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THINGS TO DO IN 2011

- **Renew APAI Membership**
- **Register for the 2011 Annual Chairs Meeting, September 28-29**
- **Serve on an APAI Committee**
- **Convince a colleague to join APAI**

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

As I enter my fourth and final year as President of APAI, with a new President to take office July 1, 2012, I wish to thank all of you who attended our 27th Annual Training Conference in San Antonio, Texas. You took time from your busy schedules to be with us and to improve your knowledge and skills. For that I thank you. You are to be commended for your dedication to the professionalism of our field of work.

I must also thank the many men and women who worked so hard to make this event possible and a great success. The host committee from the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles is to be commended for the many hours they put into this event. We had a record number of exhibitors and sponsors that helped with the expenses for the Conference. This has contributed greatly to the financial stability of the organization.

And we must acknowledge the support of the National Institute of Corrections, the Pew Center on the States, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance for supporting our excellent speakers. We cannot forget that many of the presenters volunteered

their time to come forward and share their knowledge and experience with us. The evaluations have been tabulated and it appears that the presenter's contributions were very well received.

I would also like to congratulate our award recipients. You can read more about them later in this newsletter.

Congratulations to Jeff Peterson of Minnesota who was elected Vice President and to Jeralita "Jeri" Costa who was reelected as Secretary. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with both these dedicated professionals over the past several years and look forward to continuing to serve with them.

I also wish to thank Garland Hunt for his years of service to the organization as its Vice President. Job well done. We will miss your wisdom and guidance but I look forward to working with you in your new role as President of Prison Fellowship. You will serve that organization well

Our committees are hard at work charting the future of the organization. I would also like to thank Jeri Costa for facilitating the updating of our business plan and to NIC for

providing the financial support for this project. This plan will guide this organization to new and unprecedented heights as we strive to achieve our vision to continue to be the recognized voice for the highest professional standards of responsible parole practices.

I hope to see my fellow Chairs in Boise, Idaho, September 28-29, at the 2011 Chairs Meeting. Thanks to Olivia Craven and the Idaho Commission of Pardons and Paroles for agreeing to host this event.

Last, but certainly not least, I am pleased to announce that the 2012 Annual Training Conference will be held in beautiful, sunny Orlando, Florida, May 20 -23, 2012. Special thanks go out to Chair Tena Pate and her crew at the Florida Parole Commission for agreeing to host this event. Please plan to join us in Orlando.

Warm regards,

Charles Traugber
President, Association of
Paroling Authorities
International

2011 APAI AWARD RECIPIENTS

Another APAI Annual Training Conference has come and gone. In addition to the many educational sessions and networking opportunities, this event is a time when we recognize those who have made outstanding contribution to our field. This year recipients exemplify the commitment and dedication that we should all strive for in our work.

James E. (Jim) Vick was awarded the Ben Bear Award. Jim has dedicated his 39 year career in the parole system to fighting for the fair and equitable treatment of offenders, providing effective re-entry programming, victims rights and the protection of the public. He was appointed Chair of the Army Clemency and Parole Board in 1981, a position

he currently holds. He is a frequent contributor to the training conferences of APAI and is an active member of this organization having served as its President from 2002 -2004

Frederick S.S. Chilukutu was awarded the Vincent O’Leary Award. Frederick is the outgoing Chair of the Zambian National Parole Board and deputy commissioner in charge of operations for the Zambia Prisons Service. He paved the way for the introduction of the parole system in Zambia and served as the first board chairman. He planned and supervised the construction of the Board’s secretariat offices and was a frequent attendee at APAI Training Conference.

Jeralita “Jeri” Costa was awarded the Presidents Award. Jeri was singled out for her many hours of work as Secretary of the Association and for serving as Chair of the Membership Committee and as a member of the Crime Victim’s and Professional Development Committees. Jeri is the former Chair of the Washington State Indeterminate Sentence Review Board and currently works for the Washington State Department of Corrections. She is a frequent contributor to the various trainings offered for new parole board members and chairs through NIC.

chosen for that award by the Texas Host Committee. Grace House is a faith-based ministry focused on women who are at risk. Grace House was established to train, support and give hope to women following incarceration, or those in the midst of perilous lifestyles. The Grace House setting and training affords an opportunity for women to overcome the addictive and destructive lifestyles that have kept them from becoming productive citizens.

Congratulations to all of this years award winners.

