

## MAPS MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

MAPS IS A MEMBERSHIP-BASED organization working to assist psychedelic researchers around the world design, obtain governmental approval, fund, conduct and report on psychedelic research in humans.

Founded in 1986, MAPS is an IRS approved 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation funded by tax-deductible donations from 1,800 members.

MAPS has previously funded basic scientific research in both humans and animals into the safety of MDMA (3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine, Ecstasy) and has opened a Drug Master File for MDMA at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. MAPS is now focused primarily on assisting scientists to conduct human studies to generate essential information about the risks and psychotherapeutic benefits of MDMA, other psychedelics, and marijuana, with the goal of eventually gaining governmental approval for their medical uses.

ALBERT EINSTEIN WROTE: "**Imagination is more important than knowledge.**" If you can even faintly imagine a cultural reintegration of the use of psychedelics and the states of mind they engender, please join MAPS in supporting the expansion of scientific knowledge in this area. Progress is possible with the support of individuals who care enough to take individual and collective action.

**The MAPS Bulletin**

Each Bulletin will report on MAPS research in progress. In addition to reporting on research both in the United States and abroad, the Bulletin can include feature articles, reports on conferences, book reviews, Heffter Research Institute updates, and the Hofmann Report. Issues raised in letters, calls and e-mail from MAPS members may also be addressed, as may political developments that affect psychedelic research and usage.



**MAPS' founder and President Rick Doblin** earned his Ph.D. in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Doblin was also in Stan and Christina Grof's first training group to receive certification as a Holotropic Breathwork practitioner.



**Maggie Hall, Director of Development**, is interested in broadening the scope of MAPS' research and educational activities by developing more financial resources for the organization. She sees the incredible benefits available to the global community by providing the full range of therapies that every person has a right to have access to when necessary, believing strongly in personal freedom and choice.

**Nicole Tavernier, Director of Operations**, has a background in various fields of business and is currently working on her degree in Business Administration.



**Mercedes Paulino, Director of Electronic Media**, an electro-anthro-bricolier, has become a connoisseur of Deceased Culture, weird hieroglyphs, a frequenter of forgotten systems of Mysterious Statue Chambers as of Pyramids, sole witness to Polyhedral Phenomenon of alarming scale in the night sky and of Sudden Unexplained Stellar Reconfiguration.



**Brandy Doyle, Director of Special Projects**, is pleased to add bulletin editing and member correspondence to her responsibilities at MAPS. She enjoys the way MAPS is situated at the intersection of research and action, consciousness and public policy, understanding the mind and changing the world.



**Marissa Vaudo, Membership and Sales Coordinator**, is grateful to psychedelics as guides and teachers that strive for health and awareness. In her eyes, MAPS is researching so that this help can be available to all who want to heal and challenge themselves.

"I've seen chronic pain disappear as a result of one session with Ecstasy (MDMA). I've seen allergies disappear. It gives you a chance to experience your body without the chronic tension that we normally impose on it.

And although it doesn't teach you to maintain that, it shows you that it's possible and it can motivate you to find out how to make it happen...without the drug." - *Dr. Andrew Weil*