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In Memoriam

Award Honors Agent Killed in the Line of Duty

The “William ‘Buddy’ Sentner Award for Dedication and Courage has been established by the President’s Council on Integrity and Efficiency and the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency.

William “Buddy” Sentner, a Special Agent for the Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General, was fatally shot in the line of duty on June 21, 2006, while executing arrest warrants against Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) Correctional Officers at the Federal Correctional Institution in Tallahassee, Florida. Special Agent Sentner was part of a DOJ-OIG/Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) team at the time of his death.

One of the indicted Correctional Officers opened fire during the execution of the arrest warrants and the resulting exchange of gunfire ended in the death of Special Agent Sentner and the shooter. Special Agent Sentner’s heroic actions saved the lives of his fellow agents. The six Correctional Officers were indicted on charges of conspiracy to sexually abuse female inmates and introduction of contraband into the BOP institution.

Special Agent Sentner, a 17-year veteran, began his law enforcement career with Secret Service in October 1989 as an officer in the Uniformed Division and later as a Special Agent. He joined the Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General’s San Diego Field Office in July 2002, and was transferred to Coleman, FL in August, 2003, serving as a criminal investigator and a polygraph examiner.

Special Agent William ‘Buddy’ Sentner was a dedicated, selfless individual who sacrificed his life to protect the lives of his fellow agents and others. The “Sentner Award for Dedication and Courage” will serve as a reminder of his heroism and recognize an individual or a team demonstrating uncommon dedication and courage in the face of adversity. An inspiration to all who are part of the law enforcement community, Special Agent Sentner will be posthumously honored with the first “Sentner Award for Dedication and Courage” during the October 26, 2006, Inspector General Community Award Ceremony.”


Earl F. Kane

Retired Lieutenant Earl F. Kane of the New Jersey State Police Polygraph Unit passed away on October 2, 2006 in Connecticut at the age of 92. Mr. Kane enlisted in the NJ State Police in 1944 and retired in 1969. Mr. Kane attended the Keeler Institute in Chicago in 1951 and became the first law enforcement polygraph examiner in New Jersey. Mr. Kane was also one of the founders of the New Jersey Polygraphists, Inc. and served as its first president. Throughout his brilliant career in the State Police, he was responsible for solving many murder cases, rapes, arsons and all kinds of crimes involving sexual psychopaths. He was highly regarded by detectives, prosecutors and judges throughout the state not only for his expertise as a polygraphist, but also as a master interrogator. Mr. Kane served in private practice for over 25 years upon his retirement from the New Jersey State Police.

Elie R. Bernard

Elie R. Bernard, Jr. passed away on September 30, 2006 at the age of 59. He graduated from the Zonn Institute in December 1975. Mr. Bernard was an Associate Member of the APA from November 1994 to his passing.

He spent more than 25 years in Law Enforcement, most of it with the Nashville Metro Police Department. During his time in Nashville, he came to be known as one of the department’s star homicide investigators. He later became Police Chief in the Robertson County of Coopertown.
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Certificate of Advanced Specialized Training

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Looking for a change in scenery? Check out our up-to-date polygraph examiner job postings on the APA website.

www.polygraph.org

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Interested candidates should send resumes to:
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Polygraph Examiner Training Schedule

Academy for Scientific Investigative Training
Basic Polygraph
South Africa Satellite
January 8 - March 2, 2007
Singapore Satellite
March 12 – May 11, 2007
Philadelphia
April 30 – June 22, 2007
September 10 – November 2, 2007

American International Institute of Polygraph
Basic Polygraph
Morrow/Atlanta
January 3 - March 9, 2007
January 3 - February 23, 2007
April 16 - June 22, 2007
April 16 - June 8, 2007
June 25- August 31, 2007
June 25- August 17, 2007
September 5 - November 9, 2007
September 5 - October 26, 2007
Pretoria, South Africa
March 17 - May 25, 2007

Backster School of Lie Detection
February 12 - April 6, 2007
September 10 - November 2, 2007
June 4 - July 27, 2007

Department of Defense Polygraph Institute
January 4 – April 6, 2007
25 April – 26 July, 2007
15 August – 16 November, 2007

Marston Polygraph Academy
March 5 – May 4, 2007
May 21 – July 20, 2007
August 6 – October 5, 2007
October 15 – December 14, 2007

Maryland Institute of Criminal Justice
January 8 - March 2, 2007
April 2 - May 25, 2007
September 17 - November 9, 2007

Virginia School of Polygraph
March 26 –May 18, 2007
Plan now to attend the
American Polygraph Association
42nd Annual Seminar/Workshop

August 19-24, 2007
in New Orleans
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(Ask for the APA group rate)

APA FED ID # 52-1035722
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CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY: Cancellations received in writing prior to August 10, 2007 will receive a full refund.
Persons canceling after August 10, 2007 will not receive a refund but will be provided with the handout material.

