

CONNECTING & ENERGIZING PAROLE ACROSS THE WORLD



2020–2021 ANNUAL REPORT
Association of Paroling Authorities International

APAI

The recognized voice for the *highest* professional standards of responsible parole practices.

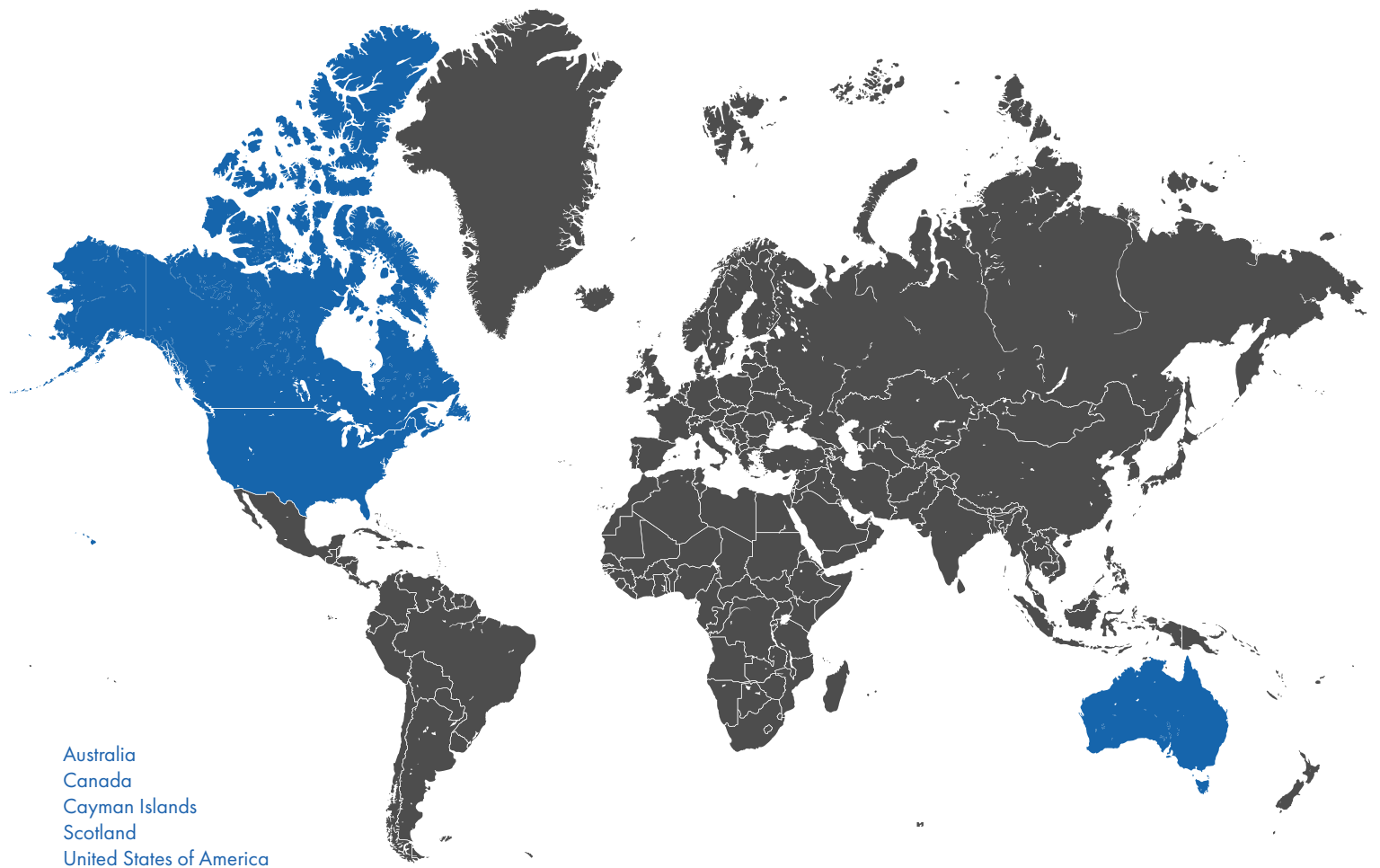
The Association of Paroling Authorities International (APAI) came to life in the early 1970s when a group of international colleagues in the field of parole expressed a strong interest in discussing best practices and current issues surrounding early release, reentry into the community, and public safety. While members may have different parole legislation, policies and regulations, they all share the fundamental value in the belief of a person's ability to change and the conviction that gradual, supervised reintegration into our communities is an effective protection of public safety.

