



Welcome to APAI's monthly online E-forum newsletter. 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.

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<http://www.apaintl.org/content/en/pdf/March2009.pdf>

This month's issue contains:

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The President's Message

Dear Friends,

We are down to the home stretch. Our Annual Training Conference is just a few weeks away. We are putting the final touches on the agenda, and will have the final version posted to our Web site soon. I encourage you to register, via our Web site www.apaintl.org/en/tr_atc09.html because there are many

sessions that you will not want to miss. We have spent considerable time developing this year's conference workshops because we may not be able to offer any other professional development opportunities this year. The workshops will include an array of presentations that explore and examine offender reentry, offenders with mental health issues, investigative analyses of sexual offenders, victims' issues and the future of parole among others.

In addition, on the first full day of the conference, April 20th, from 12:15pm to 1:15pm, one of our exhibitors, Spectrum Health Systems, Inc., a national provider of substance abuse services in the community and institutionally, will sponsor a lunch for those interested in learning more about the company, their services and success stories. If you are interested in attending, please select the Spectrum Health Systems, Inc. link in the conference tab on our Web site.

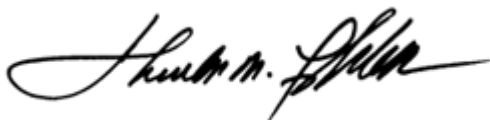
The time to renew your 2009 APAI membership will expire at the end of March. Please submit payments as soon as possible. We can now boast membership in more than 40 domestic jurisdictions, and five international territories. I would like to thank the following organizations for their 2009 membership commitment:

West Virginia, Wisconsin, Washington, Wyoming, Virginia, Vermont, Utah, Texas, Tennessee, South Dakota, Rhode Island, Puerto Rico, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Oklahoma, Ohio, New York, Nevada, New Mexico, New Jersey, New Hampshire, New Zealand, Nebraska, North Dakota, North Carolina, Montana, Missouri, Minnesota, Maryland, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Kansas, Illinois, Idaho, Iowa, Hong Kong, Georgia, England, Delaware, Connecticut, Colorado, Canada, Bermuda, Arizona, Arkansas, Alabama, Army Clemency Board, and Alaska.

I want to say a few words about a dear colleague, Madame Renee Collette, who retired as Executive Vice-Chairperson of the National Parole Board, Canada. Her service to the Board is marked with innovations based on research and best practices. She has continued to emphasize this approach as a member and officer of APAI. Our colleague also served as President of APAI, on various APAI committees and will continue to contribute to the organization as International Regional/Sectional Vice President. While she has contributed much to those of us in the United States, she is internationally known, respected and sought after by our fellow criminal justice professionals in other countries for her knowledge and expertise. All of us in APAI and others in the releasing community wish to acknowledge Madame Collette a leader in our field and we wish her well in her retirement.

I hope to see you in Newport!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles M. Traughber". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Charles Traughber, APAI President

2009 APAI Award Nominations



Each year, we ask the APAI membership to submit nominations for the Vincent O’Leary Award, Ben Baer Award, and Community Service Award through our Web site http://www.apaintl.org/en/aw_nom.html

Please note that nominations will close March 31, 2009 at 12noon EST.

Nomination guidelines and award descriptions are listed below:

Members may make more than one nomination, via the APAI Web site; however, only one nomination may be made at a time. Do not enter multiple names in a single field next to “Nominee’s Name.”

Award Criteria

Vincent O’Leary Award

The Vincent O’Leary Award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to APAI and has demonstrated vision, leadership and commitment to the field of parole.

1. Nominee is a practicing or retired professional in the field of parole.
2. Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the Association and the field of parole on the local, regional, national or international level.
3. Nominee must be nominated by an active member of APAI.

Ben Baer Award

The Ben Baer Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated a significant service in the field of parole or community corrections.

1. Nominee must be a board member, parole agent, examiner, analyst or community corrections professional who not only

has performed assigned duties in an outstanding manner, but has made a significant contribution to the parole or community corrections profession at the local, regional or national level.

2. Nominee must have brought credit or honor to the profession of parole
3. Nominee must be nominated by an active member of the APAI.

Community Service Award

The Community Service Award recognizes an individual or organization which has contributed a significantly to the furthering of the rehabilitative efforts of parole.

