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### THINGS TO DO IN 2010

- **Renew APAI Membership**
- **Register for 2010 Annual Training Conference in Savannah, GA, May 16-19, 2010**
- **Donate Silent Auction Item**
- **Make Nomination of APAI Award**
- **Run for APAI Office**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

2009 has come and gone and we are beginning a new year at APAI. It is time to renew your membership for 2010. Membership reminders have gone out and the registration forms are available on line at [www.apaintl.org](http://www.apaintl.org).

We are excited to have the Correctional Management Institute of Texas, a part of Sam Houston State University, serving as our secretariat and managing our membership services for us. As you will see in the related article, they have a wealth of experience in managing professional organization in the criminal justice field. They are available to answer your membership related questions.

Why is it important to be a member of APAI? I have been involved in the field of parole for over 30 years. I have seen many improvements in the practice of making release and revocation decisions. I also know that we must not become complacent. In tough economic times, such as we are currently experiencing it is critical that those of us involved in the field keep current on the important issues facing our profession.

Many jurisdictions are desperately looking for ways to deal with large deficits. Many times, policy decisions made out of desperation are not

based upon sound correctional principals. APAI has long been the voice of reason and "best practice" in the field of parole.

We accomplish this through quality training opportunities such as our Annual Training Conference and our Annual Chairs Meeting, both of which are offered at a discounted rate for members. This years Annual Training Conference in Savannah is shaping up to be an especially informative one. We have an extensive international membership contingent that gives all of us access to an extensive base of knowledge not available from most other professional associations in criminal justice.

New for this year we have developed new List Servs that allow the membership to keep in immediate contact with each other to deal with critical issues as they arise. The most exciting development of all is the creation of the National Parole Resource Center (NPRC). The Center, a joint project between the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Association of Paroling Authorities International and The Center for Effective Public Policy will greatly enhance the practitioner's ability to function efficiently and effective in this time of increased demands and shrinking resources.

And the best news of all, the Executive Committee voted to keep the 2010 membership dues at the 2009 rates in recognition of the economic climate we all face.

I can not close this letter without saying a few words about my dear friend and colleague, Ed Reilly. Ed has retired after a distinguished career at the United States Parole Commission. Throughout his career Ed has been a strong supporter of parole and APAI. He has served on numerous committees and most recently served as Regional Vice President for the Northeast Region. His advice and counsel has been invaluable to me over the years. Thankfully Ed has agreed to serve in that capacity despite his retirement. Thank You Ed and we wish you well in your retirement.

Hope to see you in Savannah

Charles Traughber  
APAI President

MEET KEITH HARDISON

Keith Hardison, of Hardison Consulting, has joined the Association of Paroling Authorities International as its new Chief Administrative Officer.

Mr. Hardison is charged with advancing the mission of the Association, securing additional resources to help the Association meet its goals of providing professional development training to its membership, and strengthening and promoting the voice of APAI on issues of public safety and successful reentry.

Mr. Hardison began his career as Probation and Parole Officer with the Kentucky Department of Corrections in 1979 after graduating from the University of Louisville School of Justice Administration. After graduation from the Night Division of the University of Louisville School of Law he became a prosecutor with the Jefferson County (Louisville), Kentucky,

Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney. In 1983, he became an Administrative Law Judge for the Kentucky Parole Board and was eventually promoted to Chief Administrative Law Judge. He subsequently served as Deputy General Counsel for the Kentucky Department of Corrections, where he not only represented the Division of Probation and Parole, but also served as the primary legal counsel for the Kentucky Parole Board.

In 2001, he was appointed Executive Director of the Kentucky Parole Board and implemented numerous improvements in the parole process in Kentucky. He retired from that position in 2004 and started Hardison Consulting, LLC. He has worked with parole boards around the country on numerous projects to improve parole practices.

Mr. Hardison is currently an adjunct faculty member at Sullivan University in

Louisville where he teaches law and corrections related classes. He occasionally is called upon to serve as a Hearing Officer for the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice in matters involving the revocation of Supervised Placement. He has written and lectured on the legal issues involved in the revocation of parole and other forms of conditional release.

When asked about why he came to APAI, Keith stated, "I have long recognized the critical work that parole boards and releasing authorities do and have been amazed by the lack of resources that many jurisdictions devote to the people and agencies that do this work. I hope to play a role in rectifying that."

Keith lives in Louisville, Kentucky with his wife Josephine and enjoys traveling, scuba diving and woodworking.



To demonstrate through embracing APAI's established values that the parole process of the criminal justice system is an essential element for making our society a safer, better place to live.

NEWS OF INTEREST

On November 13, 2009, individuals with an interest in the National Parole Resource Center, including APAI President Charles Traugber, Vice President Garland Hunt and Chief Administrative Officer Keith Hardison met in Washington DC with representatives from the Bureau of Justice Assistance and other organizations to discuss the project organization, major activities, products, and next steps of the Resource Center. This group will again meet on January 21, 2010 do

continue to plan for this exciting new project.

◆.....◆ The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance and Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention have announced that they are seeking applications for funding under the Second Chance Act Adult and Juvenile Offender Reentry Initiative. This program furthers the Department's commitment to providing services and programs to

help facilitate the successful reintegration of offenders as they return to their communities. The deadline for application is 8:00 p.m. eastern time on March 4, 2010. For more information visit [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10BJA\\_JJ\\_SecondChanceDemonstrationSol.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10BJA_JJ_SecondChanceDemonstrationSol.pdf)

◆.....◆ The Urban Institute under a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance has just released a publication entitled *An Evolving Field: Findings from the 2008*

## MEET NATALIE PAYNE

In October, 2009, APAI retained the services of the Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT) to serve as our Secretariat. CMIT, a part of the George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center at Sam Houston State University provides training, research and technical assistance to adult and juvenile institutional and community corrections. In addition CMIT serves as secretariat for several professional associations such as:

- ◆ National Association of Probation Executives
- ◆ National Juvenile Court Services Association
- ◆ Texas Association for Court Administration
- ◆ Texas Jail Association
- ◆ Texas Probation Association

APAI is extremely fortunate to have been assigned Natalie Payne as the person responsible for providing administrative and logistical support to APAI.

