

# Executive Board Elections

**Secretary    Treasurer**

**Region I Representative    Region III Representative**

In the fall of 2017, the IPCSA Executive Board positions identified above are open for election. Nominated candidates have submitted their statements. Also, write-in candidates for all positions are welcome.

Region I encompasses the following circuits: 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23 and Cook.

Region III encompasses the following circuits: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 20.

You must work in the region to qualify as the region's representative.

The following qualifications are necessary to run for office:

- Full membership in the Association.
- Active participation in committees or special projects for two years.
- Appropriate judicial officer approval to attend, to travel, and devote time to the Association business.
- Verification of qualifications by the Nominations/ Elections Committee.

**Candidate Statements are located on pages 3 & 4. A Ballot is located below  
Return your Ballot to P.O. Box 474, Effingham, IL 62401 or email to  
[nominations@ipcsa.org](mailto:nominations@ipcsa.org) prior to October 1, 2017**

## 2017 IPCSA Executive Board Election Ballot

The following is a list of Association members who have submitted their names as candidates for a position on the IPCSA Executive Board. Each candidate has met the criteria to run for their chosen position.

Voting instructions are: Select one candidate for each office by marking an (X) next to your selection. You may also submit the name of a write-in candidate. Write in your name and county where provided. This is required for your ballot to be verified for membership. Return this ballot so that it is received by IPCSA prior to October 1st, 2017.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>( X )</u>	<u>or</u>	<u>WRITE-IN CANDIDATE</u>
Secretary	Ellen Maxey	( )	or	_____
Treasurer	Margi Gilmour	( )	or	_____
Region I Representative	Tina Varney	( )	or	_____
Region III Representative	Meredith Stewart	( )	or	_____

Only paid members of the Association can vote. Voting will also take place at the 2017 Fall Conference in St. Charles on Wednesday (10/18/2017) and Thursday (10/19/2017) between 11:00 am – 2:30 pm. It is important for all members to vote so please take the time and vote for the candidate of your choice.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

County/Circuit: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return Ballot to Illinois Probation and Court Services Association, P.O. Box 474, Effingham, Illinois 62401 or  
[nominations@ipcsa.org](mailto:nominations@ipcsa.org). no later than October 1, 2017.**

# CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

**ELLEN MAXEY**

**SECRETARY**

My name is Ellen Maxey and I am asking for your support as I run for the position of Secretary of the Illinois Probation and Court Services Executive Board.

I graduated from Oregon State University in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology and will be entering a program in September 2017 seeking a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. I began my career working in various social service agencies with a variety of populations including the elderly, developmentally disabled adults and at-risk youth. While working with at-risk youth in Ford County I collaborated with the Probation and Court Services department and was impressed with the culture fostered by everyone who worked there. When a position became available, I jumped at the opportunity and was lucky enough to be hired; I am currently the Director in Ford County having been a line officer from 2007-2016. I am fortunate to work with a dedicated staff that looks for opportunities to serve.

My involvement with IPCSA began in 2007 and I currently serve as a member on the Legislative Committee and CMO committee. I would like the opportunity to expand my service as I believe the association is a prime example of, "You get out what you put in". This association has been a source of many years of excellent training conferences that so many of us have benefited from; I truly want to play my part in ensuring that this tradition continues and serving on the Executive Board is a way to do that. I understand my organizational skills will come into play when documenting the board meetings and other activities of the board, but of equal importance is representing the association as a whole when voting. If given the opportunity to vote on your behalf, please know that responsibility will be taken seriously and done with much thought. Thank you for your consideration! If you would like to contact me directly, please do; 217-379-9450 [emaxey@fordcounty.illinois.gov](mailto:emaxey@fordcounty.illinois.gov)

**MARGI GILMOUR**

**TREASURER**

My name is Margi Gilmour and I would be honored to serve as the Treasurer for the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association.

I'm currently serving as the Region 1 Representative, having been elected in 2015. In the last two years I've had the privilege to work with the Executive Board and have witnessed the efforts of those dedicated individuals to build a strong Association. As a new member on the Executive Board work, I observed the Board work tirelessly to increase memberships; be a resource to the existing committee chairs and co-chairs; approve the addition of the new Supervisor Committee; be a visible presence in Springfield to advocate on behalf of probation, juvenile detention, and pretrial related issues; and to maintain a healthy financial status to provide quality trainings at the spring and fall conferences. Serving as the Region 1 Representative also gave me an opportunity to meet with other members of the Association to listen to concerns, brainstorm potential solutions, and learn about the many effective programs and services going on in Region 1 and across the state.

