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# Ushering in a New Decade

## We are well into 2010 now.

The past decade ushered in many new ventures at the American Jail Association. We were especially busy in early 2009 conducting the inaugural class of our National Jail Leadership Command Academy (NJLCA). To date, more than 140 jail professionals successfully graduated from the NJLCA. Demand is so high that we added a third academy session in 2010 and 2011. As Jamey Kessinger (a graduate of the third NJLCA class) pointed out, by the end of the next decade, more than 1,000 jail professionals will have earned their NJLCA certificate and will have elevated the field to a new level of executive leadership. The NJLCA has been featured in previous issues of *American Jails*, and you can see our graduates online at [www.nationaljailacademy.org](http://www.nationaljailacademy.org).

Not to be outdone, we closed the year with the launch of our new website. If you have not yet experienced the exciting changes, go to [www.aja.org](http://www.aja.org). We are pleased to bring you a host of new services through our site. Tied to our customized, web-based association software, our website now allows individuals to stay current on events and news of interest to jails. Individuals can also log in, join and/or renew an existing membership, as well as maintain their own member profile. They can register for our annual conferences or individual training seminars, purchase training materials, and/or view their past activ-

ity with AJA. We featured the new site with a virtual ribbon-cutting at the 29th Annual AJA Training Conference & Expo in our cybercafé in May. Far more dynamic than our former site,

be sure to log in often so that you don't miss anything.

Have a project or success to share with your colleagues? Let us hear from you! We welcome your photos and feature stories

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### Assets—2009

<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 194,966
Cash—Designated by Board for Scholarships	2,119
Investments	469,897
Accounts Receivable	160,554
Prepaid Expenses	<u>73,517</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ <u>901,053</u></b>
<b>Property and Equipment</b>	
Land	\$ 143,813
Building and Improvements	\$ 970,497
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 279,535
Website Design	\$ 77,271
Vehicles	\$ <u>33,450</u>
	\$ 1,504,566
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(450,721)</u>
	\$ <u>1,053,845</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Loan Origination Costs	\$ <u>28,351</u>
Deposit on Property and Equipment	\$ —
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>\$ <u>28,351</u></b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,983,249</u></b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets—2009

<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 33,292
Compensated Absences	\$ 30,548
Deferred Revenue	\$ 421,039
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	\$ 27,175
Current Maturities of Capital Lease Obligation	\$ <u>4,158</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ <u>516,212</u></b>
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	
Long-Term Debt, Less Current Maturities	\$ 674,314
Long-Term Capital Lease Obligation, Less Current Maturities	\$ <u>6,382</u>
	\$ <u>653,696</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,169,908</u></b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Unrestricted	\$ <u>813,341</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,983,249</u></b>

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## **Executive Director's Remarks**

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to post online. Be sure to generate a buzz through our discussion forums as well!

We are also using our new web-based software to gather data for the next issue of the jail directory. We are going green and reducing the amount of paper we generate by converting to a totally electronic, searchable publication. Please include your agency and facility(ies) by responding to our request to input your data.

In keeping with the electronic world, we are expanding our training services through webinars and a new e-learning partnership known as the Corrections Online Training Community. Tune in!

Finally, I share with you the results of AJA's annual independent audit. The firm of Smith, Elliott, Kearns & Company concluded its 2009 year-end review of AJA's books. There were no material weaknesses, and we increased our net assets by nearly \$30,000 as we worked to control costs in these tough economic times.

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