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**SPECIAL POINTS  
OF INTEREST**

Fall Conference,  
September 27-29, 2009

“The New Correctional  
Frontier: Collaboration  
and New Technology”

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## President’s Message



It is hard to believe that my tenure as President will soon come to a close. I have truly enjoyed this experience and will continue to serve as your Immediate Past President. We are very fortunate to have Trish Schupple of Howard County serving as our new President and I wish her the very best! Upon receipt of your ballot, I hope you will take the time to participate in the election process as we fill the positions of President-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary. Announcement of newly elected officers will

**The Annual Fall  
Conference  
“The New Cor-  
rectional Frontier:  
Collaboration and  
New Technology”  
will be hosted at  
the Princess  
Royale in Ocean  
City, Maryland  
from September  
27th– 29th.**

take place at the Fall Conference in September.

The very successful Spring Conference is behind us and we are now looking forward to hosting our Annual Fall Conference in Ocean City, MD from September 27 – 29, 2009. Many hours of hard work and detailed planning guarantees the conference

will be a positive experience for everyone. The Conference theme: “The New Correctional Frontier: Collaboration and New Technology”. Agenda and Registration forms will soon be available online at [www.mdle.net/mcja](http://www.mdle.net/mcja)

I am grateful for my association with many dedicated professionals in the Criminal Justice field and consider members of MCJA to be part of that group. Thanks again for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you in Ocean City, MD in September!

Melinda C. Grenier  
Assistant Director  
Community Services  
Division  
Frederick County  
Sheriffs Office  
President, MCJA

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[www.mdle.net/mcja](http://www.mdle.net/mcja)

# Professional Development Committee



## FUNDING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

Again this year MCJA donated funds to the Maryland Correctional Administrators Association (MCAA) Scholarship Fund. This is the second year in a row that MCJA has supported this worthwhile project. The MCAA Scholarship Foundation was established by the Association in 2001.

Over the past 8 years, more than \$90,000 in college and professional development scholarships have been awarded to deserving corrections professionals and their dependents throughout the State of

Maryland. Funds for scholarships are derived from vendor support, donations like MCJA's and special events such as the annual golf tournament.

## The Professional Development Grant

is to be used for programs such as training programs and professional seminars. This year's winner is Baltimore County Department of Corrections and the award will be used to allow the Department's employees to attend leadership and management training.

The Association established the Memorial College Scholarship Program in an effort to encourage and assist college level students in pursuing a career in the

field of Corrections or closely related Criminal Justice Professions. This year 11 scholarships were awarded. 4 scholarships were awarded to employees of facilities throughout the State and 7 scholarships were awarded to dependents of employees. Congratulations to all of the winners

MCJA members are welcome to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity as all agency heads are members of MCAA. For more information go to

[www.mdle.net/mcaa/scholarships](http://www.mdle.net/mcaa/scholarships)

Terry Satterfield  
Professional Development  
Chair

**THE MCJA CHALLENGES YOU TO GET INVOLVED**

Volunteer to serve on a MCJA committee:

- By-Laws
- Communication
- Conference
- Membership
- Professional Development
- Vendor

# Conference Committee

## FALL CONFERENCE

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Maryland**

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- Cultural Competency

- Hard Times in the Neighborhood: What's Not in Your Wallet
- Inside Mental Illness
- Gadgets & Gizmos – What's Working in Maryland

## SPRING CONFERENCE

The Spring Conference received great reviews. Thanks to all who participated.



Spring Conference photo

# By-Laws Committee



## Maryland Criminal Justice Association Constitution and By-Laws

The Maryland Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) is in the process of reviewing and amending our Constitution and By-Laws. In accordance with our existing MCJA Constitution and By-Laws:

“This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by the action of the membership. An amendment may be suggested by the recommendation of the MCJA Board or by petition to the President signed by twenty-five (25) members in good

standing of the MCJA.”

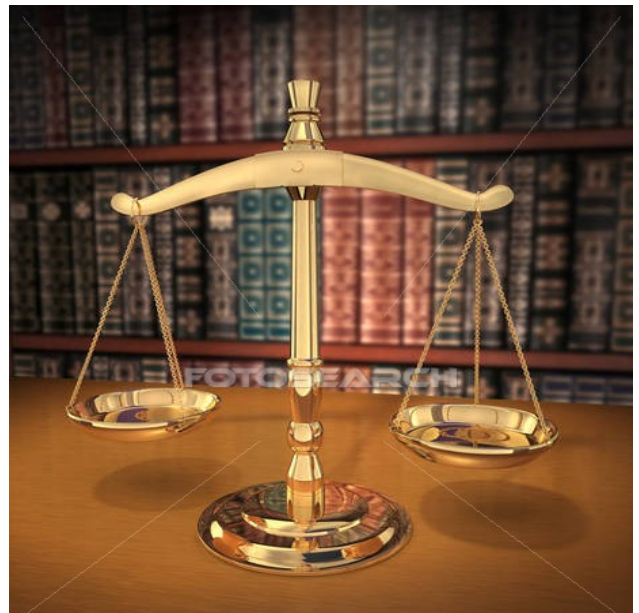
“Notice containing the full text of any proposed amendment shall be given to the membership, in writing, at least 15 days and not more than 45 days prior to the annual or spring conferences.”

“The proposed amendment shall be presented, by written ballot, to the membership at the annual or spring conferences, and upon two-thirds affirmative vote of those voting, the amendment shall be approved and effective.”