Grace House Incorporated received the Community Service Award. They were



President Traugher with James Vick, Ben Bear Award recipient



President Traugher with Jeralita “Jeri” Costa, President’s Award recipient



Grace House Incorporated Representatives, Community Service Award recipient

Frederick S.S. Chilukutu, Vincent O’Leary Award recipient was unable to attend the conference

NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION, BY RENEE COLLETTE

The participants representing the International Section at our 2011 Annual Training Conference came from Bermuda, Canada, England and Wales, Grand Cayman, Hong Kong, Democratic Republic of Congo, Western Australia and Zambia. I wish to sincerely thank them for coming to San Antonio

and participating in the sessions and in many interesting discussions.

I wish to acknowledge in particular those you made a contribution to the program as speakers: Sir David Latham, Chairperson of the Parole Board of England and Wales, and from the Parole Board of Canada -

Harvey Cenaiko, Chairperson; Brian Chase, Regional Director General; and Sylvie Blanchette, Regional Manager, Community Relations and Training (Atlantic Region).

I would also like to thank Renée Gobeil from Carleton University, Canada for her contribution to the

program.

We had the pleasure of meeting the new Chairperson of the National Parole Board of Zambia, Monica Kitambi and the newly appointed Chairman of the Parole Board of Bermuda, David A. Burch. Congratulations and welcome to our Association.

DONALD A. ANDREWS, A PIONEER AND A VISIONARY

The following is an excerpt from a tribute presented at the 2011 Annual Training conference by Renée Collette, APAI International Section Vice President

When Cranston Mitchell suggested that we should pay tribute to Don Andrews who recently passed away, I could not agree more. In order to prepare myself for this moment, I read the wise words of James Bonta and I asked Jean Sutton for her input.

James reminded us that "criminology and correctional psychology lost a friend, innovator and a vigorous advocate for the just and ethical treatment of offenders".

Don met Paul Gendreau during one of his internships in the Canadian Penitentiary Service and they started to collaborate. Paul Gendreau, James Bonta and other colleagues met

regularly with Don and published two papers; the first on the "Risk-Need-Responsivity Model", and the second, a paper on the evidence that offender treatment can work if the Risk-Need-Responsivity principles are followed. In 1994, they published **The Psychology of Criminal Conduct**, now in its 5th edition. Don is the father of the risk assessment tools that we currently use in our field.

Before my arrival at the Canadian Board in 1997, the decision was made to develop a training program that would provide new parole board members with the best information available on risk assessment. To succeed, the Board needed to reach out to experts in the field. Jean Sutton put a call out to colleagues in the Canadian criminal justice system to identify who we should include on our Advisory Committee to develop this training. The

first name that came up was Don Andrews.

To quote Jean: "At this first meeting, Don cleared papers off the one available visitor's chair and I sat down to discuss the project we wanted to undertake. As I started to describe the development of risk assessment training for parole board members, Don's eyes started to dance with excitement. No longer able to contain himself he interjected by quickly identifying the type of materials that should be included in this course and the names of others who we must include on the Advisory Committee. He discussed one piece of research after another and he started bouncing around his office pulling study after study from one pile and another. It quickly became apparent that what I had viewed as messy piles of papers was Don's unique filing system. As I listened to his verbal stream of

consciousness, it also became obviously clear why everyone was saying that we should include Don on our Advisory Committee".

Those of us who had the privilege to meet Don or be trained by him could easily imagine what she described.

Jean continued by saying: "Over that next year I had the privilege to work closely with Dr. Andrews and other academics and colleagues to design the Parole Board of Canada's first training program on risk assessment. In the midst of this undertaking Don demonstrated his enormous generosity by sharing his knowledge, insight, vision, time and encouragement. His energy and enthusiasm was infectious. He never stopped being accessible and continued to provide a d v i c e a n d encouragement as we continued to refine our knowledge about risk

assessment and the training program that we had started those many years ago.”

When I arrived at the Board, I was very happy to be able to collaborate in the development of the training program for the members. Having Don Andrews on our Advisory Committee and on the

training program was a privilege. He helped us to better understand offender’s behavior with, as James Bonta described “a more scientific, more effective and more humane approach”. His research inspired us and others to follow in his footsteps and his legacy will continue to inspire many academics and

practitioners.

His generosity in always making us the beneficiaries of his knowledge and research findings has been and will continue to be an essential component of what we have to do as parole decision-makers.



COPRA Chair Rissie Owens from Texas receiving a special award from her board and staff.



President Traughber with Jim Thompson from Correctional Healthcare Companies (Primary sponsor for Banquet)

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