



## Association of Paroling Authorities International

**First Friday - December 19, 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.

**If you have difficulty viewing this newsletter click here:**  
<http://www.apaintl.org/content/en/pdf/December2008.pdf>

### Calendar of Events and Upcoming Deadlines

Friday Jan 16, 2009	2009 APAI Dues Deadline	<a href="http://www.apaintl.org/en/join.html">http://www.apaintl.org/en/join.html</a>
Sat, Apr 19- Wed, Apr 22, 2009	SAVE THE DATES! 25th Annual Training Conference, Newport RI	<a href="http://www.apaintl.org/en/tr_atc09.html">http://www.apaintl.org/en/tr_atc09.html</a>

### The President's Gavel

Dear Members,

Bea Leopold, our Interim Executive Director since December 2006, will be leaving us effective December 31. Ms. Leopold and her assistant, Audrey Lombard, have done a stellar job of professionalizing our operations and positioning us for the future. We couldn't have asked for a more dedicated and professional Interim Executive Director as we made the transition from our long standing Executive Secretary, Gail Hughes.

We are grateful to Ms. Leopold and Ms. Lombard for all of their service, organization and professional knowledge that brought us to this point. On behalf of the Executive Committee, we offer our thanks for their care and nurturing over these past two years, as well as their dedication to making the transition smooth and uneventful.

Ms. Leopold asked me to include in this announcement the following statement: "I would like to express my gratitude to APAI's Executive Committee and membership for the great respect and warm acceptance you have given to me over the past two years. I have come to think of so many of you as my friends, and I have grown to appreciate and hold great respect for the work you do. I know it is an experience that will stay with me as one of the most rewarding professional contributions I have made as I've helped move your profession forward. Many blessings to you all."

I am pleased to announce that APAI will retain the services of MorrisAllsop, a New York City management firm. Our account will be handled by Celeste Morris, President, and Hyacinth Miller, a former employee of the JEHT Foundation who knows us well. Their services officially began on December 15. Ms. Leopold, Ms. Lombard, and Ms. Miller have already begun to communicate and Ms. Miller will keep you informed as the transition unfolds.

Members wishing to contact Ms. Leopold or Ms. Lombard after December 31 may contact them at [Bea@BLCommunications.us](mailto:Bea@BLCommunications.us) and [Audrey@BLCommunications.us](mailto:Audrey@BLCommunications.us), respectively. Written notes may be sent to them c/o BLCommunications, 233 Canterbury Drive, Wallingford PA 19086.

With Best Regards,  
Charles Traughber  
President

## **2009 APAI Dues**

Help us plan for the year by making sure that your 2009 APAI Dues are paid on time. Invoices were sent in November, or can be found online: [https://www.apaintl.org/en/membership\\_signup.html](https://www.apaintl.org/en/membership_signup.html)

Use the printable form to submit your dues by check or click on online payments to submit by credit card.

## **Donations to APAI Accepted**

APAI, as a registered 501(c) 3 organization, is able to accept your fully-deductible donations. Please think of us as you prepare your 2008 end-of-year donations. Send your donation before December 31 to APAI, 233 Canterbury Drive, Wallingford PA 19086 or by credit card online at [https://www.apaintl.org/en/join\\_donate\\_form.html](https://www.apaintl.org/en/join_donate_form.html)

## **Annual Conference in Beautiful Rhode Island**

Rhode Island may be a small state, but it's not lacking in its grandiose vistas, history and welcoming atmosphere. Our 2009 Annual Training Conference, April 19 – 22, promised to be one filled with excellent education, camaraderie and lots to do. Each room at our flagship hotel, the Hyatt Newport Regency, has a water

view, promising a great place to regroup between the many, many activities, educational programs and events. In addition, our silent auction is now receiving donations. Registration for the conference and hotel is now open, as is your opportunity to donate an item. For information about everything related to the conference and silent auction, visit our website:

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

## **JEHT Foundation Closes**

APAI was informed on December 15 that the JEHT Foundation must close its doors. In an email, Robert Crane, President and CEO stated, "I regretfully write to inform you that due to a sudden financial crisis and the resulting loss of funding, the JEHT Foundation has stopped all grant making effective immediately and will be closing its doors in early 2009. Unfortunately the funds of the donors to the JEHT Foundation were managed by Bernard L. Madoff, a financial advisor who was arrested last week for defrauding investors out of billions of dollars. Given the circumstances, the Foundation is unable to issue any payments on unpaid grants, the unpaid portions of multi-year grants previously made, or give further consideration to any proposals that were in the pipeline."

APAI had no outstanding grants with the JEHT Foundation at the time of the announcement.

## **New Policy Briefing on Community Correction Strategies**

A new policy brief has been issued from the Pew Public Safety Performance Project highlights community corrections strategies that can help policy makers and practitioners improve public safety and make better use of scarce public funds. [Putting Public Safety First: 13 Strategies for Successful Supervision and Reentry](#)

The 13 strategies outlined in this brief were the results of consensus findings from two meetings of national experts held over the past year by the Urban Institute, in collaboration with the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) and the JEHT Foundation.

This briefing is a companion piece to a longer [report](#) produced by the Urban Institute with the support of the JEHT Foundation, NIC and the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The report includes examples from the field and describes each of the 13 strategies in more detail.

We hope you can use this policy brief to help make the case for more cost-effective corrections in your work with policy makers and managers.

The 2009 Criminal Justice Transition Coalition, which includes The Sentencing Project and 20 other prominent national organizations, released in early November a collaborative report identifying criminal needs for federal policy reform. The report, *Smart on Crime: Recommendations for the Next Administration and Congress*, contains comprehensive policy recommendations at every stage of the justice system. For more information,

[http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/report\\_detail.aspx?id=46538](http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/report_detail.aspx?id=46538)

## Resources

The Reentry Policy Council Newsletter is rich with resources related to the topic of reentry. <http://www.reentrypolicy.org/newsletters>

The Pew Public Safety Performance Project and a group of leading practitioners and researchers reviewed a wide range of strategies for improving community corrections and making the best use of taxpayers' investments in public safety. The package of policy-level actions for state legislators, executives and courts is now posted on PSPP's website.

[http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/report\\_detail.aspx?id=47134](http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/report_detail.aspx?id=47134)

Center for Faith-based and Community Initiatives

The U.S. Department of Labor, Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice, in conjunction with CGC's Justice Center, has just released "Reentry Partnerships: A Guide for States & Faith-Based and Community Organization," a document written for officials and representatives of faith-based and community organizations who want to create and sustain collaborative efforts to reduce recidivism and help people returning to the community from prisons or jails to lead productive and law-abiding lives.

<http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/>

## Editor's Note

*First Friday* regrets the delay in publication this month, held with permission of the Executive Committee due to the finalization of the transition plans. The publication schedule will resume on the first Friday of each month in January.

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