



APAI News

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Taking the Lead

President Represents APAI

President Lisa Holley represented APAI at the following meetings:

- Jan 27 - 28: National Legislative Briefing by Council of State Governments, Sex Offender Management Policy in the States, Little Rock, Arkansas

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Celebrate It!

PROFESSIONALIZING, POSITIONING APAI IS FOCUS OF NEWEST GRANT

APAI is pleased to announce a 16-month grant of \$200,000 from the JEHT Foundation to cover designated personnel and website redesign and development. The grant, announced at our 23rd Annual Training Conference by **Bob Crane**, JEHT Foundation President, runs through June 30, 2008. "This grant," said **Lisa Holley**, APAI President, "will enable APAI to meet our immediate goals of professionalizing and positioning APAI for future growth and sustainability."

Several major projects will be initiated, including:

- A major campaign to determine who our members are and what they value in APAI. The results and analysis will enable APAI to plan for growth and provide optimal and outreach services to our members. *(See related information, p. 8)*
- A redesign and overhaul of our website, with a focus on user-friendly navigation and a broadened scope of information.
- Long-range, strategic and transparent budgets to provide a structure and plan for growth.

In his address, Crane also announced the redirection of funds that JEHT has provided to the Center for Effective Public Policy (CEPP) to create a partnership between CEPP and APAI. That partnership will enable our highly-rated and much-anticipated trainings for new board members, experienced board members and hearing officers to be scheduled in 2007. Planning will begin in mid-May, and information will be disseminated to APAI members as soon as it becomes available.

"APAI is so very grateful for the JEHT Foundation's commitment to our mission and to our future," said Holley.

MEET APAI'S LEADERS

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- Feb 21 - 22: National Institute of Corrections, Comprehensive Parole Strategy Workgroup, Washington DC. This initiative, under the direction of Carla Smalls, Correctional Program Specialist, is designed to provide input into NIC's new strategic direction for parole.



Two follow up meetings were scheduled, one on April 24 - 25 and the other on June 19 - 20. **Dwight Holden**, APAI Treasurer, and **Cranston Mitchell**, Professional Development Chair, also attended.

- May 17: Center for Effective Public Policy, Bethesda MD. This meeting will begin the planning process for APAI new board member, veteran board member and hearing officer trainings to be held. (See p. 1)

Also representing APAI will be **Dwight Holden**, **Cranston Mitchell** and **Bea Leopold**. **Peggy Burke**, **Richard Stroker** and **Paul Herman** have been named CEPP representatives.

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The following members serve on APAI's Executive Committee as elected and appointed leaders:

- Lisa Holley, Chair, Rhode Island Parole Board, Cranston RI. *President*
- Charles Traugher, Chair, Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole, Nashville TN *Vice President*
- Cheryl Hansen, Member, Utah Board of Pardons and Parole, Murray UT *Secretary*
- Dwight Holden, Chair, Delaware Board of Parole, Wilmington DE *Treasurer*
- Marilyn Scafe, Executive Director, Kansas Reentry Policy Council, Topeka KS *Immediate Past President*
- Renée Collette, Executive Vice Chairman, National Parole Board, Ottawa, ON, Canada *Int'l Regional Vice President*
- Edward Reilly, Chair, U.S. Parole Commission, Chevy Chase MD *Northeastern USA Regional Vice President*
- Jeff Peterson, Executive Officer, Minnesota Department of Corrections, St. Paul MN *Central USA Regional Vice President*
- Rissie Owens, Chair, Texas Board of Pardons and Parole, Huntsville TX. *Southern USA Regional Vice President*
- Dorla Salling, Chair, Nevada Board of Parole Commissioners, Carson NV. *Western USA Regional Vice President*
- Catherine McVey, Chair, Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, Harrisburg PA *Council or Chairs*

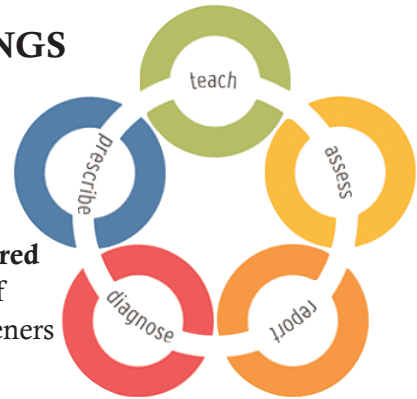
The following members have been appointed by the President to chair standing committees. These positions are not Executive Committee posts:

- ByLaws Garland Hunt
- Membership Paul Feleciano
- New Survey Catherine McVey
- Professional Development Cranston Mitchell
- PR/Communications Randy Gentry
- Resolutions Jeff Peterson and Rissie Owens
- Standards Monica David

2008 Conference Host Committee Chair Ted Kuster

Hear It!

