



2026 Award Nominations

ASSOCIATION OF PAROLING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL

The Association of Paroling Authorities International (APAI) Awards Committee is hereby soliciting nominations for the Annual Awards. The Annual Business Meeting and Awards Luncheon will be held in **New Orleans, Louisiana on May 6, 2026.**

VINCENT O'LEARY AWARD

The Vincent O'Leary Award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to APAI and has demonstrated vision, leadership and commitment to the field of parole.

CRITERIA

1. Nominee is a practicing or retired professional in the field of parole.
2. Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the Association and the field of parole on the local, regional, national or international level.
3. Nominee must be nominated by an active member of APAI.

BEN BAER AWARD

The Ben Baer Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated a significant service in the field of parole or community corrections.

CRITERIA

1. Nominee must be a board member, parole agent, examiner, analyst or community corrections professional who not only has performed assigned duties in an outstanding manner, but has made a significant contribution to the parole or community corrections profession at the local, regional or national level.
2. Nominee must have brought credit or honor to the profession of parole.
3. Nominee must be nominated by an active member of the APAI.

CARE AWARD

The CARE (Communication Award Recognizing Excellence in Education and Collaboration) Award encourages the use of best practices in

the area of public and stakeholder education by yearly bestowing an award to recognize excellence in this area. The award process shall be used to create a resource for the sharing of examples of such practices within the membership. All nominations and the program or event descriptions contained in them shall be maintained and made available to APAI members through whatever means practical as a resource for other members.

CRITERIA

1. Name of the organization and contact information.
2. Name and contact information of the person submitting the nomination.
3. A description of the program or event nominated for the award.
4. Any metrics, testimonials, or other information that demonstrates the program or event meets the criteria for the award.

RENEE COLLETTE INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Renee Collette International Excellence Award recognizes an international individual or an organization which has contributed significantly to the advancement of international criminal justice.

CRITERIA

1. Nominee must be a practicing or retired professional who has performed assigned duties in an exceptional manner at the international level.
2. Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the advancement of international criminal justice international level.
3. Nominee must be nominated by an active member of APAI.



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This form is offered as an option for nomination submission.

Other formats are accepted so long as the following information is included in the submission.

THIS FORM IS A NOMINATION FOR WHICH AWARD?

(choose one)

Vincent O' Leary Ben Baer CARE Renee Collette International Excellence

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name:

Agency:

Title:

Email:

Phone:

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name:

Agency:

Title:

Email:

Phone:

NARRATIVE (Additional documents may be attached)

**In order to ensure timely processing, nominations must be received by
5:00 PM Central Time, April 1, 2026.**

Nominations should be sent to the Executive Director's e-mail at koonce@apaintl.org.