

CONFERENCE 2012

September 12-14, 2012
Treetops Resort – Gaylord, Michigan
Agenda Summary



Wednesday, September 12, 2012

- ▶ Registration - begins 4:30 pm
- ▶ Welcome & Agency Reports - begins 6:00 pm
- ▶ Annual Business Meeting & Election of 2013 Officers
- ▶ Hospitality Suite – Pizza & Snacks

Thursday, September 13, 2012

- ▶ Registration & Breakfast – begins 7:30 am
- ▶ **"Magistrate Authority & Ethics"**
-Presented by Jill Booth (SCAO)
- ▶ **"Traffic – From The Trooper's Perspective"**
-Presented by Sgt. Lance Cook (MSP)
- ▶ **"Roundtable Discussion – Q & A"**
-Panelists from DNR, MSP, PAAM, SCAO
- ▶ Dinner Banquet & Award Presentation – begins 7:00 pm
- ▶ Investiture of Officers

Friday, September 14, 2012

- ▶ Breakfast – begins 7:30 am
- ▶ **"The Sovereign Citizen Movement"**
-Presented by Dr. Mark Pitcavage (Anti-Defamation League)
- ▶ Evaluations & Adjourn – 12 Noon

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GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49525

The Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates is pleased to announce that the 39th Annual Conference will be held September 12-14, 2012 at beautiful Treetops Resort in Gaylord, MI. <http://treetops.com/>

Educational Program

Wednesday night will be our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors. Also, representatives from the DNR, MJI, OHSP, PAAM, SOS and SCAO will be updating us on any changes in existing laws and court rules (and new ones). In addition, SCAO Trial Court Services Director, Jennifer Warner, will be in attendance to take questions and can bring us up to speed about dashboards and performance measures coming our way.

On Thursday, we will hear from Jill Booth about ethical considerations and about what authority District Court Magistrates have (and don't have). How do new technologies in electronic communications directly affect how we can perform our duties? The second session will be Sgt. Lance Cook sharing with us his vast knowledge of the Motor Vehicle Code, and he will answer all our traffic related questions. The third session on Thursday will be a Round Table Discussion with DNR, MSP, PAAM, SCAO. We need everyone to submit questions for the panel on the form in the registration packet.

Thursday night is our Banquet where we present the Distinguished Service Award. The theme of the banquet is "The Wild West" so it will be a Western BBQ Buffet and you will want to dress in your Western attire for this event.

On Friday, Dr. Mark Pitcavage from the Anti-Defamation League is back by popular demand. Dr. Pitcavage spoke several years ago, and we have invited him back to speak to us about sovereign citizen individuals we may come in contact with in hearings. Dr. Pitcavage will share with us his extensive research into the mindset and methods of the sovereign citizen community. He is a very enlightening and entertaining speaker.

Come join us and learn something new. Don't forget, we do have scholarships available for those whose funding units may not be able to cover the costs of the conference.

How to Get a Room

Room rates this year start at \$75.90 (including taxes & fees) for a standard guest room per night. You may also select a lodge deluxe room for \$108.90 per night, and you can reserve your room one of 3 ways: (1) call Treetops directly at 866-348-5249; (2) complete and mail in the enclosed Lodging Form to Treetops; or (3) or fax the completed form to Treetops at (989) 731-8129. If you call make sure to mention you are with our group [#10010783359] to receive the special rates. Please reserve your room early— ***Treetops will only hold our block of rooms until Aug. 17th !!***

How to Sign Up

Please use the ***Conference Registration Form*** in this packet to reserve your spot to attend the Conference. You may forward payment with your Registration or pay at the door. However, we really do need to plan for the right amount of participants, so please send in your Registration Form **by August 17, 2012**. While we will never turn away a member, we do need to know who will be attending.