Please make certain that you are included in the process by casting your vote at

our upcoming conference. This exciting event will be held at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland from September 27 through September 29, 2009.

Dawn Pearson  
MCJA By-Laws Committee  
Chair



# Vendor Committee



In these difficult economic times, the MCJA Vendor Committee crafted and distributed a thoughtful vendor letter to express gratitude for past support

and to ask for continued support. The following are excerpts from the letter:

“The MCJA is appreciative of the generous support that vendor’s have provided in the past for our training initiatives. It is our hope that your company will be able to assist us, again this year. . . Vendor sponsorship helps to offset this cost and allows our non-profit group to focus our limited re-

sources on training initiatives for criminal justice professionals. . . Your support is invaluable to the success of our organization. . . Attached, please find a vendor sponsorship form for your convenience.”

Mark Radcliff  
Vendor Committee  
Chair

# Member Spotlight—Suzy Malagari



**MCJA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT—Suzy Malagari**

Our MCJA member spotlight is on Suzy Malagari. Suzy is currently the Deputy Warden of Programs and Services for the Montgomery County Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation at the Montgomery County Correctional Facility in Boyds, MD.

Suzy’s career spans over 25 years in the field of Corrections. She graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor’s degree in Forensic studies and a minor in Psychology. Her first professional job was working as a Probation Officer in Galveston, Texas in the mid 1980’s. Suzy was hired by the Montgomery County Depart-

ment of Correction and Rehabilitation in 1989 and started her career at the Montgomery County Detention Center as a Correctional Specialist. She was quickly promoted to Correctional Screener and transferred to the Montgomery County Pre-Release Center where she worked in the community corrections setting.

Suzy was selected to work on the transition team from 1999 until 2003 in preparation for the new correctional facility in Boyds. Suzy became the Correctional Supervisor of Inmate Services/Classification Section in March of 2003 when the new Montgomery County Correctional Facility finally opened it’s doors to inmates. Suzy was promoted to Deputy Warden of Programs and Services in 2005, which is the position she currently holds.

Suzy is certified with the MD Police and Correctional Training Commissions as a trainer, is a certified Hostage Negotiator, Certified Jail Manager and member of the American Jail Association, member of the American

Correctional Association and the correctional representative to the Montgomery County Alcohol and Other Drug Advisory Council.

Suzy is married, has three children and lives in Frederick, MD. She enjoys playing soccer, reading and spending time with friends and family. Anyone who knows or meets Suzy Malagari remembers her for her bright smile and enthusiastic personality.

We welcome Suzy to MCJA and look forward to the contributions she will make. Suzy brings a wealth of local correctional experience and knowledge as well as a strong connection to correctional line staff – both officers and case management. We are excited to have Suzy on board and welcome the new energy she brings with her.

Jane Sachs  
Membership  
Committee  
Chair



## Communications Committee

**Job Well Done!!!**

On behalf of the Communications Committee, I would like to thank Melinda Grenier for her exemplary service as President of MCJA.

**Nexus Newsletter**

The Nexus Newsletter will be published quarterly on the following schedule: July, October, January, and April.

**Do you have an idea for the next Nexus? Submit your suggestions, thoughts and or comments to**  
**John Nattans ,**  
**MCJA Communications Chair at**  
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# MCJA Bi-Annual Executive Board Elections



## Executive Board Elections

It's time to let your voices be heard and MCJA is counting on your Vote!! The Maryland Criminal Justice Association will be holding its bi-annual elections for the Executive Board. The following posi-



tions are up for re-election: President-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary. All nominations have been received and ballots will be mailed for your vote. The results of the Elections will be formally announced at the annual Conference in Ocean City on September 27, 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>. So remember to cast your Ballot and we will see you all there!!



James Bone  
Past President  
MCJA

## Miscellaneous News

### MCJA at MCAA

MCJA actively participated in the annual Maryland Correctional Administrator's Association (MCAA) conference in Ocean City, Maryland from May 31st through June 2nd. Melinda Grenier, President represented MCJA at the conference and provided prize giveaways for the golf tournament. Feel free to view their website at: [www.mdle.net/mcaa](http://www.mdle.net/mcaa)

### NASC

The MCJA donated \$500.00 in support of the National Association of Sentencing Commissions

(NASC) Annual Conference to be held August 2-4, 2009.

### Special Olympics 2010



MCJA experienced great success with the Polar Bear Plunge in 2009 and we look forward to our icy dip in 2010. We invite all of you to come join our team, the MCJA Mavericks, for this worthy cause. If you are interested contact Melinda Grenier or any of the MCJA Board Members for more information.

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**Princess Royale**

- MCJA Membership—June 2009
  - Active—329
  - Lapsed—18
  - New—3
  - Renewals—25

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### Officers

#### President

Melinda Grenier  
Asst. Director, Community Service  
Frederick County

#### President Elect

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Deputy Director  
Howard County  
Department of Corrections

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James E. Bone  
Manager, Alternative Sentencing  
Division, Allegany County  
Sheriff’s Office

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Alternative Sentencing Program  
Baltimore County D.O.C.

#### Secretary

George V. Kirk  
Field Supervisor I  
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### Committee Chairs

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Training Division

#### Communication Committee

John R. Nattans, MC  
Director of Program Services  
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#### Conference Committee

James E. Bone  
Manager, Alternative Sentencing  
Division, Allegany County

#### Membership Committee

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