



Association of Paroling Authorities International

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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/November2008.pdf>

Calendar of Events and Upcoming Deadlines

Thurs, Nov 20	APAI Northeast Regional Meeting, Newport RI	Interested in Attending? FYI@APAINTL.org
Sat, Apr 19- Wed, Apr 22, 2009	SAVE THE DATES! 25th Annual Training Conference, Newport RI	http://www.apaintl.org/en/tr_atc09.html

The President's Gavel

Dear Members,

We are in tough economic times, and APAI will not sit back passively on the sidelines. We are aggressively seeking mutual opportunities with other organizations.

On a recent visit to Washington, DC, Vice President Garland Hunt, Immediate Past President Lisa Holley, Northeast/Sectional Vice President Edward Reilly and I met with grant foundations and the National Institute of Corrections. (See related article, Business Plan.) We stressed areas in which the foundations, public sector agencies and APAI can work together on projects that can benefit each of us and are in line with our Mission Statement.

APAI new mission, created at our Executive Committee retreats, reads:

"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."

— Adopted by APAI Executive Committee: Sept 25, 2008

I invite you to read and respond to this redirection of APAI by clicking on the Suggestion Box from our homepage. Your suggestions will assist APAI's Executive Committee in determining how we can best serve you, our membership.

With Best Personal Regards,
Charles Traughber
President

Business Plan

The Executive Committee met twice in September, once in Chicago and a second time in Charlotte, emerged with great enthusiasm, and armed with a new and aggressive Business Plan. The Plan will focus on APAI's growth and sustainability. Highlights of the plan place an emphasis on APAI's Scope of Business, Unique Services and Products, and the Development of Partnerships, both nationally and internationally. To kick off the seriousness of our intent, four members of the Executive Committee, President Charles Traughber, Vice President Garland Hunt, Immediate Past President Lisa Holley and Northeast Regional Vice President, Ed Reilly, visited four offices in Washington DC to determine future opportunities and openings for collaboration and partnership projects. They were: NIC, NGA, Pew Center on the States, and the Urban Institute.

The plan can be viewed or downloaded from our website
http://www.apaintl.org/en/ab_businessplan.html

APAI expresses deep gratitude to NIC for generous funding that enabled this milestone to be achieved.

What's New on the Web?

Visit our website and you will notice a web banner on our homepage. We have opened up what we hope will be an enhancement to our relationship with our business friends as well as a diversification of our revenue stream with the addition of leasing real estate on our homepage. Take a look and spread the word to your corporate and agency friends.

APAI's 2009 Dues Campaign

Each of you received an invoice for your APAI Membership in 2009. Please be sure to either respond personally with your payment or make a commitment to personally deliver it to your Accounts Payable departments. We depend on your membership for our voice in the parole community as well as for financial solvency. *You can pay by check or credit card online. Please take action now!*

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

Voting Rights Recap

Elections in the U.S. may be over, but issues regarding voter rights continues. For a state-by-state recap of voter rights for those who have served time in prison, visit either of these sites:

<http://www.ncsl.org/programs/legismgt/elect/voterights.htm>

<http://www.aclu.org/votingrights/exoffenders/index.html>

Lasting Words

We want this newsletter to enhance communications among our membership. Do you have a topic, discussion item or newsworthy story for the next issue? Submit your ideas for the next issue by Monday, December 1, 2008 http://www.apaintl.org/en/ab_suggestion_form.html

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