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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Written by Cheryl Nunamaker
2011 President-Elect & Acting President

Hello MCSEA Members. I hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season. I know I am.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that were able to attend Conference in September. I hope that you enjoyed yourselves and recharged your batteries as well as gained some valuable information to take back to the office.

Thank you to the speakers for taking the time away from your busy schedules to join us and share your knowledge and expertise during Conference.

Thank you to the vendors. As I've said countless times, there wouldn't be a Conference without your support.

Thank you to all that completed the session evaluations and the overall evaluation. Your input is valuable, as we use it to help us determine "what worked" and "what didn't work" during Conference. It appears that everyone thought that the 3-day Conference worked! The vast majority of you also liked the smaller venue in large part because of the networking opportunities and interaction between the PA offices and FSD staff.

MCSEA will be celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2012. I'm looking forward to working with the new board members (and the old ones, too) as we plan the 2012 Conference. 2012 Conference will be held on September 26th-28th, 2012 at the Howard Johnson in Columbia, Missouri. Keep your eye on the website for details.

Happy holidays!!!

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

MCSEA needs your help updating the list of honorary life members. If you are an HLM, please let us know which year you received the award. Send an email to Cheryl (cnunamaker@jacksongov.org) or Elaine (millere@stlouiscao.org).

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1989	2006	Kay Biggerstaff
1990	2007	N/A
1991	2008	Greg Wilsey
1992	2009	Paul Horlacher
1993	2010	Donald Stream
1994	2011	Jeanne Hurrell

A MESSAGE FROM THE 2012 PRESIDENT ELECT

Written By: Jeanne Hurrell
2012 President Elect

I can't believe 2011 is almost over. It has been an eventful year to say the least. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times" is quite appropriate. I'm glad to report that Joplin is coming back stronger than ever. Our office will always remember the outpouring of support from our friends and coworkers throughout the state. Enough said about the bad times, let's focus on the good times.

Conference 2011 was a blast. With all the changes the board made last year, (shortening the conference, changing locales, etc) I was a little apprehensive. I think we had a wonderful, informative conference as always. I was saddened at the news that Charles Galbreath was leaving the training unit but wish him well in his endeavors in his new home of Las Vegas. I hope he makes it big, so I can say, "I knew him when!" Not only did we make some big changes in the conference this year, but I had some big changes in my personal life.

For those who weren't at conference this year, I am a new person. I have lost 100+ lbs since the beginning of the year. Shedding all that weight has given me a new outlook on life and has also given me the confidence to take on new challenges. One of those challenges ahead of me is being the president elect of this great organization.

I am looking forward to planning the 35th annual conference. Cheryl has done an amazing job serving in all the positions last year and I am happy to help relieve some of that responsibility. I know that we will make a great team along

with the other members of the executive board and region directors. We will work hard to make the upcoming conference one to remember!

Your ideas and input are always welcome. Drop me an email at Jeanne.M.Hurrell@dss.mo.gov or hit us up on Facebook. MCSEA is a closed group but you can request to be added and you will be able to keep up with all the latest information.

I wish everyone a happy and blessed holiday season and bring on 2012!!

A WORD FROM THE SECRETARY

Written By: Elaine Miller

The 2011 Conference was great! Thanks to all who attended and to all the sponsors who helped us tremendously. And make sure to give your Region Director a pat on the back because without them, we wouldn't be able to hold an annual conference.

Start brainstorming about the 2012 Conference. Feel free to drop any of us an email if you have any thoughts or suggestions. We look forward to them!

REGION NEWS

REGION ONE:

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM REGION I

As we prepare to enter the end of days per the Mayan calendar, I just wanted to thank all of last year's conference attendees at Conference and the joint Region I & III Town hall meetings. A lot of information which hopefully was helpful was shared and I met some really dedicated people.

At this time, there's no new "news" regarding Region 1. The downtown Wainwright FSD staff continues to work some of the toughest cases statewide. Our office hums along at alarming speed with new contempt referrals, paternity referrals and possible files that our attorneys might be compelled to pursue criminally.

Looking ahead to 2012, I hope that you will consider joining MCSEA or volunteering in some manner. A good idea comes from anyone and we as a group have some of the most dedicated, driven people that I know. So if you have any ideas for Town Hall topics or possible sessions for Conference 2012, please contact your Regional Director or the Board of Directors and let them hear/read it.

We will be celebrating MCSEA's 35th Anniversary in Columbia this year Sept 26-28th. I hope to see you there!

Season's Greetings!!!!

Rodney Newman - Region I Dictator
(Region One covers St. Louis City)

REGION TWO:

The Region II town hall meeting was held in Caruthersville on July 8th. Charles Galbreath conducted a training session called "MCSEA Film Festival: Employee Motivational Matinee". We learned about servant leadership, attitude, teamwork, and purpose through video presentations and group activities and discussions. No movie would be complete without snacks, so we had popcorn and candy throughout the day. Charles was wonderful, as usual. He is always positive and inspiring. He left the agency this fall to go on to bigger and better things. He will be greatly missed.

The conference was fun and informative. We had a lot of great speakers and we came away with some good information. The hotel and meeting rooms were smaller than usual, but this was no problem. Everyone seemed to interact more with each other. PTC did an awesome job with the meals. I look forward next year's conference.