Mission

The Association of Paroling Authorities International is a global association dedicated to the accomplishment of public safety and successful offender reentry through training, education, standards of evidence-based research and best practices, providing peer-based technical assistance and support in collaboration with strategic partners.

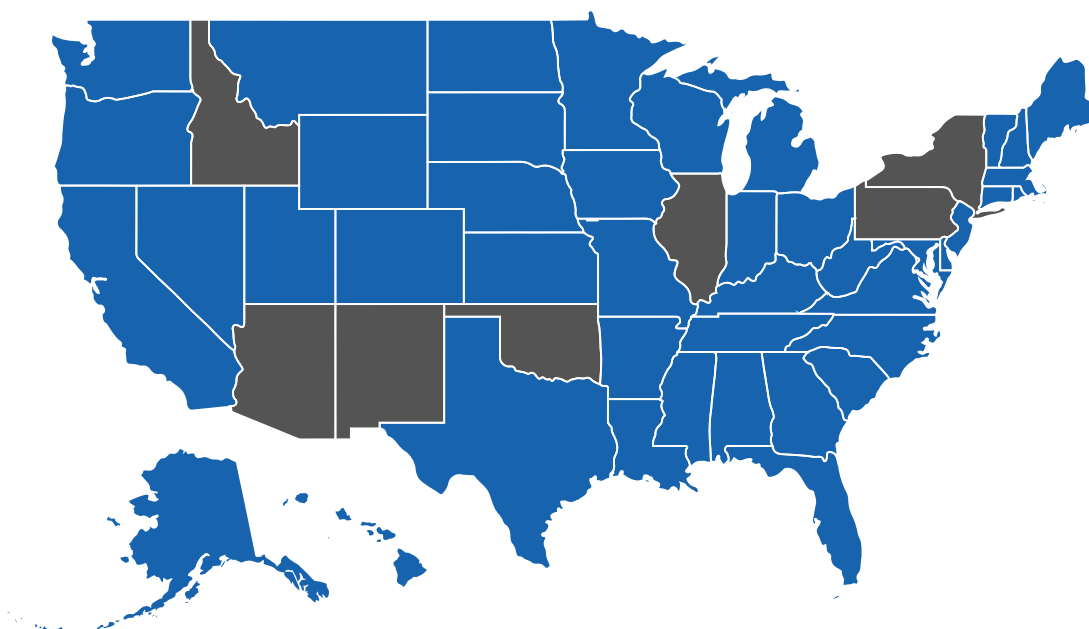
Values

- We believe that the parole process is essential to a fair and just criminal justice system that enhances public safety.
- We are dedicated to professional development of those involved in the parole process.
- We are committed to the development, improvement and utilization of consistent and rational parole practices.
- We believe in the human dignity of all and shall demonstrate this belief to the community, victims and offenders through our practices.
- We believe in the development of leadership that creates an environment to guide, influence and facilitate best practices.



APAI MEMBERSHIP

As of the close of the association's fiscal year, our membership was comprised members from 44 states and territories from the United States and 5 countries, with multiple states represented in several of those countries.

