



# MACPOST

## Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers

### From the President

Spring 2010

Dear MACPO Members and Associates,

We are now making our final preparations for the upcoming MACPO Spring Conference, which will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This will be our 53<sup>rd</sup> year of gathering and collaborating with members, associates and vendors from across Minnesota and the Midwest region! In addition, many of our committee representatives continue to work on a number of important issues related to improving probation-related services, programs and our technology resources. This spring we have been working with our elected leaders, and carefully monitoring legislative activities and preparing for ongoing changes in our field, while balancing prudent budgets. To learn more about our activities and meet dedicated probation and corrections professionals, please plan to attend the MACPO Spring Conference this May. Registration and conference information can be found at:

[www.macpo.org](http://www.macpo.org).

If you are interested expanding your knowledge about MACPO and county probation officers (CPO) and agencies in Minnesota, or perhaps plan on joining our organization this year, please contact one of our Executive Board members via the link to our web site listed above. Thanks for your interest and support, and for serving with us as **"A Force for Positive Change!"** (MACPO is an affiliate member of APPA)

**John A. Klavins**  
MACPO President



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MACPO President

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### 53rd Annual MACPO Spring Conference

May 26th & May 27th , 2010  
Breezy Point Resort

Click on the links below for more  
information

[Conference Brochure](#)

[Speaker Highlights](#)

[Breezy Point Registration Form](#)  
(Lodging & Meals)

[Conference Registration \\* ONLINE \\*](#)

[Vender Registration](#)  
Print and mail form to register

# 2010 OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization Making Connections

May 26- 28, 2010 | Cragun's Conference Center, Brainerd

The Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is pleased to sponsor the 2010 OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization: Making Connections. This year's conference will be held May 26- May 28, 2010, at Cragun's Conference Center in Brainerd, Minnesota.

OJP provides leadership and resources to reduce crime in Minnesota, improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, and assist crime victims. Crime and victimization greatly undermine the quality of life in Minnesota communities. This event brings professionals together to review current research, improve skills, share information, and network with peers. The conference will allow participants an opportunity to discuss and strategize ways to address long-standing barriers to providing high quality services. Through efforts to form multi-disciplinary approaches and to explore the root causes of these issues, we can work together to combat the cycle of violence, crime, and victimization.

The 2010 Dr. William Kosiak Memorial Award and the Distinguished Service Award will be presented at the conference. The Kosiak Memorial Award recognizes exceptional service to crime victims by a volunteer, while the Distinguished Service Award acknowledges outstanding service to crime victims by a paid professional.

OJP provides scholarship opportunities for eligible participants to attend the conference. Scholarship categories include individual victim service provider and victims/survivors, criminal justice, student, and immigrant professionals.

American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry

[AAAP 21st Annual Meeting and Symposium](#)

December 2-5, 2010

Boca Raton Resort & Club

Boca Raton, FL, USA



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# Girls Study Group--Charting the Way to Delinquency Prevention for Girls

(NCJ 223434) October 2008

OJJDP Girls Study Group Series, Bulletin

Margaret A. Zahn, Stephanie R. Hawkins, Janet Chiancone, and Ariel Whitworth

Provides an overview of the Girls Study Group's research on female juvenile delinquency. The bulletin, part of the Girls Study Group series, summarizes the findings presented in each of the other six bulletins in the series. The Girls Study Group was created to provide a comprehensive research foundation for understanding and responding to girls' involvement in delinquency. You can find the complete PDF at <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/223434.pdf>

## Upcoming Institutes

35th Annual Training Institute - Washington, DC

August 15 - 18, 2010

Hilton Washington

[Promo](#)

2011 Winter Training Institute - Orlando, FL

February 27 - March 2, 2011

Hilton Orlando

[Call for Presenters](#)

36th Annual Training Institute - Chicago, IL

July 24 - 27, 2011

Hilton Chicago

2012 Winter Training Institute - San Diego, CA

February 26 - 29, 2012

Hilton San Diego Bayfront

# Remarks from the President Elect

I have been contemplating about all the doom and gloom concerning our business as the result of significant cuts in our operating budgets. Rather than dwelling on that dismal idea I am focusing on the positive experience I will have at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual MACPO Spring Conference at Breezy Point Resort on May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The Training and Education Committee has assembled a great slate of trainers. I hope you join your colleagues in refocusing your energy to obtain knowledge and skills to improve your abilities to do the very best job you can.