TAX DEDUCTIONS:
All expenses of continuing education (including registration fees, travel, meals, and lodging) taken to maintain and improve professional skills are tax deductible subject to the limitations set forth in the Internal Revenue Code.

In order to have adequate seating
ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR:

LUNCHEON (08/21/2007) BANQUET (08/23/2007)
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES____ LUNCHEON
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All of the above are included as APA Sponsored Events

Important:
The pre-registration discount is good only if payment is received on or before August 10, 2007.

Registration Hours – Sun. Aug. 19, 10:00 am -5:00 pm
On-Site – Mon. Aug. 20, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

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To arrive NO LATER THAN August 10, 2007 for applicable discount.

IMPORTANT: Payment information and registration received after August 10, 2007 will be charged the on-site fee - ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.

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2007 APA Hurricane Preparedness Plan

The 2007 American Polygraph Association seminar is now only eight months away. While we expect a successful seminar, we are also taking the prudent step of having contingency plans in place in the event of storms in the Gulf Coast region.

Once the seminar gets closer, August 19th through August 24th, the APA will closely monitor weather forecasts, including National Hurricane Center forecasting for the Gulf region. Any decisions about the meeting will be guided by National Hurricane Center announcements of watch and warning levels.

Prior to the seminar, if a tropical storm or hurricane is “named” and is tracking into the Gulf of Mexico and toward New Orleans, we will make a decision as soon as possible about whether or not to hold the seminar. Our priority will be to protect the health and safety of our members. Of course, no storm tracking prediction is perfect. We will err on the side of caution and cancel the seminar if there is a reasonable possibility of a threat to New Orleans. Our goal will be to prevent our members from being caught in an evacuation scenario.

In the event that the meeting is canceled due to a storm or storm threat, all paid registrants will have their meeting registration fee refunded in full or will be notified of the new seminar date. It is anticipated that if this were to occur that airlines would also have to cancel flights into New Orleans.

The Hilton New Orleans Riverside has an updated and comprehensive Hurricane Preparedness Plan. During Hurricane Katrina, they guided almost 4500 guests, team members and families through that disaster safely. In conjunction with other Hilton Family hotels, they have shared “best practices” and lessons learned from last year’s active hurricane season, and stand ready for this season.

If we are at the seminar and an approaching hurricane is forecasted to make landfall as a Category 1 or tropical storm, the hotel plans to remain open. While some services may be limited, they believe that they will be able to provide food, water and necessary supplies to our members and our guests.

They recognize that communication is the key to keeping their guests calm, informed and reassured and will provide regular updates (usually twice daily), using letters to rooms, voice mail or both. These updates will include information on the storm, how to access additional information, and instructions on safety precautions and services they will provide.

According to newly released city plans, the City of New Orleans will order mandatory evacuation if a hurricane develops into a Category 2 or greater and threatens the city. Visitors to the city will be expected to leave the city via the same mode of transportation by which they arrived. While city officials have developed a plan to transport tourists out of the city, the Hilton New Orleans Riverside has made arrangements with a local transportation company to assist us in the event of an evacuation.

If you would like more information, visit the National Hurricane Center Web site at: http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/index.shtml.


In addition please visit the APA website: http://www.polygraph.org from time to time to see if any updates have taken place on this contingency plan.
Summary of Minutes to the November 18, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting

A teleconference BOD meeting was called to order by TV O’Malley at 11:07 on Saturday, November 18, 2006 with the following members present: TV O’Malley, Nate Gordon, Stuart Senter, Vickie Murphy, Don Krapohl, Donnie Dutton, Chad Russell, Dan Sosnowski, and Gordon Vaughan. Roy Ortiz joined the conference call at 11:25am. (Steve Duncan & Robbie Bennett were absent)

1. The Board unanimously approved the PR firm termination letter as written. (Krapohl, Murphy, Gordon, Weinstein, Russell, Dutton, and Sosnowski)

2. President Krapohl directed board members to provide their feedback on the revised Standards of Practice by December 5, 2006.