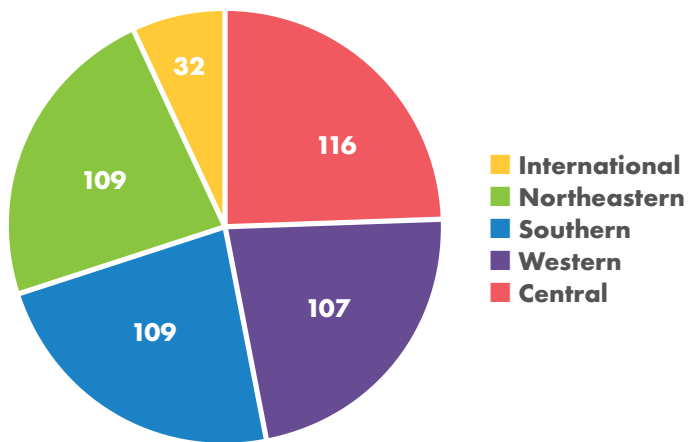


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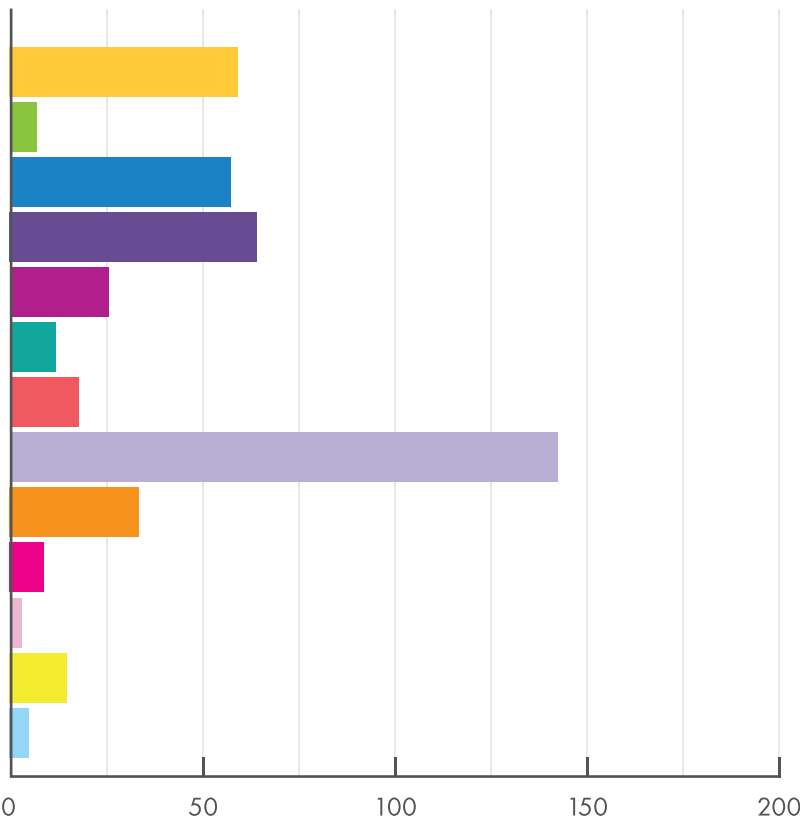
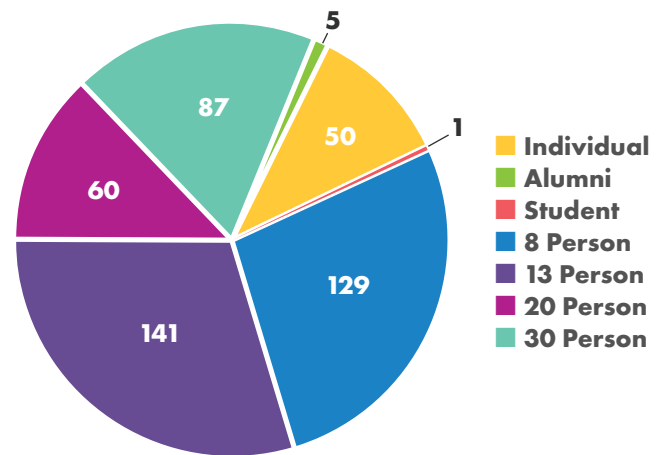
MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Networking and Collaboration with Parole Board Chairs and Members from Across the Globe
- Access to Data and Inquiries to All Member Parole Boards
- Information Updates on New Board Members, Chair and Key Staff Trainings
- A Quarterly Newsletter
- Reduced Rates for Conference Attendance
- E-blasts Concerning Publications and Training Opportunities

MEMBERSHIP BY REGION



MEMBERSHIP BY TYPE



MEMBERS BY TYPE

Administrator	60
Analyst	7
Chair	58
Commissioner	65
Hearing	26
Legal	12
Management	18
Member	144
Other	34
Research	9
Retired	3
Support	15
Victim	5

APAI is **the** leading worldwide organization for parole practices. We welcome all in the parole field to join, regardless of the number in your organization.