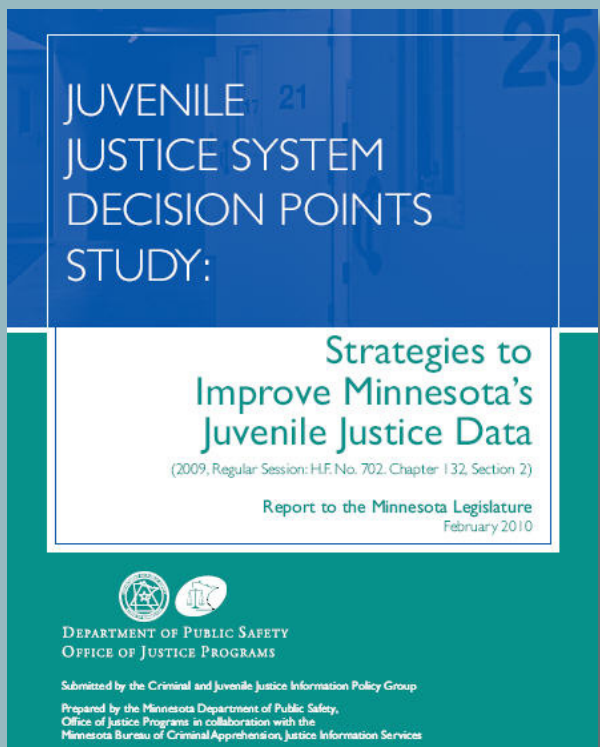
Steve Peterson  
Waseca County Court Services

## One in Thirty One

Explosive growth in the number of people on probation or parole has propelled the population of the American corrections system to more than 7.3 million, or 1 in every 31 U.S. adults, according to a report released by the Pew Center on the States. The vast majority of these offenders live in the community, yet new data in the report finds that nearly 90 percent of state corrections dollars are spent on prisons. One in 31: The Long Reach of American Corrections examines the scale and cost of prison, jail, probation and parole in each of the 50 states, and provides a blueprint for states to cut both crime and spending by reallocating prison expenses to fund stronger supervision of the large number of offenders in the community.

[The PEW Center on the States](http://www.pewcenter.org)

The American Psychiatric Association has created a web site: <http://www.mentalhealthparitywatch.org>, about the 2008 Mental Health Parity Act (The Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008). The purpose of the site is to educate consumers and physicians about the Act and to monitor the implementation of this new law. [For more information click here.](http://www.mentalhealthparitywatch.org)



<http://www.ojp.state.mn.us/cj/publications/Reports/2010JuvenileJusticePolicyReport.pdf>

# Announcements and Training



<http://www.corrections.com/events>

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<http://www.mncpa.net>

Minnesota Prevention Association

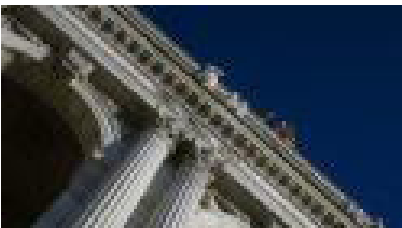
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<http://www.appa-net.org>

American Probation and Parole Association

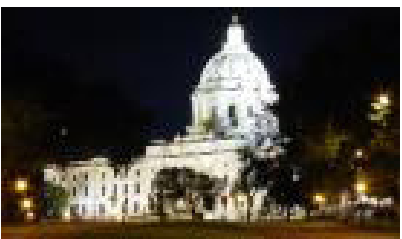
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<http://www.mnyipa.org>