Natalie began her employment with CMIT in June of 2004. Prior to working with CMIT, she worked for approximately seven and one-half years with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in various positions including as an Institutional Parole Officer and Internal Auditor.

She obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice degree in May 1999 and her Master of Arts in Criminal Justice degree in December 2005, both from Sam Houston State University.

Natalie is part of the Special Programs Division of CMIT,

which coordinates conferences such as *Leadership for Support Staff*, *Women in Criminal Justice*, and *Gangs*. The Special Programs Division also coordinates various other trainings such as Leadership, Ethics, & Integrity in Criminal Justice, Strategic Communication, and Effective Courtroom Testimony, just to name a few.

Natalie is available to answer your questions regarding memberships, registrations and various other administrative matters. She can be reached at 936-294-1706 or [info@apaintl.org](mailto:info@apaintl.org).

During her spare time, Natalie enjoys shooting archery with her family, scrapbooking, and playing with her 3yr old daughter.



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

## ED REILLY RETIRES

A fixture in the field of parole has entered into a much deserved retirement. In November of 2009, Edward Reilly, known to us all as "Ed", officially retired as Chairman of the United States Parole Commission.

Ed spent his early years in Leavenworth, Kansas, working in the family insurance and real estate business. He was first called into public office at the age of 26, when he was appointed to an unexpired term in the Kansas House of Representatives. This was followed by seven successive elections to the Kansas Senate. Having grown up in the city that housed the first Federal prison, it was only

natural that Ed served on committees that handled most of the state's correctional issues. Ed's efforts brought about major reforms in the correctional system in Kansas.

In 1992, President George H. W. Bush appointed Ed to serve as Chairman of the United States Parole Commission. He served in that capacity under a total of four Presidents and six Attorney Generals.

One of his first duties as Chairman was to close the Commission as the result of the establishment of federal sentencing guidelines and the abolition of parole for federal offenders. He initially

prepared to close the Parole Commission in November 1992, but Congress extended the Commission's jurisdiction to hear parole cases still in custody under the previous law who were entitled to review hearings.

At the same time, Congress transferred responsibility for District of Columbia Code offenders to the United States Parole Commission. This resulted in the Parole Commission changing direction and focusing its attention on the 10,000 DC offenders, including making release decision for DC offenders eligible for parole. The Commission also set the conditions of release and revoked the release of those

who fail on supervision. During his tenure, Ed constantly had to deal with lean budgets. It became necessary to implement cost saving measures, such as video conferencing and reducing the number of Hearing Examiners conducting release and revocation hearing. To this day, the Commission struggles to meet its mandate to protect public safety based on its current budget.

During his tenure at the US Parole Commission Ed served on numerous Boards and Commissions. Most notably he served as an Advisory Board Member for the United States Sentencing

**NEWS OF INTEREST, CONT.**

*Parole Supervision Strategies to Enhance Reentry Outcome.* This latest publication gives the field, policymakers and the public a bird's-eye view of the current state of parole supervision in the United States as it relates to how the "13 Strategies" are reflected in practices. This publication may be found at

www.urban.org / publication/411999.html

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 Last but not least, do not forget the 2010 APAI Annual Training Conference in beautiful Savannah, Georgia, on May 16 - 19, 2010. The Host Committee has been hard at work planning an exciting and informative program of training and

information. A training agenda should be released soon. What a great way to experience one of the most beautiful and historic cities in the US while at the same time meet old friends and colleagues and catch up on the latest information about our field.

**ED REILLY RETIRES, CONT**

Commission and on the Advisory Board for the National Institute for Corrections. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, not the least of which is the 2007 Ben Bear Award given by Association of Paroling Authorities International.

According to Ed, APAI has been instrumental in developing partnerships with other criminal justice agencies in an effort to professionalize the parole process through the training of parole chairs and members. The current debate in state legislatures as well as at the national level concerning the cost of incarceration provides even more opportunity for the Association to be a voice for

improved parole policy and standards. The Association provides a wonderful opportunity for State and Federal agencies to come together in collaboration to accomplish that end.

Ed goes on to state, "it has been a real education and a privilege for me to serve with such a distinguished body of parole board members. I would encourage those who are not members to join and support this organization that represents a critical component of the criminal justice system."

Having been in public service for over 47 years, Ed does not intend to retire from life, Rather he will pursue helping political candidates who can contribute to the future of his

state and this great nation. He will also pursue opportunities to lecture and speak on parole and criminal justice issues, in an effort to correct the great misunderstanding the general public has concerning these issues. Ed is also a single father and plans to spend the vast majority of his time raising his son, Edward Joseph.

When asked to provide us with some sage words of advice, Ed responds, "As to providing advice to those much more astute than I, I would only offer the counsel that it is critical to develop standards to guide the appointment of individuals to serve on parole boards. Release decisions should be guided by the application of

guidelines and evidence based practices, but application of policies is ultimately dependent of the wisdom and experience of persons making the decisions. Nevertheless, constantly changing technology can be a critical plus for those deciding parole, and I would encourage boards to pursue what has been proven to work best in their jurisdictions."

Responding to the call from President Traughber, Ed has agreed to stay on the APAI Executive Committee as Vice President for the Northeast Region. All of us at APAI wish Ed much happiness and enjoyment as he enters this new phase of his life.

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