



## Association of Paroling Authorities International

**First Friday - September 5, 2008**

Welcome to APAI's monthly online E-forum newsletter, *First Friday*. Our goal is threefold: to provide you with timely information about APAI, to initiate a 'conversation' with and among members, and to highlight accomplishments and new practices in the field of parole/release. As a bonus, this format will help save our Earth's precious resources.

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<http://www.apaintl.org/content/en/pdf/September2008.pdf>

### Calendar of Events and Upcoming Deadlines

**Mon,  
Sept 15**

Deadline for Speaker and Topic Recommendations, 25th Annual Training Conference

Please include only speakers for whom you have first-hand knowledge of their presentation abilities. Submit topics or speakers for discussion

[http://www.apaintl.org/en/ab\\_suggestion\\_form.html](http://www.apaintl.org/en/ab_suggestion_form.html)

**Sat, Apr  
19-Wed,  
Apr 22,  
2009**

25th Annual Training Conference, Newport RI

[http://www.apaintl.org/en/tr\\_atc09.html](http://www.apaintl.org/en/tr_atc09.html)

### The President's Gavel

Dear Members,

As an APAI member, your individual or group membership plays a valuable part in making APAI a successful organization. As we enter the second half of 2008, your continued support and participation in making APAI the recognized voice of releasing and supervision authorities is imperative.

Many of you have praised APAI training programs as the hallmark of our organization. You have also mentioned the benefits you receive from our annual survey, which offers technical assistance in responding to issues within your respective jurisdictions. And others have expressed the value they find in our position statements and standards/best practices. These are just a few of the services provided by APAI. We are the recognized voice, your recognized voice, for the highest professional standards of responsible parole practices.

At this time, I'm asking you to consider making a financial contribution to assist APAI in serving our profession. Your support will help increase our visibility in the field of criminal justice, and will highlight the work this organization does to promote the highest degree of professional, ethical standards. All contributions are tax deductible and will be efficiently and effectively used to advance APAI.

Please consider this request to support our not-for-profit organization. Your overall service to APAI (on the executive committee, various standing and ad hoc committees, support for training activities and other work) is critical to its continued success.

If you wish to further support the group's work through a financial donation, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Contributions can be mailed by check c/o Bea Leopold, Interim Executive Director, APAI Executive Office, 233 Canterbury Drive, Wallingford PA 19086 or online c/o [https://www.apaintl.org/en/join\\_donate\\_form.html](https://www.apaintl.org/en/join_donate_form.html). In the "Other Purpose" field, choose Other, then specify General Donation.

Thank you for your professional commitment, your service to your jurisdiction and your work with our professional organization, APAI.

With best personal regards,  
Charles M. Traughber  
President

### **APAI At Work**

The Executive Committee met September 2 – 4 in Chicago, immediately preceding the annual Chairs' meeting. Among the highlights of the meeting were: an in-depth review of our finances, the setting of charges for each committee, and the approval of the theme for the 2009 Annual Training Conference in Newport, RI, "The Bridge to Success." This theme will represent partnerships with our colleagues in the field of corrections, public safety and the judiciary and will continue to have international representation. The 2010 Annual Conference will be in Boise, ID. There was a lengthy discussion about the 2007 Survey and the outreach of the key findings.

Tony Thompson facilitated a one-day session on the beginning of a Strategic Planning initiative that will be continued in Charlotte later this month. A review of the work completed will be in the next issue of First Friday and the complete Strategic Planning Initiative will be posted on our website.

### **Chairs' Meeting**

The Annual Chairs' Meeting is being held this year in Chicago, September 5 – 7. Thirty-five Chairs registered and, in addition to self-directed leadership topics, will receive the training on the following topics: "Parole in the Year 2020" with Beth Oxford and Danny Hunter, Georgia Board of Pardons and Parole, and "Motivational Interviewing: Value in Risk Reduction," with Michael Guevara, NIC. The Chairs will also be invited to participate in several sessions focused on the future of APAI. The meeting is being facilitated by Tony Thompson, Professor of Clinical Law, NYU School of Law, and is being supported by NIC, Omnilink,

Behavioral Interventions (BI), Community Solutions (CSI), and Varian.

### **Highlight on APAI Resource**

Check out APAI's Knowledge Center, a rich, searchable database reference center for members only. It represents questions our members have asked that have been answered by jurisdictions, for example: do governors in your jurisdiction get involved in your decision-making? ...is your authority involved in reentry? ...is the media in attendance at hearings in your jurisdiction? See what is being asked and read the responses as they are posted.

To participate, send us your question and we will send it to the jurisdictions, or post it on your own right on the site.

The Knowledge Center is available to members' only by clicking on the Blue Section of our website: <http://www.apaintl.org/en/index.html>. If you have never entered the Members' Only section, your default password is: ChangeMe (case sensitive). You may change it once you enter, or contact us for assistance, c/o [Audrey@APAINTL.org](mailto:Audrey@APAINTL.org).

### **Call for OVC Award Nominations**

Submit your nominations online for the 2009 National Crime Victims' Service Awards, to be held in April 2009.

These awards are bestowed individuals and organizations that significantly improve the lives of victims in the aftermath of crime. OVC has implemented a convenient Online Nomination Form. The Awards ceremony is in

To review the submission guidelines, consider one of the eight award categories, and submit your nomination, visit <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/notices/NCVROW2009OnlineNominations/index.html>

Deadline for submission is Friday, October 10.

### **Final Deadline — Annual Training Conference Content Submissions**

Submissions for general session and workshop speakers are being accepted through Monday, September 15. See instructions for submissions in the calendar section of this newsletter.

### **News from the States**

The Arkansas Board of Parole has proudly announced that it received reaccreditation by the American Correctional Association in August. The accreditation will remain in effect through 2011.

Caroline Mudd (Kentucky), L. Gale Buckner (Georgia), Fred Dunphy (Florida) and Dr. Kenneth Walker (Rhode Island) have been appointed or elected chair of their respective Parole Boards.

### **Lasting Words**

We want this newsletter to enhance communications among our membership. Do you have a topic, discussion item or newsworthy story for the next issue? Submit your ideas for the next issue by Monday, September 29, 2008: [http://www.apaintl.org/en/ab\\_suggestion\\_form.html](http://www.apaintl.org/en/ab_suggestion_form.html)



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