3. President Krapohl agreed to look into acquiring storage space/system, including the possibility of electronic storing for our National Office archives.

4. Treasurer Russell provided feedback on the status of the outgoing Treasurer’s audit with no action needed at this time.

5. Secretary Murphy advised the Board of the status of the new APA website.

6. President Krapohl issued a directive for the final draft for a PCSOT model policy to be submitted to the APA Board by January 11, 2007. Sosnowski was also directed to attend the ASTM meeting on behalf of the APA.

7. The topic of a speaker’s bureau was discussed with no action taken at this time.

8. The creation of an Investment Subcommittee was discussed. President Krapohl established an ad-hoc committee consisting of Treasurer Chad Russell, Gordon Moore and Nate Gordon. President Krapohl directed the Board to revisit the issue during the January Board meeting to continue it as either an ad-hoc or standing committee, whichever is deemed to be the most effective at that time.

9. Motion by Russell/Dutton was unanimously approved for the Treasurer to be given immediate and continuing permission to invest and negotiate current municipal bonds until a permanent solution is resolved. (Gordon, Murphy, Weinstein, Dutton, Krapohl, Ortiz, Sosnowski, Russell)

10. The Board met for an Executive Session from 12:35pm - 1:01pm.

11. President Krapohl discussed proposed changes to the Constitution to consider changes for a president-elect system, universal voting and sectional voting.

12. Previous submission of a strategic plan submitted by President Krapohl was discussed, with a directive by President Krapohl for Board members to send Chairman O’Malley and notes on issues to be discussed for the next meeting.

13. Motion by Gordon/Sosnowski to accept membership status for Nadia Penner was approved unanimously.

14. President Krapohl directed Board members to seek and pass on any names for annual awards to the Committee.

15. President Krapohl agreed to work with membership Chair, Nate Gordon and PCSOT Chair, Dan Sosnowski, to streamline the turn-around time for the application process.

16. The Teleconference Meeting was adjourned by Chairman O’Malley at 2:25pm.
In order to more effectively administer the affairs of the APA, the Board of Directors has begun to hold discussions via web conference between the two traditional annual gatherings in January and August. Web conferencing has proved valuable in keeping our geographically dispersed Board members informed, and it also allows more timely decision-making. The ability to deliberate more frequently means a more effective Board, and a membership better served. We held an informational meeting in October and meetings of record on November 18th and December 11th. The regularly scheduled meeting will on in January, with many of the complex issues that face the Board already in full discussion.

To streamline the structure of the Board and to more effectively direct Association resources I have discontinued three ad hoc committees and realigned the responsibilities. The tasks of the Subcommittee on Development of Continuing Education via the Internet now fall under the Continuing Education/Certification Committee. The duties from Subcommittee on Alternative Detection of Deception Technologies (ADDT) have been moved to the Research and Development Committee. The single task of the Subcommittee for William J. Yankee Memorial Award Advisory has been given to the Editor-in-Chief. A fourth group, the Subcommittee for Law Enforcement Applicant Screening Standardization, has produced the model policy for which it was formed, and is now disbanded with my gratitude.

I have stood up two new ad hoc committees. With the crafting of new model policies it became necessary to appoint a coordinator to ensure that the projects remained on track, and to create a single reference document of all policies that would provide guidance to future Boards. I have asked Director Donald Weinstein to chair the new ad hoc committee, which is titled The Subcommittee for Policy Coordination. Also, I have asked Treasurer Chad Russell to chair the Investment Subcommittee, which will make recommendations to the Board on fiscal stewardship. Both new ad hoc committees will help the Association steer toward long-term growth.

One of the important recent decisions of the Board was the acceptance of the letter of cancellation of the contract from the PR firm, which the Board unanimously approved during the November meeting. Despite a valiant effort by the PR Committee (Chaired by Roy Ortiz) the investment in PR firm was not producing a level of return commensurate with the costs, and given budgetary considerations it was agreed that another approach was in order.

We all recognized that PR remained essential to the abiding interests of the Association. In place of funding a PR company, the PR Committee is using a multi-pronged approach that meets our objectives at a cost the APA can better afford. For one, the APA is standing up a coordinated project to get the Association’s message to potential client and interest groups through members of the Association. We are creating a speakers bureau in which members will go to organizational conferences to speak on the polygraph. The plus to the speaker is that new clients often result from his or her presentations. The value added for the APA is that favorable information is disseminated about the profession and specifically to groups that we wish to influence. The APA is willing to back the speaker with assistance, such as helping develop the presentations with background information, images, PowerPoint slides, research summaries, and other materials. The APA may initiate contact with these groups, and match their interests with APA speakers who are knowledgeable in those areas.

