



From the President

David Blumberg, Chair, Maryland Parole Commission

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TO-DO IN 2021

- RENEW APAI MEMBERSHIP
- SERVE ON APAI COMMITTEE
- URGE FELLOWS TO JOIN APAI
- MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE 2022 ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE IN SAN DIEGO MAY 1 – MAY 4, 2022

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

*Fees are on a per year basis.

To be recognized by one's peers is the highest honor an individual can receive.

The field of parole is no different. Each year, individuals in our field perform some of the greatest work, and are never quite rewarded or recognized in the ways that they deserve. Each year, we know that there are many deserving of these awards, far more than the awards committees are made aware of. I ask that each of you consider submitting a name to be considered by the appropriate committee for at least one of the five categories below. There are tremendous opportunities to recognize our colleagues, peers, and friends for the great works they do. Even if you aren't personally nominating someone, I encourage you to pass the nomination information along to other members of your board. The winners of our next awards will be announced at our next conference in San Diego, California, May-1, 2022.

Dr. Kenneth Walker Community Service Award

Dr. Kenneth Walker served as a "hands on" Chair and Member of the Rhode Island Parole Board for over 35 years, having been consistently reappointed by all Rhode Island Governors irrespective of their political affiliation. He was also an educator, basketball referee and devoted his career to serving his home state of Rhode Island. Dr. Walker's commitment to public service was unprecedented. Though retired, he continued to participate and advocate for his community particularly as it relates to young people, the incarcerated, senior citizens, the physically and mentally challenged, as well as issues related to the minority communities and their ac-

cess to health care. He has been recognized and honored by many groups, including the Association of Paroling Authorities International, where he was awarded the Vincent O'Leary Award for his many contributions to the field of parole and the Ben Bear Award for his efforts to defend the parole supervision process as a necessary link in providing successful transition and reentry. Dr. Walker received the Neil J. Houston, Junior Award from Justice Assistance for his dedicated services and citizen contribution toward the Criminal Justice Profession and the Public Interest. This award, which is given in his name, is to recognize and reward an individual or an organization, which has contributed significantly to the furthering of the rehabilitative efforts of parole.

Renee Collette International Excellence Award

Renee Collette served as a member of the Quebec Parole Board for three years and as Chairman for ten years before being appointed as a full-time Board Member and Executive Vice-Chairperson for the Parole Board of Canada, Renee also served as the Acting Executive Director and Acting Chairperson for the Board during her tenure. Her commitment to International Criminal Justice existed throughout her career and reached far beyond the borders of North America. Renee served APAI from its earliest days, in every elected and appointed position that the Association of Paroling Authorities International Constitution embodies. Renee's leadership fostered international criminal justice community successfully helped form APAI into the

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strong international association that it is today. Renee holds numerous awards and recognitions, including the Vincent O’Leary Award, Ben Baer Award and the President’s Award with the Association of Paroling Authorities International, the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Commemorative Medal and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal of recognition. This award, which is given in her name, is to recognize and reward an international individual or an organization, which has contributed significantly to the advancement of international criminal justice.

CARE Award

The CARE (Communication Award Recognizing Excellence in Education and Collaboration) Award encourages the use of best practices in the area of public and stakeholder education by yearly bestowing an award to recognize excellence in this area. The award process shall be used to create a resource for the sharing of examples of such practices within the membership. All nominations and the program or event descriptions contained in them shall be maintained and made available to APAI members through whatever means practical as a resource for other members.

The Public Relations/Communications Committee shall make the awards selection. Any committee member who is employed by an agency receiving a nomination shall recuse himself from the process. In the event that one-half or more of the committee members recuse themselves under this provision, the Regional Vice President representing the region(s) of the recused member(s) shall be asked to designate a proxy for the sole purpose of selecting the award recipient.