Minnesota Youth Intervention Programs Association

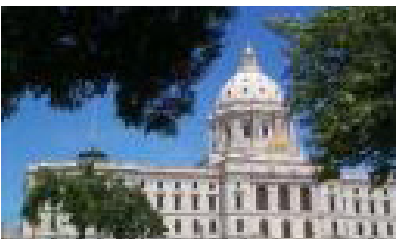
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<http://www.mapsa.us>

Minnesota Association of Pretrial Service Agencies

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<http://www.mcca.com/>

Minority Corporate Counsel Association



# Links and Laughs



Stu's Views

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"guilty... not guilty... guilty... not guilty..."



These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Do you know if your daughter has ever been involved in voodoo?

WITNESS: We both do.

ATTORNEY: Voodoo?

WITNESS: We do.

ATTORNEY: You do?

WITNESS: Yes, voodoo.



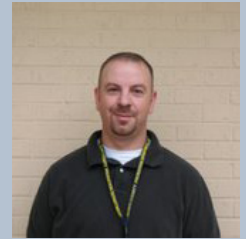
# The Committees

## Training and Education Committee

The Training and Education committee is currently getting ready for the 2010 Spring Conference. We feel this year's conference has an incredible group of speakers with a variety of different topics. We are also very excited about the vendors who will be attending the conference as it's a great opportunity to learn about the different programs across the state.

Make sure to check out the web site as all the registration materials are now available. Any questions regarding the trainings or the conference, please feel free to contact Jason or Neal. Also be looking for e-mail with even more info about the upcoming conference.

The Training and Education committee is always looking for new members to join our already incredible group of T&E members. Our committee usually meets the third Wednesday of the month in the metro area. Please contact either Jason or Neal for more information.



Jason Vande Kamp  
Isanti County Probation



Neal Huemoeller  
Wright County Probation

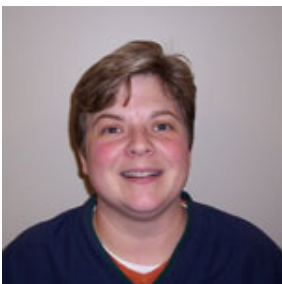
## Membership Committee 2008 Winter Report

Your MACPO Membership Committee continues to meet monthly with plenty of assignments on our agenda.

We met recently with Training and Education Representatives to discuss expanding our training opportunities. We work hand in hand with Training and Ed on our Spring Conference and we are exploring ways to bring additional training opportunities to our membership. Today's Probation Officer is required to possess a laundry list of credentials to supervise offenders in Minnesota. MACPO recognizes the need for timely training for our members, so they can comply with the supervision certification requirements placed on them.

Membership is also exploring some online training registration changes. We are trying to identify available conference/training registration resources that will provide a user friendly format for our members and increase efficiency for our committee. Stay tuned.

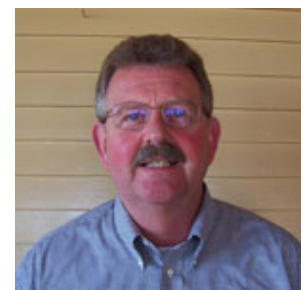
We continue to represent MACPO at college job fairs across the state. We try to select fairs that we know will be well attended. So if you know of a college fair that we are not attending, but should be, give us a call and we will check it out. These events are a great way for us to get the word out about our profession.



Jill Arbeiter  
Co-Chair

Spring Conference is around the corner and we are hoping for a great turnout. Please mark your calendars for May 26 & 27<sup>th</sup> at Breezy Point Resort. This is a great opportunity to update your training, learn what's new from vendors, and network with PO's from across the State.

While attending this year's Spring Conference, why not consider joining a MACPO Committee? You will always be welcome, and it is the best way I know of to meet corrections professionals from the entire continuum of service providers in our State..



