



# ASSOCIATION OF PAROLING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL

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### THINGS TO DO IN 2012

- **Renew APAI Membership**
- **Serve on an APAI Committee**
- **Convince a colleague to join APAI.**
- **Make plans to attend the 2013 Chairs Meeting and Annual Training Conference in Providence, RI, May 18-22, 2013**

Dear Friends and Colleagues in APAI;

It's been a very busy few months for APAI. As I promised you, my Presidency is committed to driving our Association forward to be a recognized leader in the field of parole both at the National and International level. To this end, your CAO, Keith Hardison, myself, and the Executive Committee have been engaged in several endeavors that promote our Business Plan.

As the new APAI President, I was invited to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision [ICAOS] Business Meeting in Madison, WI, August, 28-29<sup>th</sup>. CAO Hardison also attended, as he is APAI's Ex-Officio Member and participates annually. Several of our APAI Chairs and Members were present as their State's Compact Commissioner. Also in attendance was our dear friend Pat Tuthill as the Commission's Victim Advocate Representative.

It was a great opportunity to meet with them in their role and to realize, once again, the vital importance the Interstate Compact plays in the risk management of our mobile offender population.

While in Madison, we took the opportunity to meet with the full Wisconsin Parole Commission, and their staff. We want to sincerely thank Chairperson Kathleen Nagle for the invite and for a very informative meeting. The Wisconsin Parole Commission is a full-time, five member Commission of civil servants with no term limit and a Chair who is appointed by the Governor for a two year term. The Commission is attached to the Department of Corrections for administrative purposes, but implements its statutory responsibilities independently.

While there we learned a lot about their sentencing structure and jurisdiction. This served to remind us of the varied ways in which we must go about our business and the important role APAI plays in bring us together to advance our common goals despite our operational differences.

As APAI President I've been invited to participate in NIC's recently structured Community Corrections

Collaborative Network [CCCN] and attended their workshop in Washington, DC October 27<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>. This Network is in its formative stages with participation from the major professional correctional associations whose members include practitioners working within community corrections as a system supervising adults and juveniles under legal authority. CCCN's mission is to serve as a large, collaborative forum to develop and work underlying issues, activities, and goals of the community corrections field.

Your Executive Committee has two new members in Connie Bisbee and Steve Andraschko. We are very excited about the wealth of experience they bring and their enthusiasm to serve APAI.

Planning is in full swing for the 2013 Annual Training Conference and our theme will be "Diverse Paths to a Common Goal", which is scheduled for May 19-22, in Providence, Rhode Island. Additionally, we are planning for the one day Chairs Meeting, which will be held on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, preceding the Annual Training Conference.

There are many other things happening in APAI. You will be hearing more about Secretary Jeri Costa's invitation to speak at the African Correctional Services Association [ACSA] biennial conference in Kampala, Uganda, which she did October 2-5. This is a benchmark achievement for our international relationships, which we hope to expand in the near future.

I wish the best for you in all your professional pursuits and especially so in your personal lives as we embark into a new season.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L. Peterson  
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## GREAT NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL PAROLE RESOURCE CENTER

Recognizing the critical and growing importance of parole in assuring community safety, appropriate responses for victims, and the responsible use of public resources, in 2009 the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) awarded funding to the Center for Effective Policy (CEPP) for the establishment of the National Parole Resource Center (NPRC). The purpose of NPRC is to support and shape the future of parole as an increasingly effective stakeholder in the criminal justice system.

NPRC is a partnership between CEPP and the Association of Paroling Authorities International (APAI), in collaboration with BJA and the National Institute of Corrections (NIC). NPRC aims to communicate the lessons emerging from the research on recidivism reduction and to tailor that information into targeted technical assistance, training, and information resources for parole decision-makers.

In a major facet of the work of the NPRC four states (Connecticut, Georgia, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota) were selected to serve as “Learning Sites” for the project. These sites received ongoing technical assistance from the project team over approximately a two year period. A publication was produced entitled *Vignettes from the National Parole Resource Center Learning Sites* to document the assistance provided to each site and highlight the lessons learned and considerable accomplishments in all four of the participating states.

NPRC was also able to provide short term technical to other jurisdictions.

In 2010, 2011 and 2012 the NPRC sponsored sessions and workshops at the APAI Annual Training Conference. On May 19 and 20, 2012, the NPRC convened a 1 ½ day workshop entitled *Strategic Management and the Use of Evidence-Based Practice for Paroling Authorities*. This workshop was delivered to 25 parole board members

representing 16 states:

The workshop provided participating board members with current, state-of-the art information about their role in enhancing public safety, bearing in mind that learning more about current, evidence-based practices in parole decision making and supervision equips paroling authorities—or any justice agency—to withstand the scrutiny that inevitably accompanies high profile crimes involving parolees.

On May 21, 2012, again as part of the APAI Annual Training Conference the NPRC convened a workshop on *Using the Parole Hearing as an Opportunity to Impact Offenders' Motivation for Change*. This event was designed for parole board members, who in many jurisdictions are responsible for conducting in-person interviews or hearings with inmates who are eligible for parole as part of their decision making process. More than 40 parole board members from around the country were in attendance.