APAI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President

David Blumberg | Chairman, Maryland Parole Commission | Baltimore, Maryland

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association, speak on the behalf of the Association, and preside over all meeting of the Association. The President shall appoint Regional Vice Presidents and serve on the Executive and Finance Committees. The President shall oversee the activities of all officers, function as the liaison between the Executive Director and the Executive Committee, and be responsible for the coordination of communications between the Association membership and other criminal justice professionals and organizations.

Vice President

Jonathan Ogletree | Chair, Kansas Prisoner Review Board | Topeka, Kansas

The Vice President shall, as directed by the President, be responsible for coordinating the activities of the Regional Vice Presidents and shall perform such other tasks as the President may assign.

Secretary

Francis Abbott | Executive Director, Louisiana Board of Pardons & Committee on Parole
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The Secretary shall be responsible for taking and distributing all minutes from meetings of the Executive and the Annual Business meeting. The Secretary shall report all vote tabulations to the Executive Committee and Membership, unless otherwise noted in official Association documents. The Secretary shall serve as Executive Committee liaison to the Membership Committee and shall perform such other tasks as the President may assign.

Treasurer

Kecia Rongen | Chair, Washington Indeterminate Sentence Review Board | Olympia, Washington

The Treasurer shall oversee all financial affairs of the Association and provide information and support to the Finance Committee. The Treasurer and Executive Director shall submit an annual budget containing personnel, operating and related fiscal information to the Executive Committee for approval a minimum of sixty days prior to consideration. The Treasurer shall present the Executive Committee approved Association budget to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting. The spending of funds not approved in the current budget shall require the authorization of the Treasurer, President, Vice President and Executive Director. The Treasurer shall perform such other tasks as the President may assign.

Immediate Past President

Cynthia Mausser | Managing Director, Parole and Community Service, Ohio Department of
Rehabilitation and Correction | Columbus, Ohio

The Immediate Past President shall serve as counsel to the President and Executive Committee, shall chair the Nominating Committee and shall perform such other task as the President may assign.

APAI VICE PRESIDENTS

Comprised of four United States Regional Vice Presidents and four International Vice Presidents

UNITED STATES REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

Matthew Degnan | Administrator, Rhode Island Parole Board | Rhode Island

Northeastern USA

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Rhode Island, United States Parole Commission, and the Military Clemency/Parole Boards

Alicia Handwerk | Chair, Ohio Parole Board | Ohio

Central USA

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin

Benita Murphy | Member, West Virginia Parole Board | West Virginia

Southern USA

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Virgin Islands and US Territories, and West Virginia.

Jennifer Shaffer | Executive Officer, California Board of Parole Hearing | California

Western USA

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming

INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

Sylvie Blanchet | Executive Vice-Chairperson, Parole Board of Canada | Canada

Thando Tsetewa | Special Advisor to Minister of Justice & Correctional Services, African Correctional Services | South Africa

Martin Jones | Chief Executive, The Parole Board of England and Wales | England

Alistair Spierling | Member, New Zealand Parole Board | New Zealand

APAI COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee is chaired by the APAI Secretary and comprised of all Regional Vice Presidents. The purpose of the committee is to promote a strong, viable, and sustainable membership. The membership committee works to grow membership, enhance membership benefits, and educate stakeholders in the value of membership with the Association.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

The purpose of the Public Relations/Communications committee is to promote education, advancement, and advocacy for paroling authorities and their stakeholders. The Association publishes an electronic newsletter each quarter, which features association news, member spotlights, and updates from around the world. Contributions to the newsletter are always welcome.

Education: to share resources, information, and challenges with our association through social media, the newsletter, website, and email.

Advancement/Advocacy: to provide evidence and/or research based resources for members to utilize within their own jurisdictions to advance parole and other criminal justice initiatives.

CRIME VICTIMS'

The charge of the Crime Victims' Committee is to elevate the awareness of crime victims issues in the post conviction processes and to ensure that the professional development opportunities offered, facilitated and supported by the Association contain sufficient content relative to victims and survivors of crime and their role in the parole and reentry process. One of the current assignments of the Victims Committee is to develop a Model Protocol for paroling authorities to ensure victim participation in the parole process.