Vincent O’Leary Award

This award is to recognize and reward an individual who has made significant contributions to APAI and has demonstrated vision, leadership and commitment to the field of parole. From 1951 to 1957, Vincent O’Leary was Chief of Parole and Probation for the State of Washington. He then served in Texas as Director of parole Supervision from 1957 until 1962. He became Director of the National Parole Institute in 1963, at which time he assumed responsibility for the first parole board member training, helped develop the first national statistic report on parole and influenced the development of parole

guidelines. He stayed in this position until 1968 and he was also Director of Research and policy for the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. During this time, he was instrumental in developing policy for parole boards in the early days of APAI. In 1968, he was employed as Dean of the School of Criminal Justice for the State University of New York at Albany. He was involved in developing standards for parole boards as a consultant to the National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals in 1973. In 1977, he was named President of New York University at Albany and stayed until he retired in 1990. The hallmark of his career was his tireless fight against the abolishment of parole.

Ben Baer Award

This award recognizes and rewards an individual who has demonstrated significant service in the field of parole or community corrections. Benjamin F. Baer was an appointed public official who dedicated his 48-year career to the criminal justice system, fighting for fair equitable treatment of offenders and protection of the public. He was appointed to the U.S. Parole Commission by President Ronald Reagan in January 1982, was designated Acting Chairman in February and appointed as Chairman on March 24, 1982. He served in that position until his death on April 9, 1991. Chairman Baer was known best for his determination and struggle to defend just punishment for offenders. He was a dedicated advocate for truth and fairness in sentencing and he fought tireless battles to defend the supervision process as a necessary link in providing safety, accountability and protection to the public.

Thank you for your active participation. It not only is important for the nominees who truly deserve the recognition for what they do, but also for the Association to be able to spotlight many of these members for their incredible contributions throughout the year.



David Blumberg
APAI President

Member Spotlight

Tina M. Stanford, Esq., Chair, New York State Board of Parole

by: Ashley Koonce, Executive Director, APAI

In 2013, Tina M. Stanford, Esq., was appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the New York State Senate, to become Chairwoman of the New York State Board of Parole.

A native of Buffalo, Chairwoman Stanford served on the Bar Foundation of Erie County and on other community boards. She graduated from Fordham University's Honors Program and earned a Juris Doctor degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School, where she later taught Trial Technique. She is admitted to practice law in New York and in the United States Western District Court.

During her career, Chairwoman Stanford has worked with thousands of people who have been harmed, accused, and convicted, who seek justice and restoration. She was an Erie County Assistant District Attorney for fourteen years. While there, she handled thousands of cases in the city court, grand jury, domestic violence, sexual assault, felony trial, and appeals bureaus.

Prior to being appointed Chairwoman of the Board of Parole, she was Chairwoman of the New York State Crime Victims Board, and then, its Director, after the agency was reorganized and renamed the Office of Victim Services. Under both titles, she led the agency in assisting thousands of crime victims or their family members, and funding hundreds of crime victim advocate positions throughout New York.

Chairwoman Stanford has also served on the Violence Against Women Act Advisory Committee, the Interagency Task Force on Human Trafficking, the Disaster Preparedness Commission, the Domestic Violence Advisory Council, and on two Sentencing Commissions.

Chairman Stanford and the New York Board of Parole recently re-joined APAI, in September 2021. She is looking forward to sharing best practices with other international Board of Parole Chairs and Adult Paroling Authority professionals.



Tina M. Stanford, Esq., Chair, New York State Board of Parole

Chairwoman Stanford has found the interactions with parole eligible men and women during their interviews most enlightening and rewarding. Their interviews in combination with comprehensive record reviews give the Board the best opportunity to make sound release, revocation, and sentence discharge decisions.

One significant goal for her is to use current technology better and have the ability to have all the records we must review available in a user friendly, well-organized, electronic format contemporaneous with their interviews.

A Career, Membership and a Lifetime of Friendships

by: Monica David Morris, Former APAI Executive Director, Former Florida Parole Commission Chair

As I approach my 21st anniversary of being a Governor and Cabinet appointed Parole Commissioner of the now, Florida Commission on Offender Review (FCOR), I feel the need to write again to share the benefits of APAI membership. I joined APAI in 2000, and I am still going strong after 21 years. I have many lifelong friends that I am still in contact with today. I share with you a photo of myself along with my two exceptionally good friends, Ed Reilly and Jasper Clay, both former members of the United States Parole Commission (USPC). These alums were appointed by US Presidents and confirmed by the US Senate. What a wonderful history that we all share.