The speakers bureau is the formalization of something that a few APA members have been doing on an individual basis for years with great success. One of those APA members is John Swartz. John sent the following remarks about the program:

I heartily endorse your concept for a nationwide speakers bureau for APA. We as examiners have much to offer, but we have to get our skills and qualifications directly in front the decision makers. Here in Texas we have given training sessions to State District Court Judges, probation offices, parole offices, and law enforcement agencies and each time we have received enormously positive feedback. There are many people out there who are eager to learn about what we do and the tangible results that occur. An APA-sponsored speakers bureau that actively targets legislators, judicial groups, legal groups, the media and other persons of influence can only bring positive results for our profession. A speakers bureau is the only way to go and I’ll be the first to sign on board.

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Likewise, Leonard Bierman, an APA member in Florida writes:

Over the past few years I've had the experience of addressing the criminal justice professionals (Bench/Bar seminars, criminal bar, litigators, public defenders, prosecutors, etc.). Attendees benefited from the program by receiving continuing education credits (CLE credits), a significantly useful tool in their arsenal and a true knowledge of polygraph as opposed to television depictions and the aftermath of a Frye case of 80 years ago. Our profession has benefited by the recognition of polygraph's merits and accordingly an elevated respect by its primary users. In the past three years numerous cases have been given rightful consideration in the adjudication, dozens of cases nol-prossed, and an increase in stipulated testing. All of this awareness has contributed to a more prestigious acceptance level. I have personally benefited significantly by acquisition of new clients, by providing expert testimony, and as a consultant to those in the criminal justice system in regard to polygraph results and evidence. There has been an appreciable upgrading as to how the results of polygraph examinations both for the government, state and defense have been accepted. Thus I've been able to limit my practice to evidentiary examinations.

It is my conviction that targeting these interest groups with APA members prepared with exceptional presentation materials will advance the Association’s interests while simultaneously rewarding the presenters with more clients. The costs are minimal, and the potential is far from fully tapped. As of this writing, the areas where volunteer speakers are needed are in PCSOT, law, and immigration and asylum testing. Others may be added at the request of members. If you want to be listed as a speaker, e-mail Roy Ortiz and list the topic area(s) you want to present. We will take it from there.

The speaker's bureau is not the sole method for PR, of course. As good fortune would have it, the Association enjoys a lot of talent that we draw upon to handle media relations. We have appointed regional representatives to interface with the media, and have called upon others to draft press releases. We monitor the news wires for polygraph-related reporting so to be in front of stories. Of critical importance, we are updating our website so that information is more readily accessible to the public. Each piece of our strategy is important for educating the public of the vital service our members provide.

Let me take a moment to plug two opportunities for APA members. One is APA support for state licensing. If your state does not have polygraph licensure, and your state association is preparing to push for it, please contact Director Dan Sosnowski. The APA will provide support to local efforts to bring about favorable licensing legislation. The second opportunity is for members to put in other members for APA awards. Please visit the APA website and recommend a worthy member for an award.

We have been giving a great deal of attention to the 2007 APA seminar. VP Government Donnie Dutton is the 2007 Seminar Program Chair, and he has been developing an educational opportunity the level of which the APA has never undertaken. He has invited a lineup of nationally and internationally acclaimed speakers, among which are big names from fields outside of polygraphy that will afford new perspectives and approaches. The theme will be: The Best of the Best for the Best. Every member will take something valuable away from the experience: psychological insights to the criminal mind, valid behavioral assessment methods, new specialties (and opportunities) for private examiners, proven interviewing and interrogation methods, and a host of other topics. The 2007 seminar program will be talked about for years, and is not to be missed.

Turning now to a very serious matter, it has recently been reported that a small number of polygraph examiners have been routinely conducting polygraph tests in less than 60 minutes, sometimes much less. Because all of the validated polygraph techniques of record require from 90 minutes to two hours or more to conduct, these shortened examinations are not likely to satisfy the requirements of the validated protocols. Consequently, decision accuracy will inevitably suffer. We all recognize that substandard work creates innocent victims: children returned to unsafe homes, dangerous criminals released to the community, truthful citizens whose reputations or livelihoods are ruined, and the citizenry whose police department has hired unfit officers. We are accountable for our professional decisions, and bear responsibility when we take shortcuts, use unvalidated methods or improper procedures. For those who may feel the pressure to cut corners, remember that you are risking something of consequence, not the least of which is your professional reputation. Always do it right and you never have regrets.

