.
- 2024—Mankato
- Discussion on logistics---photographer, app, push notifications (140 characters or less).
- Jane will work on a notification to be sent out about the awards ceremony
- Sponsorship received by 3M
- Reached out to unions, universities
- Need help on C-Vent—will reach out to Jason and Tech Committee
- Got the lanyards—MCA Trailblazer

- Wants to take lots of pictures. Will make a google photos log.
- Registration discussion—scheduling now and in the future. What does the event days look like?
- Will put together a schedule that is needed so that board members can sign up

Education/Training Report: Patricia Gerbozy

- Working on November and December training
- Reaching out to collaborative partners
 - Richard Moldenhauer—reached out to him.
- HRU may be doing training regarding Cannabis.
- Contacted Dan M on the lifer panel to see what they are working on.
- Mark Groves—Ethics and Boundaries training?
- Juveniles—workshop?
- Maybe doing a couple in-person trainings per year? Continue to explore the options

Membership: Jamie Rigling (absent) and Marlin

- 168 new members in the last 30 days
- 975 members
- 98 lapsed

Communications Report: Laura Thielen

- Facebook, Instagram, Twitter active
- Started posting yesterday
- Joinmca.mn ----Instagram
- Minnesota Corrections Association—Facebook

Juvenile Justice Report: Kari Boser

- Meeting this afternoon in conjunction with the legislative committee.

Nominating Committee: Roman George (absent)

- Getting bio's and pics

Safety Committee: Wayne Niles (Absent)

Silver Line Support Committee: Lori Quist

Sponsorship Committee: Shannon O, JoAnn B—

- 23 sponsors, 1 ex, 1 diamond, etc
- Different sponsors for events at the conference
- Still working on additional sponsors.

Student Services Metro Committee: Melissa McCann

- Submitted in the chat:

- “I am working with Debbie to forward out the Fall Institute scholarship, Debbie will be sending out to membership in hopes of interns etc from our membership to attend. I have reached out to five of the local colleges but haven't gotten much response. Rebecca, let me know who you have contacted, we can connect on this. I will continue to push now that school is in active session. Due date for the scholarship for college students is due soon. We will be processing this for announcement in fall.

Spring Workshop Committee: Ron Solheid and Mark Groves
Community Supports-Ron Solheid

- Looking to rebrand the focus of the group
- MRRA—implications discussion
- Community organizations can also be a part of this discussion.
- Prosecutor resentencing law---Choi is looking at this (Ramsey Co).
 - Have discretion on this
 - CoC can request a review, along with the prosecutor or the supervising agent. SA may be concerning due to clients asking why they were not chosen for this.

Technology Committee: Jason Mereness

- Working on a lot of pieces for the conference
- Sept 26 10:45-12:15—session on technology at the conference.
- Actively helping to build a new website
- Loop Communications into the conversation. They are meeting on Monday. Invited Laura to join them.

New Business: None

Action Items: None

Motion to adjourn 1:13 pm by Latonya seconded by JoAnn

Next Board Meeting: Annual Board Meeting 10/27/23 in Duluth.

Respectfully submitted,

Latonya T. Reeves
MCA Secretary