All guests are welcome, but if you plan to bring a spouse (or other important person), please let us know if they will be attending either of the breakfasts, Thurs. lunch or the Thurs. Banquet. You can pay for these extra meal tickets at the time of registration, but we just need to know the numbers ahead of time. Either breakfast is \$15.00 each, Thurs. lunch is \$17.00, and Thursday Banquet [BBQ Buffet] is \$34.00. We need to know the numbers for the meals, so please indicate on the Application Form how many guests you will be bringing for the Banquet. ***This year's Banquet theme is "The Wild West" so dress appropriately.***

Scholarships Available

We are pleased again this year to be able to offer 10 scholarships of up to \$150 each, to those attending the Conference whose funding unit will not pay for a portion (or all) of the expense. If you are a current member of the Association, and your Court does not cover registration or hotel expenses, you qualify for a scholarship. Please contact our MADCM Treasurer Charity Mason at cmason@mqtco.org or (906)225-8240 for the ***Scholarship Application Form***. Please return the Scholarship form with your Conference Registration Form by August 17, 2012, and recipients will be notified of their award in time to complete travel arrangements.

Board Nominations

At the Business Meeting to be held on Wednesday night, the Membership will vote for Officers and Directors for the 2012 year. Each Officer serves for one year and cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms. A Director serves a 2 year term and may serve consecutive terms thereafter. We will elect 4 new Officers and 4 new Directors this year. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please send us a completed ***Nominating Petition for 2013 Officers and Directors***. Nominees will be contacted concerning their willingness to serve before their name is placed on the official ballot.

Distinguished Service Award

Also in this packet is a Nomination Form for our ***Annual Distinguished Service Award***. Please nominate one of our colleagues who have improved our profession. It is an important way to recognize one of our own members and celebrate their accomplishments on behalf of the Association and our profession.



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2012 Annual Conference Registration Form

- Yes**, I will be attending the 2012 Annual Conference.
Please find enclosed \$175.00, which is my registration fee (\$100.00) and annual dues for 2013 (\$75.00).**
- Yes**, I will be attending the 2012 Annual Conference, but I will be paying my fees at the Conference.**
- No**, I will not be able to attend the 2012 Annual Conference, but would like to submit my annual dues for 2013 (\$75.00)

Name: _____ Court: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ MI. Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

All meals for Conference Attendees are included in Conference Fee. However, we need to know how many **guest meal tickets** you will be purchasing for each meal (please indicate below):

_____ Thursday Breakfast [\$15.00] _____ Thursday Lunch [\$17.00]

_____ Thursday Banquet BBQ Buffet [\$34.00] _____ Friday Breakfast [\$15.00]

Send completed Registration Form by August 17, 2012 to:

Magistrate Charity Mason
96th District Court
234 W. Baraga
Marquette, MI 49855
(906) 225-8255
Email: cmason@mqtcy.org

If your funding unit will not pay (reimburse) for part or all of your 2012 Conference expenses, then please contact Charity Mason to obtain a **Scholarship Application Form. cmason@mqtcy.org

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Arrival: September 12, 2012
Departure: September 14, 2012

Return this form to:
Reservations Department
TREETOPS RESORT
3962 WILKINSON ROAD
GAYLORD, MI 49735
Fax: (989) 731-8129



CHECK-IN TIME:
After 4:00 PM
CHECK- OUT TIME:
12:00 Noon

NAME(S) 1. _____ 2. _____

ADDRESS _____ Home Phone () _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ Business Phone () _____

You are welcome to arrive early or extend your stay following this scheduled event. Every effort will be made to reserve the room type requested as well as any special requests such as connecting rooms, non-smoking, location, etc. Should we not be able to do so, we reserve the right to assign the next available room type and rate. Children 17 years and under sleep free when in the room with parents.

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOMODATIONS: per room per night.

Lodge Deluxe Rooms _____ \$99.00 Single or Double Occupancy
One King Bed or Two queen beds, coffee maker, sitting area, refrigerator, microwave, DVD player

Standard Rooms _____ \$69.00 Single or Double Occupancy
Two double beds and a coffee maker

All lodging is subject to 6% state tax and 4% local assessment.