STANDARDS/RESOLUTIONS

The Standards/Resolutions Committee is comprised of members who are knowledgeable of contemporary best practices in parole and interested in educating and providing such information to APAI membership.

The Committee is responsible for reviewing and proposing revisions to APAI's Essential Elements of Parole for consideration by the Executive Committee. The Committee also is responsible for reviewing and drafting resolutions consistent with APAI's Essential Elements of Parole. The Committee also is granted other assignments by the Executive Committee, such as constitution and bylaw revision recommendations.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Professional Development Committee (PDC) reviews and recommends to the Executive Committee proposed curricula of various trainings, education programs, and the Annual Training Conference to ensure that regional, national, and international interests are represented. The Committee also reviews feedback and evaluations of all educational programs and reports to the Executive Committee on whether the goals of the programs were met. They work to form professional development opportunities for association members that will provide a meaningful impact.

Parole professionals from close to 40 countries have participated in our Annual Conferences, trainings, and audio conferences throughout our history. At the 2019 Annual Training Conference, over 220 attendees represented almost 70 agencies from a total of 39 states and jurisdictions, including the United States Air Force and Army and nine countries.

APAI CONFERENCE HISTORY

Year	Theme	Location	Participants	Exhibitors
2021	Connecting & Energizing Parole Across the World (followed a hybrid in-person/virtual model)	Arlington, TX	106 in-person 186 virtual	9
2020	Parole: International Perspectives, Common Goals	Nashville, TN	—	—
2019	Parole: A Force for Public Safety & Positive Change	Baltimore, MD	224	6
2018	Best Practices: An Investment in Successful Parole	Incline Village, NV	180	7
2017	A Global Look Forward: International & Diverse Perspectives on Parole	Vancouver, BC	214	5
2016	The Future of Parole: Waves of Change, Oceans of Opportunity	Daytona Beach, FL	170	10
2015	High Risk, High Needs, High Profile	Columbus, OH	231	4
2014	Defining Success: Increasing Public Trust & Confidence in Parole!	Broomfield, CO	174	15
2013	Parole: Diverse Paths to a Common Goal	Providence, RI	141	9
2012	Practicing Smart Justice: Innovative Practices in Parole	Orlando, FL	140	13
2011	Collaborations & Partnerships: The Keys to Success	San Antonio, TX	138	8

INCOME

Conference Registrations	\$62,152
Conference Exhibitors	\$9,828.66
Misc	\$3,886.16
Total	\$75,866.82

EXPENSES

Hotel	\$50,606.99
Staff Travel	\$2,770.08
Printing	\$504.35
Awards Items	\$225.00
Shipping	\$166.42
Supplies, Signs	\$466.96
Total	\$54,739.80

2021 CONFERENCE INFORMATION

June 13–16, 2021 • Arlington, Texas

TOTALS

Income – Expenses	\$21,157.02
CMIT 20% Revenue	\$4,225.40

TOTAL FOR 2021 CONFERENCE

Total	\$16,901.62
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2021 CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

292 PARTICIPANTS

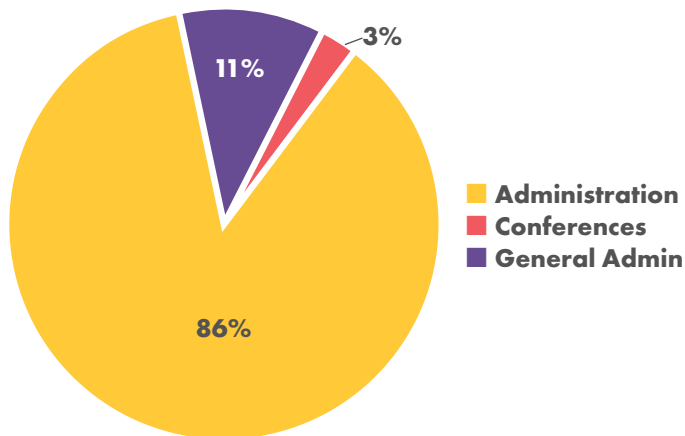
9 EXHIBITORS

FINANCIAL — 2020–2021 FISCAL YEAR

EXPENSES

2021 Conference*	\$1,655.84
Conferences	\$6,674.15
Executive Director Services	\$49,000.00
Administration	\$49,000.00
General Administration	\$6,099.88
Total Expenses	\$56,755.72

