



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 conditional release, reentry into the community and public safety.

APAI's operational body consists of an Executive Committee. The regions served in the United States are Northeast, South, Central, and Western. International countries served are Canada, Europe, Africa, and New Zealand.

APAI's 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.**

ASSOCIATION OF PAROLING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL

In order to support our infrastructure and meet the demands of the Standard Committee Essential Elements, APAI seeks funding to maintain and expand the association, provide training and education, incorporate relevant evidence based practices, and engage system and community partners while establishing new collaborations.

APAI's 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. APAI also offers a Mentoring program that sees to foster a supportive environment for the personal and professional growth of leaders of paroling and releasing authorities.

To achieve our mission, we commit to the following priorities:

1. Developing and promoting standards and best practices through training, mentoring, and research partnerships.
2. Expanding membership, including international paroling authorities.
3. Developing cost effective membership interactions, such as online training and meetings, using technology whenever possible.
4. Establishing and publishing association resolutions and information relevant to all paroling authorities.
5. Identifying ongoing strategies for funding for sustainability.

Past Conference Themes

Parole: A Force for Public Safety & Positive Change	2019
Best Practices: An Investment in Successful Parole	2018
A Global Look Forward: International & Diverse Perspectives on Parole	2017
The Future of Parole: Waves of Change, Oceans of Opportunity	2016
High Risk, High Needs, High Profile	2015