



**MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF  
PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS**

# Up-Close

*AUGUST 2021*

MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS | 37637 Five Mile Rd, #236, Livonia, MI 48154

[www.mcpihome.com](http://www.mcpihome.com)



*MCPI MISSION STATEMENT: The Michigan Council of Professional Investigators (MCPI) is an organizational network of investigators from across the State of Michigan founded on integrity, professionalism and high industry standards. Our organization will strive to provide investigators with education, legislative support, business opportunities, and synergistic forums to gather and exchange ideas. The MCPI members maintain the highest standard of ethics and confidentiality to promote trust and support amongst our clients and colleagues.*

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Page 2	President's Message
Page 3	Board of Directors, Committees, Resources
Page 4	Election Notice to All MCPI Members
Page 5	MCPI 2021 Fall Conference Schedule
Page 6	Featured Sleuth - Julie Erickson Vendor Sponsors

# President's Message

*Jerry Hardesty*

MCPI Members,

Today is a beautiful summer day as I reflect on the challenges that have continued to affect MCPI members, our families, and our communities including the personal and economic impacts of COVID-19, and recent flooding and thunderstorm damage. Despite the current spike in COVID cases we've made remarkable progress in recent months to get back to normal. I look forward to gathering together and meeting with MCPI members face-to-face.

We have held a couple of virtual meetings this year. The Board has been busy putting together our next face-to-face membership meeting and training conference. The MCPI 2021 Fall Conference is scheduled for October 28, 2021, at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, MI. We have lined up four great speakers for this event. Conference information will be emailed to members and available on the website, and registration is now open. I hope to see a lot of you in attendance at this event. It will be a great opportunity for face-to-face networking, learning best practices, and getting updates on recent legislation. Registration is open. [CLICK HERE](#)

Perhaps most important, elections of MCPI Board Members will also take place at the Fall Conference. In the coming weeks we'll be announcing how to nominate candidates, and all board positions up for election. For those unable to attend the conference and vote, online voting will be available through the MCPI website. If you are interested in a MCPI Board member position, please let our election chair Mike Cote know of your interest. Send him an email at: Mike Cote [lasinvestigation@charter.net](mailto:lasinvestigation@charter.net).

Hope to see all of you October 28, 2021 at the conference.

Best Regards,  
**Jerry Hardesty**  
**President, MCPI**



## 2020/2021 MCPI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **PRESIDENT**

Jerry Hardesty  
Hardesty Private Investigations  
800-595-0830  
[hardesty@hardestyPI.com](mailto:hardesty@hardestyPI.com)

### **TREASURER**

Sue Hardesty  
Hardesty Private Investigations  
248-379-5741  
[sue@hardestypi.com](mailto:sue@hardestypi.com)

### **BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Michael Cook  
Signature Investigations Group  
616-466-4274  
[mcook@signatureinvestigations.com](mailto:mcook@signatureinvestigations.com)

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Steve Crane  
ACS Professional Investigations  
248-363-1360  
[steve@acsinvestigations.com](mailto:steve@acsinvestigations.com)

### **SECRETARY**

Cheri Gelnak  
CG Miller Investigations, LLC  
734-812-9055  
[cgelnak@twmi.rr.com](mailto:cgelnak@twmi.rr.com)

Jim Kelly  
Subrosa Investigations, Inc.  
734-777-1288  
[jkelly@subrosapi.com](mailto:jkelly@subrosapi.com)

### **SARGEANT AT ARMS**

James Dean Schoenherr  
Recon Management Group, LLC  
248-540-0160  
[jim@reconmgmt.com](mailto:jim@reconmgmt.com)

### **PAST PRESIDENT**

Linda Ann Milam  
Milam Investigations  
248-866-1196  
[lmilam@ameritech.net](mailto:lmilam@ameritech.net)

## MCPI COMMITTEES

### **UAC**

Chair: Jim Schoenherr, Sgt-at-Arm

### **LEGISLATIVE**

Chair: OPENING  
Jerry Hardesty  
OPEN

### **FINANCE**

Chair: Jerry Hardesty  
Steve Crane  
Cheri Gelnak

### **CEU**

Chair: Justin Billard

### **AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP**

Chair: Cheri Gelnak  
Jim Kelly  
John Sydenstricker  
Jim Schoenherr

### **EDUCATION**

Chair: Jerry Hardesty  
Tom Williams

### **PROGRAM/EVENTS**

Chair: Jerry Hardesty  
Cheri Gelnak  
Sue Hardesty

### **WEBSITE**

Chair: Sue Hardesty

### **SPONSORS**

Chair: Mike Cook

### **NEWSLETTER**

Chair: Cheri Gelnak

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Chair: Jerry Hardesty  
Cheri Gelnak  
Jim Kelly

## USEFUL RESOURCES

[El Dorado Insurance Agency](#)

[Open Source Intelligence \(OSINT\) Techniques](#)

by Michael Bazzell

[Open Source Intelligence \(OSINT\) Training Webinars and Materials](#)

by Kirby Plessas

[Association of Certified Fraud Examiners](#)

(ACFE) Events & Training Materials

[Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs \(LARA\) License Verification](#)

[True People Search](#)

# Election Notice to All MCPI Members

The MCPI election will be held on October 28, 2021, at the in-person fall conference.

All positions are currently open for nominations. If you are interested in running for a Board position, please contact Mike Cote'. You may reach Mike Cote' by email or phone: [lasinvestigation@charter.net](mailto:lasinvestigation@charter.net); 616-292-6056.

Also, you may nominate a qualified MCPI member (must be a member in good standing for a least two years). Each Board position is a two-year commitment. Here is your chance to further our goals of providing support and guidance to Michigan's statewide premier professional investigator organization.

