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THINGS TO DO IN 2013

- **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 in Parole

I trust that the Christmas holidays, for those who celebrate them, were joyous. As we all embark upon a new year in parole, my hope is that we discover new and promising ways of conducting our business that provide hope, encouragement, and achievement to those we work with.

Activities remain at a high level within the Executive Committee. The Rhode Island Parole Board is busily planning our 2013 Annual Training Conference in Providence, Rhode Island May 19 - 22. APAI is striving to increase our membership and, as our Annual Conference approaches, I've tasked our Executive Committee with reaching 500 total members by conference time. This goal is within reach and what better way to begin membership in APAI than by attending our Annual Training Conference.

As noted elsewhere in this Newsletter, we are preceding our conference this year with a one day Chair's Meeting, Sunday May 19, 2013. Historically, we've held this annual meeting every fall. However, due to travel reduction, budgets and general efficiencies we are conducting this meeting pre-conference. The Executive Committee is working to develop an agenda for the meeting and, as we do, topics of importance relating to the future of APAI are paramount.

COPRA has historically been an element of APAI organizational structure. In recent years it has been largely misunderstood with questionable purpose, that of "advising the APAI Executive Committee". This purpose has not translated into an active function and, consequently, the EC recommended to dissolve COPRA and the recent membership vote confirmed that recommendation. With this action, the role and responsibilities of Board Chairs/Releasing Authorities in relation to APAI are primed for discussion. We will also be seeking direction on the future priorities of APAI and discussing the most effective organizational structure to deliver resources.

In that APAI can only achieve completion of the goals contained in our Business Plan through the

work of our committees, the EC and I want to encourage your involvement in a committee with a topic area of interest to you. We have rotating elections at each of our Annual Conferences. This year in Providence, due to a term limits, we will be electing a new Secretary. So "Run for Office"! Whether it's participation on one of our committees, or serving on the Executive Committee as an elected or appointed official, it takes a commitment and a donation of time. We are all volunteers doing the work of APAI for the better good of parole and each of our respective authorities.

Some highlights from the last quarter include:

- continuation of APAI partial funding through the National Parole Resource Center [NPRC];
- NPRC's publication of experiences from their four technical assistance "Learning Sites";
- NPRC's recent solicitation for up to six US Parole Boards to receive Strategic Planning Technical Assistance;
- continuation of APAI's work with NIC's Community Corrections Collaboration Network [CCCN] with the formulation of a White Paper regarding ways to solve America's correctional challenges and an upcoming Network meeting and targeted sessions with key DC power-brokers;
- APAI Secretary Jeri Costa's trip to Kampala, Uganda to present at the 2nd Biennial African Correctional Services Association;
- APAI Northeast Regional Vice President, Steven Andraschko's, meeting of regional chairs.

Please register for APAI's Annual Training Conference in Providence, Rhode Island, May 19 - 22, 2013. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L. Peterson
President, APAI

ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS IN FULL SWING

BY: KEITH HARDISON, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Preparations are in full swing for the 2013 APAI Annual Training Conference to be held May 19 – 22, 2013, at the historic Renaissance Providence Downtown Hotel in beautiful downtown Providence, Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Parole Board, under the leadership of Dr. Kenneth Walker and Administrator Matt Degnan, has been working diligently to make this event educational, informative, and entertaining.

The theme of this year's conference is ***Parole: Diverse Paths to a Common Goal***. We are thrilled that A.T. Wall, Director of Corrections in Rhode Island and President of the Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA), has agreed to provide our Keynote Address. He will discuss the importance of correctional and community agencies working together to promote public safety.

We will also have a general session facilitated by staff from the Center for Effective Public Policy on the "lessons learned" over the past three years in the four National Parole Resource Center "leaning sites" There will be an exciting discussion of ethical issues in our work presented by a highly published academic and expert in the field who also happens to be a member of the Rhode Island Parole Board. We are very pleased the Justice Warwick Gendall, newly appointed Chair of the New Zealand Parole Board, will make the long journey to be with us to discuss his varied career in criminal justice and how he has reconciled the various roles he has undertaken.

We will have workshops from accomplished speakers and trainers on victim's issues, condition setting, technology, revocation issues, how boards deal with a culturally diverse offender population, training and quality assurance issues and even the challenges of establishing a parole system where none exists.

This year, in an effort to be more efficient we have combined the Annual Chairs Meeting with the Annual Training Conference. It will be held on Sunday May 19th and will provide an opportunity for Parole Chairs and Directors of Releasing Authorities to come together to discuss issues of particular importance to them. We will also be discussing ways to increase the role of the Parole Chairs in APAI.