Charles Kitzman  
Co-Chair

## Legislative Committee Report

As expected, the primary focus of the 2010 Legislature is on the bonding bills and on the State's budget deficit. Even with the reduction of the deficit from \$1.2 billion to \$994 million, we can expect serious reductions. At the time of this writing, the Governor has made his recommendations and the Senate has made theirs. We could see a 3% cut to DOC's Community Services budget which includes our CPO reimbursement as well as CCA's funding. On top of this, counties are expecting additional reductions in their "pass through" funding which will impact our local department budgets.

At times like these, it is easy to just focus on the negative and pull yourself into a "turtle shell of negativism". Instead, we need to continue to push for adequate probation funding and the voluntary implementation of Evidenced Based Practices to help us become more efficient and effective. We also need to look for ways to modify current laws and propose new laws to assist us in the performance of our duties. Your MACPO Legislative Committee and lobbyist have been reviewing the hundreds of new bills which affect the probation system. We have worked with the authors of some bills to modify their language and we have voiced our opposition and support for others. At the same time, it is the responsibility of corrections professionals to be aware of the proposed changes in law and make their feelings known. Subscribing to the House of Representatives' "Session Weekly" or viewing it online at [www.house.mn/sessionweekly](http://www.house.mn/sessionweekly) is a great start.

We also need to constantly remind our county commissioners and legislators that Minnesota's probation system continues to provide quality professional services to our courts, to our probationers, and to our communities in spite of our budget difficulties. The back cover of the March 19, 2010 "Session Weekly" listed some eye-opening statistics which support our good work. Examples include such statistics as: Minnesota spends 2.5 % of our General Fund on corrections as compared with the national average of 6.8%. 71% of the DOC's budget is spent on facility operations and programming. Minnesota ranks 49<sup>th</sup> in the number of offenders sent to prison and 4<sup>th</sup> in the number of offenders under community supervision. From these statistics you can see

that Minnesota's philosophy of supervising appropriate offenders in the community is very cost effective and that we comprise a small portion of the State's budget. Over the past several years we have been implementing the tools of Evidence Based Practices which make our community supervision efforts even more effective. However, unless adequate funding is provided to fund community supervision, regardless of the local probation service delivery system, we will not be able to continue this trend. These statistics and funding implications should be included in every discussion we have with our local and state public officials.



Lana Bjorgum  
Itaska County Probation  
MACPO Legislative  
Committee Chair



Steven Paquay  
Chisago County Probation  
MACPO Legislative  
Committee Chair

Steve Paquay  
Chair,  
MACPO Legislative Committee

## Treasurer's Report

Happy Spring! This is a slow time of year for me however, everyone is gearing up for the Spring Conference. Hope to see you there!!!

Account Balances are listed below:

Checking Balance	\$2605.78
Waddell and Reed Money Market Account	18770.05
Affinity Plus Certificate of Deposit	28893.04
Waddell and Reed Bond Fund	11397.31



Sarah Weikle  
Pine County Court Services



## Communications Report

Macpo members. It is time to register for the 53rd Annual Spring MACPO Conference at beautiful Breezy Point Resort. The Training and Education Committee has put together a great schedule of presenters and trainings for this years conference. Visit the MACPO web site at [www.macpo.org](http://www.macpo.org) to register.

Enjoy this spring issue 2010. Included are many other training experiences in Minnesota and throughout the country.

All of the committees have been busy working to ensure that MACPO remains a strong and viable force within the corrections community. If you would like to join any of the committees, please contact the chairs through their e-mail which is posted on the MACPO web site.

Have a great spring and hope to see everyone at Breezy Point.

Anne Riley



Anne Riley  
Chisago County Court Services

## Communication Committee Co-chair



Christopher Maas  
Sherburne County  
Probation Department

COMING SOON! Facebook, Twitter on the MACPO web site. MACPO will also be incorporating online conference registrations and memberships. Keep checking on the MACPO web site for Spring Conference information and registrations details. The communication committee is open for new members to join. Please contact me if you are interested. The MACPO web site is regularly updated with changes and new information. Let me know if you see any changes or would like something added to the web site.

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