Below is a brief description of each Board position.  
Nomination should be received no later than October 1, 2021.

Thank you  
Michael R. Cote', Election Committee Chair

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**Section 1. President.** The President shall serve as Chairperson of the Executive Committee. He/she shall also serve as Member, ex-officio, with right to vote on all committees except the Nominating Committee. He/she shall make all required appointments of standing and special committees with the approval of the Board of Directors.

At the Annual Meeting of the council and at such other times as he/she shall deem proper, the President shall communicate to the members such matters and make such suggestions as may in his/her opinion tend to promote the welfare and increase the usefulness of the Council. He/she shall perform such other duties as are necessarily incident to the office of President or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2. Vice President.** The Vice President shall succeed the presidency in the event of a vacancy. The Vice President shall be responsible for such specific duties as may be individually assigned to him/her by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

**Section 3. Secretary.** The Secretary of the Council shall be responsible for the Post Office Box, or alternative mailing address, and for the proper and legal mailing of notices to members. He/she shall see to the proper recording of proceedings of meetings of the council, Board of Directors, and all committees; and carry into execution all orders, votes, and resolutions, not otherwise committed. He/she shall see that accurate records are kept of all members. He/she shall keep the seal of the council, shall record all monies received and forward to the Treasurer within five (5) days.

**Section 4. Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall see to the collection of all member dues and/or assessments shall have established proper accounting procedures for the handling of the Council's funds and shall be responsible for the keeping of the funds in such banks, trust companies and/or investments as are approved by the Executive Committee. He/she shall report on the financial condition of the Council at all meetings of the Board of Director's and at other times when called upon by the President. He/she shall also be one (1) of the three (3) designated signatories for Council checks. A copy of all deposits shall be sent to the Secretary within five (5) days.

At the end of each fiscal year, as Treasurer, he/she shall prepare an annual report that shall reflect an audit or review by a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). At the expiration of his/her term of office, deliver to his/her successor all books, money, and other property in his/her charge, or, in the absence of a successor, he/she deliver such properties to the President.

**Section 5. Sergeant at Arms.** The Sergeant at Arms shall be responsible for such properties to the President. He/she shall also keep order at the meetings, keep and display the MCPI flag and Colors, record the attendance of the meetings, and other such duties as prescribed by the President with approval of the Board of Directors.

## Michigan Council of Professional Investigators



## MCPI 2021 Fall Conference

### Thursday, October 28, 2021

**Location:** The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170

Time	Agenda
8:30am – 9:00am	<b>Registration &amp; Continental Breakfast</b>
9:00am – 9:30am	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce MCPI Officers &amp; Committee Members</li> <li>• Meeting Participants</li> </ul> <b>President's Address &amp; Operations Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Updates</li> <li>• Treasurer's Report</li> <li>• Membership Report</li> </ul> <b>Begin Voting for MCPI Officers</b>
9:30am – 11:30am	<b>Speaker: Bruce Jacobs</b> <i>Leaking The Truth: Recognizing Deception</i>
11:30am – 11:45am	<b>Networking Break</b>
11:45am – 12:45pm	<b>Speaker: Roger Burnett</b> <i>Topic: Marketing with Purpose</i>
12:45pm – 1:30pm	<b>Lunch &amp; Networking</b> <i>Lunch will be provided</i>
1:30pm – 3:00pm	<b>Speaker: Jim Nanos</b> <i>Investigation and Surveillance</i>
3:00pm – 3:15pm	<b>Networking Break</b>
3:15pm – 4:15pm	<b>Speaker: Joe Dickerson</b> <i>Investigative Techniques for Judgment Enforcement</i>
4:15pm – 4:45pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>MCPI Board Member Election Results</b> <b>Prize Drawings</b>

## Featured Sleuth

**Julie Erickson**

*By Russ Rheaume*



Julie Erickson from Jae Investigators LLC. is our current Featured Sleuth. Julie was born and raised in Paw Paw, Michigan—The town so nice they named it twice! Or the reality of being named after the Pawpaw fruit. Julie graduated from Paw Paw High School in 1997. After school, she attended Ferris State University majoring in Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Concentration. During the summer of 2001, she became a seasonal bike police officer in Cadillac, Michigan; then was hired by Manistee County and ultimately moved into Van Buren County Sheriff's Office.

Julie left law enforcement in 2006 to pursue a Master's Degree in Forensic Psychology, graduating in 2009 from Argosy University with this degree. During her graduate studies, she worked at Best Buy, at

many different stores for 5 ½ full time years. After Best Buy, she moved onto child welfare. Not being able to have her own children, she began working with children in need and developed quite a passion. During this tenure, her sister became sick and required a lung transplant. This inspired Julie to work in the organ and tissue donation field and return to graduate school to obtain the necessary degree of MSW (Master of Social Work) to work within that desired field. She was told once by a social work manager that she would never work in the organ and tissue field because it was too narrow of a field. Being persistent, Julie found her niche. Like her success, Julie tries to help others achieve their dreams.

Julie got into Private Investigations because of someone she knew. That person encouraged her to “go for it” and be strong. She tries to focus her business on child custody and domestic cases, but right now is trying to learn other types of investigations. Any Westside needs please consider Jae Investigations, LLC. Sam, her German shepherd is the Canine Unit.

Jae Investigations is located at 1812 Buena Vista St., Kalamazoo MI 49001. Phone 269-719-0233, [jaeinvestigations@gmail.com](mailto:jaeinvestigations@gmail.com).

## Thank You to our Vendor Sponsors!



**Bug Sweeps**

*Marty VanderVliet*

616-676-9206 / PO Box 1082, Ada, MI 49301