AUDIO CONFERENCE TRAININGS IN YOUR OFFICE



APAI held the fourth in a series of audio conferences on Thursday, March 8. The topic, *Principles of Mental Health and Drug Abuse Treatment for Criminal Justice Populations*, facilitated by **Fred Osher, MD**, Director of Health Systems and Services Policy, Council of State Governments. The conference attracted a record-breaking 259 listeners at 52 sites in the US and Canada.

What's Next...

Register for the next audio conference, to be held on Thursday, June 21 at 2:00pm, Eastern time. The topic is *Bridging Issues Surrounding Adolescent/Youthful Offenders in Adult Facilities*. The facilitator will be **William "Bill" Sturgeon**. This topic was selected by the Professional Development Committee at their March meeting in Chicago. The committee is chaired by **Cranston Mitchell**.

Sturgeon has over 35 years of experience in the criminal justice field. He is an author, teacher/trainer, practitioner, expert witness, operational content expert, and an internationally recognized criminal justice consultant.

He has received numerous awards and commendations for his work in the field of criminal justice, and has consulted for federal, state and several county governments as well as national and international corporations in the areas of management of youthful offenders, management, supervision, security, operations, special operations, emergency planning and training.

Sturgeon has co-authored two books, *No Time To Play: Youthful Offenders in Adult Correctional Systems*, (1998) and *Recess is Over: A Handbook for Managing Youthful Offenders In Adult Systems*. (2001)

He holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts Degrees in Criminal Justice Administration.

Forms were mailed in early May. Registration is being accepted by mail, fax or online.

Registration for June 21 Audio Conference

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*2006 - 2007 Audio Conferences Now Archived on APAI Website**

- Fred Osher, MD. *Co-occurring Mental Health Diagnoses*. 03/08/07
- Redonna K. Chandler, PhD. *Principles of Drug Abuse Treatment for Justice Populations*. 12/8/06
**not available at this time*
- Scheree C. Lipscomb. *Media Relations and Public Image*. 10/28/06
- Phyllis Modley & Patricia Van Voorhis, PhD. *Gender Responsiveness Risk and Needs Assessment Tools*. 09/28/06

APAI acknowledges the National Institute of Corrections for support of this highly successful and valued series.

23RD ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE...

Picture It!



CONFERENCE STATS

Member Registrants	135
Non-member Registrants	47
Speakers	16
Exhibitors	11
Staff	6
Total Attendance	215

Fast Fact: Approximately 1/3 of all conference registrations were paid for with our new online credit card system.

Above: Honor Guard awaits opening of Conference as people gather and renew friendships. Right: Lisa Holley, Chair of the Rhode Island Parole Board and APAI President, welcomed everyone and presided over the meeting.



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“WE KNOW WHAT WORKS...”

— 2007 AWARDS —



Ed Reilly (Left) presented the Ben Baer Award to Cranston Mitchell. Both are with the U.S. Parole Commission.



Marilyn Scafe, Executive Director of the Kansas Reentry Policy Council and APAI Immediate Past President, was presented with the Vincent O'Leary Award by Jim Vick, U.S. Army Clemency and Parole Board.



The 2007 President's Award went to the JEHT Foundation for their generous support during the transition year. Receiving the award were (from left) Hyacinth Miller, Bob Crane, President, who was Keynote Speaker and Steve Hawkins. (see Related Story, p. 1)



Jorge Montes, Conference Chair, presented the Community Service Award to the SAFER Foundation. Receiving the award were Diane Williams, President and CEO (left) and Tina Bitsas, Associate Vice President.



Cameos: (from left): Jasper Clay, Maryland Parole Commission; Margaret Love, Attorney-at-Law, Washington DC and General Session Speaker; Valerie Parker, Indiana State Government Department of Corrections; and Garland Hunt, Esq., Chair, Georgia Board of Pardons & Parole and conference 'clergy-in-residence.'



The Silent Auction drew handmade and local items from all over the U.S. and Canada. We raised \$3800.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

APAI gratefully acknowledges our following friends...

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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Remember It!

THE newly-appointed Resolution Committee has identified nine Resolutions in various stages of draft and/or approval. Only one of the existing Resolutions is known to be adopted with an official

date. Therefore, the current stated status is based on oral historical knowledge.