I plan on having a town hall meeting this spring, as well as a membership drive. Region II members will be hearing more about the town hall meeting in the coming months.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Faye Davis – Region II Director
(Region Two covers Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Scott, Stoddard, and Wayne Counties)

REGION THREE:

Greetings to all from Region III! My name is Sarah Kruse and I am the MCSEA Region III Director. I am an assistant prosecuting attorney in St. Charles County, Missouri. I've been here for seven years and I have been the supervisor since October of 2006.

This year's conference was quite a success and the changes seemed to be well received! We're already planning for another spectacular conference in 2012, so stay tuned for details!

Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or suggestions regarding our Region III town hall meeting next summer or any other area in which I might be able to assist the child support workers in Region III. My email address is Sarah.E.Kruse@dss.mo.gov and I can be reached by phone at 636-949-7365.

(Region III consists of St. Louis, St. Charles, Warren, Lincoln, and Pike Counties)

REGION SIX:

I have been with the Greene County Prosecutor's office for the last 9 years. Five of those nine years have been spent in the child support division.

I have been a member of MCSEA for 5 years. One of my professional goals has been to take a more active role in the organization. I am excited to have been selected to complete Jeanne Hurrell's unfinished term as Region Director for Region 6. Jeanne will be a tough act to follow. This is uncharted territory for me, and I have much to learn about the position. Jeanne has already been very helpful, giving me some very good information and tips about the position.

One of the major events of 2012 for Region 6 is the Town Hall meeting. I would like to know what members are interested in for topics for the Town Hall meeting. After the first of the year, I hope to have a questionnaire available on the website to get their feedback.

In the meantime, I wish all of you in Region 6 a very Merry Christmas! Have a safe and happy New Year!

Lynn Howerton – Region VI Director

(Region Six covers Barry, Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Polk, Stone, Taney, Vernon, and Webster Counties)

REGION NINE:

Hello, all!!

Happy Holidays! It seems like yesterday we were saying "Happy New Year!" This has been quite a year of changes – making new friends & saying goodbye to old friends. I honestly have been blessed by all the friends I have through MCSEA. This is the best present of all! I look forward to serving as Region IX Director this upcoming year.

Wishing you the most wonderful holiday season!

Conni Morris - Region IX Director.

(Region Nine covers Franklin, Iron, Jefferson, Madison, Perry, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, and Washington Counties)

REGION ELEVEN:

My name is Tracy Wohlgemuth, and I would like to introduce myself as your new Region XI Director. I am the Child Support Investigator for the Carroll County Prosecuting Attorney's office. My husband, Ron, and I celebrated our 16th anniversary this year, and have two phenomenal children: Charlie, 8, and Sally, 5. I am also studying for my degree in Criminal Justice. Conference is one of my favorite times of the year, because I get to connect with friends, meet new

people, learn from the best, and help the newest "newbies". I get inspired by what we have and continue to accomplish for the children of Missouri. I look forward to serving as your Region XI Director!

Tracy Wohlgemuth – Region XI director

(Region Eleven covers Bates, Benton, Carroll, Cass, Henry, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, Ray, Saline, and St. Clair Counties)

REGION TWELVE:

Good and great day to you all.

This year's conference was my first as a Regional Director and I think conference went very well. Thanks to all the speakers, vendors, volunteers, that made it a great and informational conference. The silent auction was a success again!

I personally enjoyed and want to thank PTC for the wonderful meals provided. We had around 200 people at the Howard Johnson Inn. Definitely a more intimate setting than other locations in the past.

We will be trying to set up our town hall meeting sometime after the first of the year. If any of you have any input as far as topics you would be interested in please call or email me with your ideas. I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Best wishes and may everyone enjoy the season and their family and friends. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or ideas or questions you may have about our wonderful organization.

Carl Spivey – Region XII Director

(Region Twelve covers Carter, Dent, Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Reynolds, Ripley, Shannon, Texas, and Wright Counties)

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AND THE WINNERS ARE

Congratulations to the 2011 MCSEA Award & Scholarship Winners!!

President's Award: Kristin Hyde

Horizon Award: Elaine Miller

Mentor Award: Carrie Spencer

Advocate Award: Amy Brunk

Rookie of the Year Award: Ashley Turner

Honorary Life Member Award: Jeanne Hurrell

MCSEA Scholarship: Harrison Weathers

A T T E N T I O N M E M B E R S F R O M R E G I O N S I V & V I I I

Do you have someone you would like to nominate for Region Director? Do you have questions about what it means to be a region director? Please send your nominations to Cheryl Nunamaker at cnunamaker@jacksongov.org by February 1, 2012.

The nominee needs to have the following employment per the Constitution:

Membership in the Association shall be voluntary. Members shall adhere to the goals of the Association. Regular voting membership shall be available to:

- A. *Circuit clerks or court administrators and their staff;*
- B. *Prosecuting attorneys and their staff;*
- C. *Missouri judges and commissioners;*
- D. *Employees of the Missouri Family Support Division (formerly known as the Division of Child Support Enforcement)*
- E. *Administrative hearing officers performing Title IV-D functions*
- F. *The regional director and Missouri representatives of Region VII of the Office of Child Support Enforcement*
- G. *Employees of the Family Support Payment Center*
- H. *Employees of the Missouri Attorney General's Office in the Family and Mental Health Services Division and in the Financial Services Division*
- I. *Retired employees of any of the above A-H.*

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Office / Agency _____

Address _____

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- Enclosed is \$10.00 for payment of my 2012 MCSEA Membership Dues.

I understand this membership will expire on December 31, 2012.

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