The workshop was videotaped and that footage, along with individual interviews with the presenters, will form the basis for a *Motivational Interviewing* webcast that will be made available soon at no cost on the NPRC Web site [www.nationalparoleresourcecenter.org](http://www.nationalparoleresourcecenter.org)

And finally we are pleased to announce that NPRC has received supplemental funding from BJA to continue its work. The scope of work that will be completed under this phase of NPRC will include providing strategic planning technical assistance to parole boards, developing specialized information resources on sex offenders, women offenders, and individuals with mental health challenges. APAI is pleased to continue as a partner in this effort and will continue to keep you informed of project activities and events.

## ICAOS CELEBRATES 10 YEARS, BY SAM RAZOR, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION

Interstate compacts are born out of necessity. For the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS), the tragic death of Peyton Tuthill in 1999 crystallized the need to establish and enforce a uniform set of rules to control the movement of probation and parole offenders who relocate from one jurisdiction to another.

Through the efforts of the National Institute of Corrections (NIC), the Council of State Governments (CSG) and many others, thirty-five states approved legislation for adoption

of a new compact for the supervision of adult offenders, and ICAOS became a reality in June 2002. During the years that followed, the Commission refined the rules, established policies and procedures, implemented training programs, and created a national office staffed with individuals responsible for handling the Commission's day-to-day activities.

In 2008, the Commission reached a milestone with the launch of the Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System (ICOTS), a national information system for tracking

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interstate compact offenders, representing an unmatched level of cooperation and standardization across the nation. Since its launch, ICOTS has provided detailed metrics to inform policy decisions, measure efficiencies and promote accountability. A clear example of this is the average amount of time needed to investigate a transfer request. In FY 2009, it took 45.5 days on average to investigate and respond to a transfer request. In FY 2012, states completed investigations in an average of 32.7 days, or 28 percent less time.

Another pivotal moment occurred in FY 2010 when a compliance program built on a solid foundation of training, reliable data, established rules and recognized best practices launched. Since that time, states have continually improved their adherence to the rules and their ability to meet the established requirements. This greater accountability substantially improves public safety and better serves the offenders under supervision.

This year, at our Annual Business Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, we marked the beginning of a new chapter of cooperation and collaboration for ICAOS. This year the Commission conducted a judicial panel to improve our understanding of the difficulties the judiciary faces when dealing with Compact offenders. In addition, the Commission reached consensus on pursuing automated victim notifications. We also took time this year to mark the Interstate Commission for Adult Offenders Supervision's 10th Anniversary by reflecting on accomplishments and inviting previous leadership to speak and take part in our meetings. We are very proud of the accomplishments of the past decade and look forward to future.

*Ed note:*

*APAI is an ex-officio member of the Interstate Commission on Adult Offender Supervision. ICAOS staff is working on providing training to Parole Boards and releasing authorities on Compact issues.*

## JUSTICE J WARWICK GENDALL APPOINTED CHAIRPERSON OF THE NEW ZEALAND PAROLE BOARD

APAI is pleased to welcome the new chairperson of the New Zealand Parole Board.



Justice Warwick Gendall graduated LLB from Victoria University of Wellington in 1966 and was admitted to the Bar the same year. In 1967 he graduated LLM (Hons) from Victoria University. From 1967-68 Justice Gendall took a position as Teaching Fellow at Osgoode Hall Law School,

Toronto before becoming a partner at Buddle Findlay from 1968. He became a barrister sole in 1986 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1996. He took appointment to the High Court Bench the same year and was based in the Wellington High Court.

As a Crown prosecutor Justice Gendall is known for his successful prosecution of the "Beast of Blenheim", a case involving a litany of horrific crimes including rape, bestiality and crimes against children that took place over 24 years. Ironically the man convicted of these crimes was released by the Parole Board shortly before Justice Gendall's appointment

During his 17 years on the High Court he became known for presiding over some of New Zealand's most high

profile cases including some which involved gruesome facts and horrendous conduct. He consistently received glowing reports from New Zealand's top barristers in judicial surveys.

Despite his background Justice Gendall remains a staunch advocate for the concept of parole. He is keenly aware of the need for those released from prisons, particularly those who have served many years there, to receive supervision and guidance.

Outside of his work at the Parole Board Justice Gendall is known as an avid sportsman. He is a former president of the New Zealand Football Association, the Wellington District Law Society and AFS International Scholarship (NZ). Additionally Justice Gendall has been vice president of the New Zealand Law society and the Wellington Racing Club.

He is a father of six, and a grandfather of nine.

The New Zealand Parole Board has been a valued member of APAI for many years and is well known for the professionalism of their work. We welcome Justice Gendall to our association.

## WHAT'S IN PROVIDENCE!!



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Make sure and check out the [APAI Blog](#) with up-to-date articles and news from around the world!

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