And once again this year, because of resources made available to us through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) the National Parole Resource Center will be putting on a workshop immediately following the conference entitled *Increasing Positive Outcomes for Women Offenders: Applying the Research and Principles of Gender-Responsiveness to Parole Decision Making and Supervision*. Scholarships will be available for this session.

As always there will an awards luncheon to recognize those members who have demonstrated exceptional work over the past year and a silent auction will be held to not only raise funds for APAI but to allow participants to pick up some interesting mementos from our varied and diverse member organizations.

To register for the Annual Training Conference and Chairs Meeting and get information about the various events, including information about how to apply for the NPRC Workshop, visit the APAI website at www.apaintl.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Providence.

CRIME VICTIM COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

APAI Crime Victims Committee Chair Tena Pate announces the addition of Harvey Cenaiko to the committee. Harvey currently serves as Chair of the Parole Board of Canada and is an active member of APAI and a frequent presenter at our Annual Training Conferences.

Harvey served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Calgary Buffalo, Government of Alberta, and he

was Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security responsible for managing policing resources in the province. These positions were preceded by a long and distinguished career in law enforcement. He is currently active in crime victims' issues in Canada.

Join us in welcoming Harvey to this very active and important committee.

FLORIDA PAROLE COMMISSION'S VICTIMS' SERVICES COORDINATOR RECEIVES LEADERSHIP AWARD

BY TENA PATE, CHAIR, FLORIDA PAROLE COMMISSION

Many people work behind the scenes daily to provide public safety for Florida's citizens. Daphne Asbell, the Florida Parole Commission's Victims' Services Coordinator, has been doing that for more than a decade. Ms. Asbell was recently honored by the State Attorney's Office for the 18th Judicial Circuit, as a 2012 recipient of the Victims' Rights Week Leadership Award.

Not only has she recognized the special status of victims, while nurturing and providing them with kindness and compassion through the years, she has deciphered the parole and clemency processes into laymen's terms thus further reducing stress on the victim by providing easily

understandable information. This is particularly helpful to the victim when speaking against an inmate's release on parole or an ex-offender's request for clemency, and often results in an inmate sentenced to life actually serving a life sentence. She has produced a document for inclusion in each parole case file providing valuable information on the importance of the victim's input in the hearing process.

Ms. Asbell's dedication to her craft, along with the compassionate environment she provides for her special customers, makes her worthy of recognition. Congratulations Daphne.

AUSTRALASIAN PAROLE AUTHORITIES CONFERENCE 2012

BY: DAVID PROVAN, GENERAL MANAGER, ADULT PAROLE BOARD OF VICTORIA

From 31st October to 2nd November 2012, the Victorian Adult Parole Board was privileged to host the annual Australasian Parole Authorities Conference.

The aim of this conference is to facilitate proactive discussion between parole authorities in order to determine both best practice and innovative ways of addressing emerging common issues. The theme of this particular conference was "*Parole into the Future*" with a focus on the challenges that parole authorities are facing now and over the next few years. The keynote address was presented by internationally-renowned Professor Arie Freiberg who has around 130 publications on areas such as dangerous offenders, sentencing, the role of emotion in criminal justice, non-adversarial sanctions and victimology.

The Victorian conference was unique in that several different streams were available so as to allow delegates to engage with both the managerial aspects as well as practicalities of Parole Board administration. Amongst a very comprehensive and varied agenda highlights included a panel session on media management involving a prominent tabloid journalist, the Herald Sun's Geoff Wilkinson, and sessions associated with the management of sex offenders, culturally diverse offenders and the use

of technology in criminal justice arenas. In addition, optional excursions to significant venues within the Victorian Criminal Justice system such as the Marngoneet Correctional Centre, a prison devoted to program facilitation and the Youth Parole Board and Youth Justice Centre were available.

A highlight of the conference program was the Gala Dinner held at the Old Melbourne Gaol, located in the heart of crime, law and order in Melbourne since the 1840's. Iconic and notorious bushranger Ned Kelly, the subject of several Hollywood films, was executed within the confines of the Gaol for three counts of capital murder in 1880. This provided the perfect atmospheric setting for a wonderful evening of food and fun. Conference delegates represented all Australian State and Territory parole authorities and associated stakeholders in addition to international representatives from Pacific nations.

Delegate feedback has indicated that the Conference was a great success with one interstate delegate describing it as "spectacular and very informative".

The Prisoners Review Board of Western Australia will host the 2013 conference. Please make plans to join us.

WHAT'S IN PROVIDENCE!!



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