I would like to offer some closing thoughts. The end of the year marks holy days for many faiths. It is a time of reverence, of family, and of giving. It is a time of reflection, to take stock of our lives and our place in the world. It is an occasion to weigh our hearts, and to consider what we have done with the gifts we have been given. My sincere wish is that you will find that, in whatever place you may stand, you have in some way made that place better for others. From the Krapohl home to yours, our very best wishes to you.
Research Review
by Dr. Louis Rovner

A Pragmatic View of Polygraph Research

The current world record time for running a mile is held by a Moroccan runner named Hicham el Guerrouj. He ran the mile in 3 minutes and 43.13 seconds in 1999 at an international competition in Rome. So, is that the fastest that anyone has ever run a mile? Maybe, but then again…………….

Let’s say that another runner (call him “Al”) claims that he has run a mile in 3 minutes and 42 seconds in practice, and that his coach, who timed him, will attest to that. Is Al now the world record holder?

Of course, the answer is “No”. Although other runners who know Al feel that he has the capability to run that fast, they (and we) understand that world records may only be recognized when they are established in a certain way. That is, records may only be set in sanctioned competitions, where there are impartial judges, timing mechanisms that meet certain criteria, and other observers. If Al wants to be awarded the world record, he’s going to have to earn it at the Olympics or some other track and field competition. Running really fast at a practice session just won’t do the trick.

So what does all of that have to do with polygraph research? Well, just as the world has certain standards for recognizing athletic accomplishments, it also has standards for judging the usefulness of what polygraph professionals do. When someone who is not a part of our profession inquires about the validity and effectiveness of polygraph testing, the first question they ask is whether science has proven it to be accurate. Once that question is asked, they look to the scientific research for answers. If they find that a technique has been proven to be reliable and valid by conventional experimental methods, then they are more likely to accept the results of a test that was run using that technique. However, if no published research is available about a technique, they will be unlikely to trust its results, since they don’t have an independent, unbiased measure of its accuracy.
The issue 35,3 of *Polygraph* contains an important study by Don Krapohl. Mr. Krapohl did a fairly comprehensive review of the published scientific research that deals with polygraph accuracy. After analyzing the accuracy rates of different testing formats and techniques, he rank-ordered them and found that the most accurate technique is the Utah ZCT. Other techniques reached respectable accuracy levels, but none was as high as the Utah Zone.

So, when we run a single-issue exam from now on, should we all be using the Utah ZCT? I personally think that the answer is “Yes”, at least for the near future. As professional examiners, it’s important that we use techniques that produce test results that we can rely on and stand behind. The Utah Zone is the only testing technique that averaged over 90% accuracy in multiple studies. There is really no point in using a technique that’s second or third best.

Although there are other techniques that many of us use, they are either less accurate than the Utah Zone or there has been little or no published research which shows their accuracy levels. It’s quite possible that some of the other techniques which have not been researched are just as accurate as the Utah Zone. However, until that research is carried out and published, the accuracy rates of unresearched techniques are little more than speculation. When we use an unresearched technique, we’re like the runner who claims he beat the world record, but doesn’t have the right kind of evidence. Nobody will believe him, since he has little else to offer but his own word.

There is also a very practical reason for using the Utah Zone (at least until some other test proves to be as accurate or more accurate). Because information about polygraph testing is so widely and easily available to anyone, we can be certain that attorneys and judges, as well as just about anybody else, have access to it. And we can also be certain that they will be asking tough questions from now on. If we continue to use unresearched techniques, we open ourselves up to being embarrassed and discredited. For example, imagine yourself on a witness stand, being cross examined by the attorney from the other side. He asks you why you chose the testing technique you used for the test, and you tell him that it’s the one that you learned in polygraph school. He then pulls out his copy of the current issue of *Polygraph* and asks why you didn’t use the most accurate technique available? Frankly, there is no good answer to that question. Scientific research is the playing field that the rest of the world uses to judge our profession. If we don’t play by the rules they recognize, we can’t expect them to be influenced by what we say.

Luckily, the Utah ZCT is relatively easy to master, especially if you have used any Comparison Question Test before. There are really only three differences between the Utah Zone and whatever CQT you’ve been using. First, the question order is probably somewhat different. Second, questions are reviewed between charts. Third, the scoring system is likely to be much simpler than whatever you’re using right now. There is an outstanding description of the Utah Zone, written by Mark Handler, in the current issue of *Polygraph*.