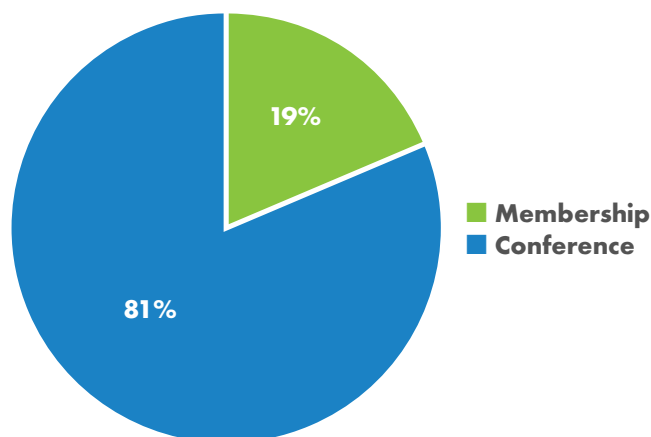
EXPENSES



INCOME

Membership	\$14,160.00
Conference	\$61,828.35
Total Revenue	\$75,988.35

INCOME



TOTAL

Income – Expenses	\$19,232.63
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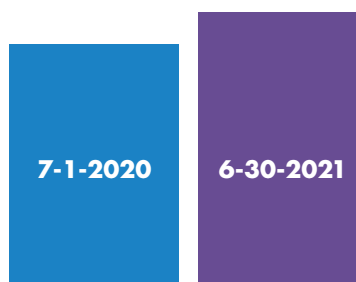
*The 2021 conference concluded at the end of the fiscal year, therefore expenses for the conference were paid during the following fiscal year (2021-2022). This will present as reduced expenses in FY21, but increased expenses in FY22. This is why conference data is presented separately, regardless of the fiscal year for which it is captured. The data is presented in both ways.

THE ASSOCIATION'S FISCAL YEAR (FY) BEGINS ON JULY 1 AND ENDS JUNE 30.

ASSETS

2020 VS 2021

07/01/2020 - Assets	\$147,331.21
06/30/2021 - Assets	\$166,563.84
Difference	\$19,232.63



**ASSETS
7-1-2020
vs
6-30-2021**
↑ 13.1%

AWARDS INFORMATION

DR. KENNETH WALKER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Dr. Kenneth Walker served as a “hands on” Chair and Member of the Rhode Island Parole Board for over 35 years, having been consistently reappointed by all Rhode Island Governors irrespective of their political affiliation. He was also an educator, basketball referee, and devoted his career to serving his home state of Rhode Island. Dr. Walker’s commitment to public service was unprecedented. Though retired, he continued to participate and advocate for his community particularly as it relates to young people, the incarcerated, senior citizens, the physically and mentally challenged, as well as issues related to the minority communities and their access to health care. He has been recognized and honored by many groups, including the Association of Paroling Authorities International, where he was awarded the Vincent O’Leary Award for his many contributions to the field of parole and the Ben Bear Award for his efforts to defend the parole supervision process as a necessary link in providing successful transition and reentry. Dr. Walker received the Neil J. Houston, Junior Award from Justice Assistance for his dedicated service and citizen contribution toward the Criminal Justice Profession and the Public Interest. This award, which is given in his name, is to recognize and reward an individual or an organization, which has contributed significantly to the furthering of the rehabilitative efforts of parole.

RENEE COLLETTE INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Renee Collette served as a member of the Quebec Parole Board for three years and as Chairman for ten years before being appointed as a full-time Board Member and Executive Vice-Chairperson for the Parole Board of Canada. Renee also served as the Acting Executive Director and Acting Chairperson for the Board during her tenure. Her commitment to International Criminal Justice existed throughout her career and reached far beyond the borders of North America. Renee served APAI from its earliest days, in every elected and appointed position that the Association of Paroling Authorities International Constitution embodies. Renee’s leadership fostered international growth and advancement throughout the years. Her representation and promotion of the international criminal justice community successfully helped form APAI into the strong international association that it is today. Renee holds numerous awards and recognitions, including the Vincent O’Leary Award, Ben Bear Award, and the President’s Award with the Association of Paroling Authorities International, the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Commemorative Medal, and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal of recognition. This award, which is given in her name, is to recognize and reward an international individual or an organization, which has contributed significantly to the advancement of international criminal justice.

