



Association of Paroling Authorities International

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Things to Do in 2018

- Renew APAI Membership
- Serve on an APAI Committee
- Urge a fellow organization to join APAI
- Make plans to attend the 2019 Chairs Meeting and Annual Training Conference in Baltimore, Maryland March 31 – April 3, 2019

Membership Fees

- Individual - \$65
- Organizational (up to 8 members) - \$375
- (9 to 13 members) - \$475
- (14 to 20 members) - \$575
- Alumni - \$40
- Associate - \$40
- Student - \$15

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings APAI Members:

Many of you may recognize me just as the man with the loud sports coats, who from time to time will say something either somewhat amusing or downright risqué. You have no doubt seen, our Past President Cindy Mausser, either trying to stifle a laugh, shaking her head, rolling her eyes or all of the above. But I actually do have a serious side.

It is truly a humbling experience to have been elected the next president of APAI effective July 1, 2018 for a two year term. Even though I have been a member for fifteen years and Chairman of the Maryland Parole Commission for fourteen of those years, my interest in our field is currently at all-time high. The many changes that have occurred as far as philosophy, the law, public opinion, and perception have been vast and startling. It has been fortuitous to have served you in various capacities previously in our organization (Committee member and Chair, Treasurer and Vice President).

This has allowed for a different perspective and a new learning experience in each position.

Starting as a librarian at the Baltimore City Jail over thirty- five years ago, I never would have imagined what my livelihood would have been today. In graduate school, computers that now would fit in the palm of your hand took up the

size of three rooms. Card catalogs were in full use, and only undated by typing. Data processing was considered state of the art. As a library would advance and evolve during the nineteen eighties and the nineteen nineties, sadly our area of discretionary early release was going backward, parole was either being abolished or severely curtailed by the federal government as well as numerous states. Internationally the picture was not much brighter.

However, the pendulum has swung back yet again, and it is truly an exciting time for releasing authorities. Changes in both parole and revocation statues, as well as fiscal realities have caused a rebirth in the profession not only in the United States, but also worldwide. Technology has also had a role to play in creating our brave new world. We as a collective body are privileged to be in our roles at this time in history. The differences we can make while protecting public safety are both heady and intriguing. Embrace the challenge. Our time is now!

David Blumberg
APAI President



“MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES”

BY: JONATHAN OGLETREE, APAI CENTRAL VICE PRESIDENT

“Membership has its privileges”, most of you will recall this was a very powerful slogan used by American Express. Nevertheless, it is so very true today of anything that you have chosen to be a part. Simply being a member is worthwhile but taking advantage of all the benefits is priceless.

The Association of Paroling Authorities International has a very rich history. It came to life in the early 1970’s with a group that expressed a dedication and interest towards best practices, public safety and issues surrounding release. It has grown over the years, due to the dedication of the members to strive to continue what started back in the early 1970’s.

Our mission and values are an example of the dedication of our members. This organization believes in the effort towards enhance public safety, professional development, consistent and rational parole practices. The human dignity of all and shall demonstrate this belief to the community, victims and offenders through our practices.

As members, we can only be better, do better, or create better for our organization and communities by using all the tools and resources we have available.

One of the ways we can do that is by taking advantage of all that membership in APAI offers. We have a num-

ber of opportunities that are privileges as members. To name just a few;

- Networking and Collaboration with Parole Board Chairs and Members from Across the Globe
- Access to Data and Inquiries to All Member Parole Boards
- Participation and Early Data Access for Annual Survey of Parole Boards
- Information Updates on New Board Members, Chair and Key Staff Trainings
- A Quarterly Newsletter
- Reduced Rates for Conference Attendance
- E-blasts concerning publications and training opportunities

In looking back at the slogan “membership has its privileges”, it is time for us all to start to take advantage of all that membership comes with. It is after all a very priceless resource.



SAVE THE DATE!

APAI 2019 Annual Training Conference

March 31 – April 3, 2019 | Baltimore, Maryland



IN MEMORY OF APAI MEMBERS



RENEE COLLETTE

On Tuesday, July 10, 2018, Renée Collette, passed away at the age of 74, in the Ottawa General Hospital. She had lived in Ottawa, Ontario for more than twenty years and has been a longstanding member of APAI.

Renée led a remarkable career in criminology and was a pioneer in this field which included work internationally, as a teacher and practitioner and most notably as President of the Quebec Parole Board and Executive Vice Chairperson of the Parole Board of Canada.

Renée demonstrated exemplary courage and determination in her fight against liver cancer over the last six years. Her family would like to thank Dr. Rachel Goodwin and all the staff at the Ottawa Hospital Cancer Center for their care and kindness.

Voluntary donations can be made in memory of Renée to the Ottawa Hospital Foundation [fondationho.ca](http://foundationho.ca).