Adopted

- Mental Health *adopted in 2005*

- Truth-In-Sentencing — *believed to be adopted, no date indicated*
- Reentry — *believed to be adopted, no date indicated*

In Draft Stages

- Substance Abuse — *final draft completed by Rissie Owens and Jeff Peterson*
- Community Corrections — *final draft completed by Cathy McVey*
- Family-Based Reentry Plan — *draft by David Blumberg*
- Co-occurring Disorders — *draft by Cheryl Hansen*
- Crime Victim Rights — *draft by Jeri Costa*

Retired

- Interstate Compact

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

The current work plan is to bring all current resolutions to final draft in a uniform format. When completed, we will submit all eight existing Resolutions for membership approval.

We invite members who have an interest in these or other topics to suggest or develop to contact us.

— Jeff Peterson &
Rissie Owens,
Committee Co-chairs

INSURANCE, INCORPORATION RECOMMENDED BY LEGAL COUNCIL

Protect It!

A specialist in association law and partner in a major Chicago-based law firm, **Paula Goedert**, addressed the Executive Committee regarding some issues related to positioning APAI for the future. Among the issues were obtaining both D&O (Director's and Officer's) and general liability insurance and incorporation.

General liability can be thought of as protecting the Association entity. D&O insurance covers legal fees in the event of legal action against an association or a member based on association-related activities. D&O insurance was obtained in late March. General liability is being quoted at this time.

Incorporation protects association leaders and members against personal liability should a law suit be pressed that directly relates to their work for the association.

"It is highly unusual for an association to *not* be incorporated today, as it provides so much protection," said Goedert.

Incorporating is a fairly simple action that will require APAI to look at our bylaws. Goedert recommended eliminating some of the redundancy in our Constitution and combining that intent into the Bylaws document. To that end, **President Lisa Holley** has appointed **Garland Hunt**, Chair of the Georgia Board of Pardons & Parole who also has law credentials, to chair our Bylaws Committee.

Pursuing both insurance coverage and incorporation creates an environment in which members can step up to leadership positions with full confidence that APAI has done due diligence to protect them.

☞ www.legal-info-legale.nb.ca/showpub.asp?id=14

☞ www.icnl.org/JOURNAL/vol4iss23/oshinsky4.htm



KEY CONFERENCE INFORMATION

*Sunday, April 27 — Wednesday, April 30, 2008 • Louisville Marriott
Downtown, in the heart of Louisville's charming and vibrant
downtown area.*

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Louisville's greatest natural resource, the Ohio River, is the reason for the city's existence. Louisville is located between St. Louis and Cincinnati on the banks of the scenic 981-mile-long Ohio River. Louisville's central location puts it within a day's drive of half the nation's population. At the intersection of three major interstates, I-64, I-71 and I-65, the city is directly connected to such communities as: Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Nashville, St. Louis, Chicago, Columbus, Cleveland, Birmingham, Richmond and Norfolk.

WHY LOUISVILLE?

Louisville is a community on the move, with major city amenities like world-class performing arts, great sports and a nationally-acclaimed parks system. Yet Louisville offers hospitality, warmth and smaller city advantages.

WHAT TO DO IN LOUISVILLE

Louisville is home to the legendary Kentucky Derby and the Kentucky Derby Festival which attracts over 1.5 million visitors each year. This internationally-recognized event is scheduled for April 29 - May 4 in '08. We took a famous "two minutes" and made it a two-week extravaganza. What the Run for the Roses is to horse racing, Louisville's Derby Festival is to community celebrations. The Festival is one of the premiere events of its kind in the world. It brings fun, excitement, international recognition and a spirit that is unmatched anywhere. Louisville is also home to the new Muhammad Ali Center, our exciting 4th Street Live! entertainment complex downtown, Waterfront Park and many historic neighborhoods. Whether you're planning a visit for fun or business there's so much to see and do! Shopping, dining, attractions and accommodations are all within walking distance.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

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- ☞ www.gotolouisville.com/content.aspx?id=498



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DATES OF NOTE

2007

June 21 Audio Conference, *Bridging Issues Surrounding Adolescent / Youthful Offenders in Adult Facilities*

Sept 26 - 29 Chairs' Conference, Ambassador East Hotel, Chicago IL

Fall TBA New Board Member, Hearing Officer and Experienced Board Member Trainings

2008

Apr 27 - 30 APAI 24th Annual Training Conference, Louisville KY

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Before we Adjourn...

One day Alice [in Wonderland] came to a fork in the road and saw a Cheshire cat in a tree. "Which road do I take?" she asked. "Where do you want to go?" was his response. "I don't know," Alice answered. "Then," said the cat, "it doesn't matter."



This quote is, of course, what takes place when poor, lost-in-the-woods Alice meets the grinning Cheshire Cat in Lewis Carroll's classic tale, *Alice in Wonderland*.

APAI is on a path that would make this astute cat proud. We *do* know where we're going, and we want you to come with us as we stand at our crossroad of Growth and Sustainability.

Look for more information about our plans in coming weeks.



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