From a professional point of view, as well as a pragmatic standpoint, it’s essential that we all keep up with the research that’s being done in our field, and that we let the knowledge gained by that research guide our day-to-day practice. Like every other profession, polygraph is an evolving field. Many long-time rules and procedures become obsolete as science shows us what we must do to produce more valid and reliable test results. The products of scientific research, and our willingness to adapt to new information, are the primary factors in gaining the credibility and respect that we deserve.

**Resources**

Handler, Mark D. (2006)  

Krapohl, Donald (2006)  
Alaska will track sex offenders with polygraph

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — Following the lead of nearly 40 other states, Alaska will require sex offenders on parole or probation to take lie detector tests starting next summer. However, the challenge is having a large enough pool of polygraph examiners recruited and trained to work with the offenders, officials said. A pilot program that is ongoing is currently working with a contractor who flies in from Washington state. Monitoring convicted sex offenders has been challenged in court, but a federal appeals court upheld the use of polygraph testing on a convicted sex offender in May. Alaska, which has the highest per capita sex offender population in the U.S., wants to try out giving the polygraphs because of their high success in monitoring and treating sex offenders elsewhere, according to Portia Parker, a state court spokesman.

Missing boy may have chance after witness passes polygraph

BELLEVUE, Florida — Police say they have renewed hope that 2-year-old Trenton Duckett may still be alive after a Wendy’s drive-through employee says she saw him with his mother the day that he was reported missing. The employee also said she saw his mother come back twice to the Wendy’s alone later that day. The employee has passed a polygraph and her statements have led investigators to suspect that Trenton may have been handed off to someone hours before his mother reported him missing.

Police are hoping that the new information will prompt renewed media attention to the case. Melinda Duckett, Trenton’s mother, said Trenton was abducted through his bedroom window, but police doubted her story from the start. Duckett, 21, shot and killed herself Sept. 8. She later was named the prime suspect in her son’s disappearance.

Charity proposes polygraph, satellite tracking for sex offenders

ILFORD, England — Polygraph testing and satellite tracking should be made standard practice for sex offenders in the United Kingdom, says a major British children’s charity. Barnardo’s children’s charity says electronic tagging and lie detector tests would be more effective than a law allowing authorities to inform parents when known sex offenders move into the local community. Polygraphs compel offenders to tell much more about what they have been doing. Because lie detectors can be so effective offenders have to tell the truth, Barnardo’s Chief Executive Martin Nary said. Speaking as the charity publishes a new report, A Risk Too Far? Nary said the probation service needed all the help it could get in keeping up with those individuals it must supervise after they have been released from jail. Nary said he understood the desire for a law that reports offenders records to the public, but said the legislation would be counterproductive.

Department of Energy cuts back use of poly on staff

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Energy Department will end its widespread use of polygraph examinations of workers at nuclear weapons facilities. The department will continue giving tests to the highest level of scientific workers around its facilities nation wide, but the new requirements will significantly reduce the number who must be tested on a routine basis. The department had previously subjected nearly 20,000 “high-risk” security positions to polygraphs. The department rejected a call by critics to end all lie detector tests. In the late 1990s, Congress responded to a number or security concerns by expanding use of polygraphs on the...
Cold Case, “F.B.I. Says 5 Years
Source: Internet — “This is Not a lawyer deny any involvement in the second one is. Kwan and his murder Wales, and where the believed to have been used to he failed two questions on a lie Seattle, was told by the FBI that Kwan, a gun collector who lives in believed to have killed Wales.

Makarov handgun — the gun potential suspects who owns a conviction, has given a polygraph reward for information leading to FBI, which has offered a $1 million assistant U.S. potential new information about of a federal prosecutor, there is five-year-anniversary of the death of a suspended Tennessee high school principal has passed a polygraph and wants to get back to work. Assistant Principal Kimberly Kallenberg has been accused of grade fixing, but her attorney says she passed the lie detector and she wants to get back to work rather than be paid to sit at home. Kallenberg has denied accusations against her from the beginning of the months-long case. An attorney for the Powell, Tenn. School Department would not comment.

Source: Internet — “Powell Assistant Principal Demand Job Back,” WVLT-TV; Nov. 16, 2006.