DEPOSIT POLICY: You may guarantee your room reservation with a major credit card or a deposit of one nights lodging, no later than **August 17, 2012**. Refund of your deposit will be made if cancellation occurs at least 7 days prior to arrival.

Do you require any special lodging requirements? _____ Barrier Free _____ Main Floor

VISA MASTER CARD DISCOVER AMEX

Number: _____ Exp. Date _____ Verification Code: _____

E-mail address: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____
(Not valid without signature)

Group number #: 10010783359



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Wednesday, September 12, 2012

- 2:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration
- 6:00 p.m. Welcome and President's Remarks
Introduction of Members
Agency Reports:
DNR
MJI
OHSP
PAAM
SOS
SCAO
- Annual Business Meeting
Election of Officers/Directors for 2013
Hospitality Suite Opens

Thursday, September 13, 2012

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Registration & Breakfast Buffet
- 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **"Magistrate Authority & Ethics"**
Presented by Jill Booth (SCAO)
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **"From the Trooper's Perspective"**
Presented by Sgt. Lance Cook (MSP)

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Break
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	“Round Table Discussion” Panel Members: DNR, MSP, PAAM, SCAO
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings
6:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite opens
7:00 p.m.	Dinner Banquet - “The Wild West” Presentation of Distinguished Service Award Investiture of Officers and Directors for 2013
9:00 p.m.:	Hospitality Suite Re-opens

Friday, September 14, 2012

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	“The Sovereign Citizen Movement: Ideology, Activities, Tactics & Identifiers” Presented by Dr. Mark Pitcavage (Research Director of Anti-Defamation League)
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Dr. Mark Pitcavage - Continued.
11:30 a.m. - Noon	Evaluations & Door Prizes
Noon	Adjourn - See you next year.

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Panel Discussion
Thursday, September 13, 2012

PANEL MEMBERS: DNR, PAAM, MSP, SCAO

MODERATOR: To Be Announced

With your Registration, please submit any questions or topics you wish addressed by this panel. (Questions will also be accepted from the floor.)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

You may also email any questions or topics to Jessica Testolin at testolinj@co.huron.mi.us.



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Nominating Petition for 2013 Officers & Directors

Note: Nominations will not be placed on the ballot without the prior consent of the nominee. Include the name and District Court number of those you are nominating so that the Committee may contact them for their approval. Officers are elected for a one-year term, and no officer may serve more than two consecutive terms. Directors are elected for a two-year term. Directors may serve more than one consecutive term.

TO THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

MY NOMINATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE:

PRESIDENT: _____ DISTRICT COURT: _____

VICE-PRES.: _____ DISTRICT COURT: _____

SECRETARY: _____ DISTRICT COURT: _____

TREASURER: _____ DISTRICT COURT: _____

DIRECTOR: _____ DISTRICT COURT: _____

Send completed Nomination Petition by August 17, 2012 to:

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2012 Distinguished Service Award Nomination Form

For many years, the Association has presented a *Distinguished Service Award* at the Annual Conference. The Award is designed to acknowledge a Magistrate who has shown exemplary service to the profession, a dedication to public service, and who has furthered the goals of the Association. Nominate an individual who, in your opinion, has made a significant contribution or has advanced the principles and ideals of the Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates.

Examples may include new legislation, court rules, technology, forms, policies, procedures, education or other applicable areas.

NOMINEES MAY BE ACTIVE OR RETIRED ASSOCIATION MEMBERS.

Please keep your nomination confidential. The Recognition Committee will make the final decision.

I NOMINATE: _____

Address (or Court number): _____

Submitted by: _____ Court: _____

Please describe the reasons for your nomination, and specific examples of those contributions (including dates) would be appreciated (include additional sheet if needed):

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