The first award was given in 2020.

CARE AWARD

This award recognizes and rewards the use of best practices in the area of public and stakeholder education.

VINCENT O’ LEARY AWARD

This award is to recognize and reward an individual who has made significant contributions to APAI and has demonstrated vision, leadership and commitment to the field of parole. From 1951 to 1957, Vincent O’Leary was Chief of Parole and Probation for the State of Washington. He then served in Texas as Director of Parole Supervision from 1957 until 1962. He became Director of the National Parole Institute in 1963, at which time he assumed responsibility for the first parole board member training, helped develop the first national statistic report on parole, and influenced the development of parole guidelines. He stayed in this position until 1968 and was also Director

of Research and Policy for the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. During this time, he was instrumental in developing policy for parole boards in the early days of APAI. In 1968 he was employed as Dean of the School of Criminal Justice for the State University of New York at Albany. He was involved in developing standards for parole boards as a consultant to the National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals in 1973. In 1977 he was named President of the New York University at Albany and stayed until he retired in 1990. The hallmark of his career was his tireless fight against the abolishment of parole.

BEN BAER AWARD

This award recognizes and rewards an individual who has demonstrated significant service in the field of parole or community corrections. Benjamin F. Baer was an appointed public official who dedicated his 48-year career to the criminal justice system, fighting for fair and equitable treatment of offenders and protection of the public. He was appointed to the U.S. Parole Commission by President Ronald Reagan in January 1982, was designated Acting Chairman in February and appointed as Chairman on March 24, 1982. He served in that position until his death in April 9, 1991. Chairman Baer was known best for his determination and struggle to defend just punishment for offenders. He was a dedicated advocate for truth and fairness in sentencing, and he fought tireless battles to defend the supervision process as a necessary link in providing safety, accountability, and protection to the public.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This award is given to an individual or organization that has made at least a single significant contribution either to the field of parole or to the Association.

2021 AWARD WINNERS

VINCENT O'LEARY AWARD
Francis Abbott, Louisiana

BEN BAER AWARD
Martin Jones, England

PRESIDENT'S AWARD
Jennifer Shaffer, California

DR. KENNETH WALKER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
Our Roadway to Freedom, Texas

RENEE COLLETTE INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD
Sylvie Blanchet, Canada

PRESIDENT STATEMENT

Two years ago was a very difficult time for APAI. With COVID new on the horizon we had to cancel our annual conference and sustain financial loss. 2021 was nearly a repeat, but David Gutierrez and his friends in Texas saved our bacon. The in-person/hybrid format not only turned a profit but allowed us to have a partial return to normalcy. We supplemented our educational component by offering a vast array of Zoom presentations to help our membership keep track of current themes and saving them money on signing up to participate, travel, and lodging.

Fast forward to 2022. We will have a record-breaking attendance for our annual conference. The California program committee has put together amazing agendas for chairs, executive directors, and convention participants. We have taken in \$25,000 worth of vendor commitments. To be candid, this event could not have come at a better time.

We also are fortunate to have received a large grant from the National Institute of Corrections on structured decision-making. My Vice President Jonathan Ogletree was instrumental in this occurring, as was Kecia Rongen, Ashley Koonce, and Francis Abbott. Twelve states have been selected to participate. This is a win-win for everyone involved. New chairs and board member training also will be returning shortly. We have truly made lemonade out of lemons.

This is my fourth and final year as your president. I have been enormously humbled by your commitment, enthusiasm, and support. After I step back on July 1, to become immediate past president, my memories of being leader of this great organization will truly be a highlight of my twenty years of being a parole board member. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to serve you. A special thanks to those who enjoyed my sport coats.

Fondly,



David Blumberg

President, APAI





APAI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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West Virginia

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