Polygraph may lead to handgun, murder suspect
SEATTLE, Washington — Upon the five-year-anniversary of the death of a federal prosecutor, there is potential new information about the murder of assistant U.S. attorney Thomas C. Wales, 49. The FBI, which has offered a $1 million reward for information leading to a conviction, has given a polygraph to Albert Kwan, one of many potential suspects who owns a Makarov handgun — the gun believed to have killed Wales. Kwan, a gun collector who lives in Seattle, was told by the FBI that he failed two questions on a lie detector — whether he bought two of the specialty gun barrels believed to have been used to murder Wales, and where the second one is. Kwan and his lawyer deny any involvement in the murder.


New book shows polygraph results never shared on Israeli spy
WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a new book, the investigator who got a confession from an infamous Israeli spy says that despite failing a polygraph test with one U.S. agency, the spy was able to get a job with another. Among the things investigators missed was when spy Jonathon Pollard was rejected by the CIA for failing a polygraph. Pollard told a CIA polygraph examiner that he had used marijuana 600 times and told nine foreign nationals that he was going to work for the agency. He was rejected for the job, but when the Defense Department asked the CIA if they had any record of Pollard, they were told “no.” The details of the missed red flags for Pollard are detailed in the new book “Capturing Jonathon Pollard.”


Polygraph unravels story of suspected murderer
NEW BRITAIN, Connecticut — The motive Richard Read had for killing one of his friends is still unknown, but police have revealed why they think Read was the one who killed Brian Rabouin. Since his arrest this summer, Read’s alibi has been steadily deteriorating. He says that the night Rabouin died, he was at home playing online poker alone. But a search of his computer revealed no poker Web sites. Read also said he stayed home because he didn’t drink. But friends say he was drinking at a stag party the night before. Read also says he often walked with Rabouin in order to lose weight, but Rabouin’s family says he was lazy and had a bad back and bad knees. Then, in June, Read failed a polygraph and fled directly afterwards to Georgia. He has since been arrested.

Source: Internet — “Police Link DNA To Murder Suspect: Affidavit Calls Into Question Man’s Alibi That He Was Home At Time Of Killing,” Hartford Courant; Nov. 11 2006.

Polygraph shows clerk was not held up, but covered up
RANDOLPH, New Jersey — A polygraph exam and interview has led to a gas station attendant admitting he falsely reported being held up. Norman Vanderhood, 55, was charged with making a false police report and false use of the 911 system, according to police. Police say Vanderhood faked the holdup in order to cover up that he stole $860 from the gas station. After calling police Vanderhood said he was approached by a man wearing a ski mask and brandishing a gun. He then said he was robbed and that the thief stole away on foot. Vanderhood was interviewed regarding the possibility of a false report by Randolph police and the New Jersey State Police polygraph unit. That’s when he told authorities he had stolen the money and reported the robbery to hide the theft.

Source: Internet — “Cops: Gas attendant faked stickup: Ironia gas station attendant dialed 911 to cover up his own theft,” Daily Record; Nov. 10, 2006.

New polygraph sheds light on cold case
FAYETTE, Philadelphia — Police say Glenda Masciarelli killed her 2-year-old son in 1976, but the woman says she doesn’t know how or why she killed the boy. Glenda Masciarelli, 52, has essentially confessed to the murder, according to state police. She was first interviewed in 1976 after she told police that her son was found dead in a creek after a man grabbed the boy and took off with him as she and her son were walking in the woods. A polygraph exam given to Masciarelli back then was inconclusive whether she was telling the truth. Police say they used a polygraph in recent
interviews before her arrest yesterday, but have not given details of its results.


Polygraph experts being trained in drug-ridden Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan — On the brink of what may be another record-breaking opium harvest, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency is training special units of Afghan policemen who must pass polygraph exams about their backgrounds. By instituting the new standards, the DEA hopes to welcome patriots into their country’s police force while repelling those tempted to corrode a government susceptible to corruption. Joining in the effort, Afghan President Hamid Karzai has warned government officials they will be removed if they help drug trafficking. A district chief and an administrator from the same district in Badakhshan, a remote and rugged northern province favored by drug producers, have recently been fired.

Source: Internet — “Afghan Opium Crop May Match Record: Grant money will go toward GPS, polygraph tests

ALBANY, New York — Nassau County will be getting $500,000 worth of help tracking sex offenders in the form of global positioning devices and polygraph tests. The $500,000 grant will buy 50 devices that will track the sex offenders 24 hours a day and 150 polygraph tests to be used by probation officials to ensure offenders are staying in line with their probation requirements.