I continue to learn and grow due to my experiences stemming from IPCSA which has led me to this opportunity to run for Treasurer. If elected to the position of Treasurer, I understand it is a great honor and responsibility. The position of Treasurer requires practices that are accountable and transparent. The Treasurer is responsible for working closely with the Executive Board to safeguard the Association's finances by preparing fiscally sound budgets and adhering to them; ensuring the Association's bank accounts are managed well; paying bills on time and; maintaining accurate book keeping and record keeping.

Although this would be a new experience for me, I believe my years of preparing budgets for DeKalb County Court Services and my years of serving as the chair of the Resource Committee have allowed me to develop the skills needed to effectively carry out the duties of Treasurer.

As director of DeKalb County Court Services, I've been responsible for preparing the department's budgets since 1998 and as chair of the Resource Committee I'm responsible for collecting thousands of dollars in exhibit fees at each conference and sending them to the Executive Secretary. I maintain a record keeping system for the vendor payments and send invoices for delinquent payments.

I have been a member of the Association for almost 28 years and I've learned a great deal from my involvement with IPCSA. I believe the relationships developed through IPCSA were instrumental in the development of my career over the years and I look forward to taking on a new challenge if elected to serve as the Treasurer. I would truly appreciate your support to serve in the capacity of Treasurer and I pledge to carry out the duties with the highest integrity and accountability.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at [mgilmour@dekalbcounty.org](mailto:mgilmour@dekalbcounty.org) or (815) 895-7196.

Thank-you.

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## **TINA VARNEY**

### **REGIONS 1 REPRESENTATIVE**

My name is Tina Varney and I would greatly appreciate your support as your Region 1 Representative for the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association.

It has been a true pleasure serving the membership on the Executive Board over the last 4 years as Secretary and it would be my honor to continue to serve you in the role of Region 1 Representative. The responsibility of representing you is one that I take very seriously and I know that my decisions are about what is in the best interest of the greater good.

I have dedicated my career to the field of Probation and Court Services and believe passionately in what we do. It began when I accepted an internship 25 years ago where I learned then, that this job not only has tremendous responsibility, but so much potential for helping others to make changes for the better. After I graduated from Northern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Criminology I was fortunate to be offered a position as a Probation Officer where I learned a great deal. I then became a Certified Criminal Justice Addictions Professional, earned a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Governors State University and graduated from the American Probation and Parole Association's Leadership Institute program. Besides working in Kendall County alongside some fantastic people, joining IPCSA early has been one of the best professional experiences of my career. I have met so many wonderful people that work hard every day encouraging and advocating for others. While an active member of IPCSA, I became Co-Chair of the Officer Safety and Wellness Committee, which has allowed me to work closely with others to bring much needed safety related training to many professionals from around the State of Illinois. As an Executive Board member I have advocated for more training, resources and mentoring. As I hope you can tell, I believe we must continue to advocate for ourselves and our clients by making sure we have the tools and resources to do the best possible jobs we can do. If I am fortunate enough to earn your support as Region 1 Representative, my promise to you is that I will continue to do just that.

Thank you so very much for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions; [tvarney@co.kendall.il.us](mailto:tvarney@co.kendall.il.us) or (630) 553-4180.

## **MEREDITH STEWART**

### **REGION III REPRESENTATIVE**

My name is Meredith Stewart and I am seeking your support for Region III Representative on the IPCSA Executive Board.

My educational background includes a BA in Psychology from Millikin University, an MPA from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, and a BA in Accounting from SMWC in Indiana.

I am currently the CMO in Fayette County, however, I began my probation career in 1995 as an intern with Macon County Court Services. The last day of my internship I was offered a Juvenile Probation Officer position which I readily accepted. In 1996, I moved to the Day Reporting Center until 1997 when I returned to my hometown. In 1999, Fayette County Probation added a Juvenile Probation Officer position and I spent nearly 10 years in that position until my appointment as CMO in 2009.

I have been a member of IPCSA throughout my time in probation and have been a member of the Inter/Intrastate Transfer committee as well as the CMO committee. I have enjoyed my years as a member of IPCSA and would welcome the opportunity to become a member of the executive board. IPCSA plays such a vital role in our state and I would like to be the voice for those of you in Region III. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [fayettejpo@yahoo.com](mailto:fayettejpo@yahoo.com) or 618/283-5015.

# **THANK YOU**

# **FOR**

# **VOTING!**