NEW APAI OFFICERS

BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MONICA MORRIS

APAI staff welcomes new officers to the Executive Committee, effective July 1, 2018. David Blumberg, Chair from Maryland, takes over as APAI President and Cyndi Mausser from Ohio takes the role of Past President, replacing Jeff Peterson. David being elected to President left the Vice President's position vacant.

In Section 3.6 Vacancy of Office, the APAI Constitution states, "If any elected office with the exception of the Presidency becomes vacant during the two-year term, the President will appoint a replacement from organizational members or individual members in good standing with the confirmation of a majority of the Executive Committee until the next scheduled election." The newly appointed officers were voted in by a majority at the June 22, 2018 meeting.

ANDRE IMBROGNO



Andre Rene Imbrogno, age 45, of Columbus, Ohio, died Wednesday, June 27, 2018 in an automobile accident due to cardiac arrest. At the time of his death, Andre was an attorney in the Legal Services division of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction,

where he had previously served as Chairman of the Ohio Parole Board. He loved traveling with his wife and their pets to Sanibel and Captiva Islands in Florida and to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, along with spending time with family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Columbus Cocker Rescue, P.O. Box 715, New Albany, Ohio 43054, or the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, P.O. Box 150, Sanibel, Florida 33957. To share memories or condolences, please visit schoedinger.com.

David appointed Danielle LaCost, Board Member from Wisconsin, to Vice-President. Danielle was currently serving as Secretary so her move to VP created a vacancy for Secretary. David appointed Jennifer Shaffer, Executive Officer to the Board in California to that spot. She is our Member Spotlight this month. Jennifer's first meeting will be this month.

We welcome back Joe Pacholski, from the United States Parole Commission in Washington DC for his second term as Treasurer. All officers will be members of the Executive Committee of the Association that meets monthly with staff.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: JENNIFER SHAFFER, APAI SECRETARY

BY: MONICA MORRIS, APAI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I would like to introduce to our members, our newly appointed APAI Secretary, Jennifer. Ms. Shaffer has been very active in the Association by serving on the Constitution & By-Law Revisions Committee. As a result of her participation, our Constitution and By-Laws were successfully amended in April of 2017. She is in her second year

of being the Chair of the Professional Development Committee (PDC), being responsible for all of our conference training. As Secretary, she will also assume the role of Chair of the Membership Committee, which meets every other month.

In her career, Jennifer Shaffer was appointed Executive Officer for the Board of Parole Hearings by California

Governor Jerry Brown. She has been in this position since June 10, 2011. She most recently served as the Board's Chief of Hearing Operations for the Northern Region of the State. Previously, she served in the Bureau of Independent Review with the Office of the Inspector General, as Special Assistant Inspector General from 2006 to 2008 and then as Senior Assistant Inspector General from 2008 to January 2011. Ms. Shaffer served with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation as Assistant Director in the Office of Victim and Survivor Services from 2004 to 2005 and then as Assistant Secretary in the Office of Victim and Survivor Services from 2005 to 2006. Ms. Shaffer served as Counsel and Analyst for California Performance Review, Staff Counsel and Deputy Executive Officer for the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, and Counsel to the Assembly Committee on Public Safety. This position required a Senate confirmation.

We welcome Jennifer to the Executive Committee as you can see we are going to be keeping her quite busy.

APAI thanks everyone who attended the **2018 Annual Training Conference**.
We look forward to seeing you again next year.



IN THE NEWS...

- Current Florida Chairman, Melinda Coonrod was reappointed to a second 6-year term as Commissioner and she remained Chairman for another 2-year term. Commissioner Richard Davison was reappointed as Vice Chairman. They were both appointed by the Florida Governor and Cabinet.
- Frederick A. Medley, Member of the Indiana Parole Board since 2014 was reappointed to another 4-year term with a new term expiring June 2022.
- Delaware has two new Board members, Sherry Dorsey Walker and Dorothy L. Dillard.
- West Virginia has a new Chairperson, Terence T. Obrien.
- Maryland has new Board Members also, Jane Miller and Jason Keckler.
- Treasurer Joe Pacholski will be attending the Association of Probation & Parole Associations (APPA) 43rd Annual Training in Philadelphia in July representing APAI as an affiliate member.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



	President David Blumberg <i>Maryland</i>	Executive Director Monica Morris <i>Florida</i>	
Past President Cynthia Mausser <i>Ohio</i>	Vice President Danielle LaCost <i>Wisconsin</i>	Secretary Jennifer Shaffer <i>California</i>	Treasurer Joe Pacholski <i>Washington DC</i>
Northeastern USA Matt Degnan <i>Rhode Island</i>	Western USA Lonzo Henderson <i>Alaska</i>	Central USA Jonathan Ogletree <i>Kansas</i>	Southern USA Benita Murphy <i>West Virginia</i>
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