As members or former members of Parole Boards and Commissions, we share a unique talent that brings us all together; that bring together our love and dedication to the criminal justice field and the desire for public safety in our communities. As we strive to do better in our jobs we network with our colleagues in other parts of the world, through our membership with APAI. I urge you to read the history of APAI so you will know the importance of this professional association.



Jasper Clay, Monica Morris, Ed Riley, Rod Morris



Jasper Clay & Monica Morris

APAI is the only organization specific to parole and paroling authorities and is vital in providing us with the training and resources we need to be skilled and effective at our jobs. We are never too old or too busy to learn. I encourage all of you to remain APAI members, even past your working years. I hope to see all of you at the 2022 Annual Training Conference in San Diego!

2021 Dr. Kenneth Walker Community Service Award

Congratulations to Kathy Griffin, Founder, Our Roadway to Freedom

Dr. Kenneth Walker served as a “hands on” Chair and Member of the Rhode Island Parole Board for over 35 years, having been consistently reappointed by all Rhode Island Governors irrespective of their political affiliation. He was also an educator, basketball referee, and devoted his career to serving his home state of Rhode Island. Dr. Walker’s commitment to public service was unprecedented. Though retired, he continued to participate and advocate for his community particularly as it relates to young people, the incarcerated, senior citizens, the physically and mentally challenged, as well as issues related to the minority communities and their access to health care. He has been recognized and honored by many groups, including the Association of Paroling Authorities International, where he was awarded the Vincent O’Leary Award for his many contributions to the field of parole and the Ben Bear Award for his efforts to defend the parole supervision process as a necessary link in providing successful transition and reentry. Dr. Walker received the Neil J. Houston, Junior Award from Justice Assistance for his dedicated service and citizen contribution toward the Criminal Justice Profession and the Public Interest. This award, which is given in his name, is to recognize and reward an individual or an organization, which has contributed significantly to the furthering of the rehabilitative efforts of parole.

Congratulations to Kathy Griffin, Founder of Our Roadway to Freedom on being selected as the 2021 recipient of the Dr. Kenneth Walker Community Service Award.

Kathy Griffin is the founder of the nonprofit group “We’ve Been There and Done That” and works closely with the Harris County Constable Precinct 1. She is also the director and founder of “Our Roadway to Freedom,” working closely with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the Plane State Jail. She continues to provide education and support to women who have been arrested for prostitution and sex trafficking, providing insight to her own experiences on her continued path of recovery. This peer-to-peer education and support

begins in prison, and continues while out on parole or community supervision, helping women rebuild their lives. She also serves as a peer-recovery coach with Santa Maria Hostel. Ms. Griffin, a successful product of the Harris County’s pilot program by providing peer-to-peer counseling, took the call to help those who were in similar circumstances and shares her experiences and knowledge, lifting women throughout the community and the State of Texas.



David Gutierrez, Chair, Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles
Kathy Griffin, Founder, Our Roadway to Freedom

2021 President's Award

Congratulations to Jennifer Shaffer, Executive Officer,
California Board of Parole Hearings

This award is given to an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution either to the field of parole or to the Association and is chosen at the discretion of the President.

Congratulations to Jennifer Shaffer, Executive Officer of the California Board of Parole Hearings on being selected as the 2021 recipient of the President's Award.

The decision for this year's award was not a difficult one to make. Jennifer has been an integral part of not only our association, but the paroling field as a whole. Jennifer has served in a multitude of roles within the association, each of them vital. Her current roles include Chair of the Professional Development Committee, where she is charged with overseeing all APAI educational opportunities, as well as Western Region Vice President, where she is to foster relationships and be a resource to those within her region. Jennifer is also currently the Chair for the Host Committee for the 2022 Annual Training Conference in San Diego.

Jennifer has always been forward-thinking and more importantly focused on what can be done differently. She is an incredibly hard-worker in all things that she takes on, with her board and of course with our association, leaving no stone unturned. Jennifer has made significant contributions to California, but also to APAI, with each of her active roles. It was easy to choose Jennifer as the recipient of the 2021 President's Award. Congratulations!



Jennifer Shaffer,

Executive Officer, California Board of Parole Hearings

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