1. Nominee is involved with the parole or community corrections system.
2. Nominee is involved in this work as a volunteer, support person, support agency or not-for-profit organization.

Recipients will be presented during our awards banquet in Newport during the Annual Training Conference Banquet on April 21st.

Nominations from each region will be compiled by the APAI Regional Vice President for review and recommendation. Final selections will be made by APAI's President, Vice President and Secretary.

1 = NORTHEASTERN: Edward Reilly, Regional Vice President

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Rhode Island, U.S. Parole Commission and all U.S. Military Parole Boards.

2 = SOUTHERN: Rissie Owens, Regional Vice President

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Virgin Islands and West Virginia.

3 = CENTRAL: Jeff Peterson, Regional Vice President

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

4 = WESTERN: Steve Powers, Regional Vice President

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

5 = INTERNATIONAL: Renée Collette,
International Regional Vice President

All non-US Countries

LAST CALL FOR APAI ELECTIONS



During the conference, APAI will have elections for Vice-President and Secretary. So far, our candidates for Vice President are: current Vice President Garland Hunt, Board Member (GA) and Richard Dugger, Board Member (OK). Our candidate for Secretary is: current Secretary Jeri Costa, Chair (WA). If anyone else is interested in running for office, please submit your name to info@apaintl.org ASAP. In the subject line, please put the position for which you wish to run and attach a copy of your biography, photograph, and a brief paragraph on why you should be elected and if elected, how you will contribute to fulfilling APAI's mission.

Report: Minnesota Technical Release Violators –

Central Regional Vice President Jeff Peterson, Executive Officer Minnesota Department of Corrections

As a result of the 2008 MN Legislative Session, the MN Department of Corrections was directed to submit a report by 3/1/09 to the 2009 Legislative Session in regards to Technical Release Violators.

The Report; "Review of Guidelines for Revocation of Parole and Supervised Release"; 2009 Report to the Minnesota Legislature, is our attempt to respond to the underlying premise that our revocation process results in too many Technical Violator returns to prison. We

outline our process and relate it to current best practices within a strategic approach to handling parole violations called for both within NIC's Comprehensive Framework and the PEW Center of the States nine core elements necessary for responding to release violations. We reference other national literature on this subject and incorporate actual numbers of offenders handled within our strategic approach. We conclude with recommendations for improvements and future development.

For those of you who may be interested in Minnesota's Department of Corrections revocation process and a more specific definition of Technical Violator, a term, we don't believe has served us well or the field of parole, in general, I encourage you to read the report and follow-up with me with any questions you may have, JPeterson@doc.state.mn.us.

The report is, also, available on our Public Website;
www.doc.state.mn.us

Click on Reports and Publications, top left

Click on Legislative Reports and Information

Click on first 2009 Report; Review of Guidelines for Revocation of Parole and Supervised Release



Announcement

Toolkit for Second Chance Act Reentry Demonstration Project Grant Applicants

The Council of State Governments Justice Center has developed a toolkit for state and local governments and Indian tribes interested in responding to the [solicitation for state and local reentry demonstration projects](#) released on February 27, 2009, by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), U.S. Department of Justice. The toolkit, developed with support from the [Public Welfare Foundation](#), [Annie E. Casey Foundation](#), [Joyce Foundation](#), and [Open Society Institute](#), includes materials that can help potential applicants think through the questions asked in the solicitation and design or enhance their reentry initiative. Those that are currently available are:

1. A checklist that will help state and local governments and Indian tribes meet application requirements under Section 101

of the Second Chance Act ([PDF](#))

- NOTE: The checklist is intended solely to assist applicants for state and local reentry demonstration project grants. A fact sheet on the grants for nonprofit organizations and Indian tribes for mentoring and other transitional services is available [here](#).
2. A resource guide listing publications, reports, and tools that may be helpful in developing a successful reentry initiative ([PDF](#))

Additional resources are forthcoming.

The toolkit is not part of the grant solicitation. Potential applicants should carefully read the [BJA solicitation](#), which describes forms that must be completed and all criteria that must be met to be eligible for Section 101 demonstration grant funding. The toolkit materials, as well as other reentry resources and information on the Second Chance Act, are available on the [Reentry Policy Council website](#)



Ideas/Suggestions

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 Friday April 24, 2009:

http://www.apaintl.org/en/ab_suggestion_form.html