Source: Internet — Nassaue steps up sex-offender watch,” Newsday; Oct. 31.

Australian authorities reject polygraphs

CANBERRA, Australia — Intelligence officials in Australia are recommending polygraph tests not be used in security investigations. The Australian Security Intelligence Organization claims the tests are unreliable and “incompatible with the professional culture of the country’s intelligence agencies.” The decision followed a three-year trial, during which time ASIO staffed voluntarily submitted to polygraphs.


The American Polygraph Association’s Mission

Established in 1966, the American Polygraph Association (APA) consists of over 2600 members dedicated to providing a valid and reliable means to verify the truth and establish the highest standards of moral, ethical, and professional conduct in the polygraph field.

The American Polygraph Association continues to be the leading polygraph professional association, establishing standards of ethical practices, techniques, instrumentation, research, and advanced training and continuing educational programs.

Virginia Polygraph Association

L to R Stan Ogden-VP PVT, Alan Marlett-Director, Mike, Don, Bill Chittenden-Pres, Karl Holzbach-Sec/Tress, and Ed McDowell-VP Police. The 2006 VP Gov Bill Henley was absent and Don Phillips has replaced Bill for VP Gov in 2007. All the other VPA officers remain the same.
Announcement from the Editor-in-Chief

My friends, it is with mixed emotions that I write these words. Since February of 2003 I have served as the Editor of the publications of the American Polygraph Association. My wife Deedra has served as your Managing Editor since 2001. During this time, we have had the honor and privilege of working with many special individuals on the Board of Directors. More importantly, we have been entrusted to serve as the gatekeepers of the printed words representing you, our membership. We have learned so much from all of you and forged many friendships that will surely last a lifetime. We have served with the goal of conveying your thoughts and expressions, and to enhance the polygraph field through the sharing of ideas and presentation of evidence to support what we do. From all of you, we have received useful feedback and unwavering support and encouragement, providing a constant positive result from the ongoing challenges affiliated with the position. Experiencing heavy hearts and uncountable fond memories, we announce our imminent resignations from our APA duties.

Understand that our reasons for resignation are based in many ways on simple supply and demand – that we no longer feel that we are able to continue to provide the level of effort needed to cover the requirements of the position. It is time for us to move on and for the positions to receive a fresh perspective. To this end, a committee will be formed that will consider prospective candidates for these positions. Together we will work hard to make sure that qualified and reliable individuals are selected for you, the membership.

If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming the new Editor or Managing Editor, please email your resume or preferably a curriculum vita to editor@polygraph.org.

Thank you for everything,
Stuart Senter

Upcoming Seminars

The California Association of Polygraph Examiners will be holding their next 2-day Training Conference at the Crown Plaza Ventura Beach Hotel, 450 East Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA. 93001, on March 23-24, 2007.
Hotel phone number: (805) 648-7731.
Web site: http://www.cpventura.com

Information has been posted on the CAPE Web site at: www.californiapolygraph.com. Contact CAPE Secretary Bob Heard at bheard@sbcasd.org or at: (909) 387-0343 for further information.

The California Association of Polygraph Examiners (CAPE) held its election of officers and board on Friday, October 13.

2006-2007 Officers
Ronald Hilley – President
Janene Gordon – Vice President
Bob Heard – Secretary
Joe Bodnar – Treasurer

2006-2007 Board of Directors
Norm LeClair
Ron Homer
Rick Jordan
Jack Trimarco
Pete Perrin
Jamie Skeeters
Governor Robert L. Ehrlich announced the creation and appointments to the Maryland Sex Advisory Board, which included his appointment of Secretary, Vickie T Murphy-Carr to serve a four-year appointment as the polygraph consultant. The Board was created by the Governor’s sex offender legislation, which passed the Maryland General Assembly and was signed into law in June 2006 and will further strengthen Governor Ehrlich’s Sex Offender Compliance and Enforcement in Maryland (SOCEM) initiative to add cutting edge technology to sex offender tracking and monitoring efforts, which he implemented in August 2005.

The new law

1. Requires offenders who are convicted as child sex offenders, sexually violent offenders, and sexually violent predators to be subject to extended sexual offender parole supervision administered by the Parole Commission;

2. Contains “Jessica’s law” provisions;

3. Mandates that registration, as a sex offender will be reported to the State’s criminal records system;

4. Enhances registration requirements;

5. Requires all registrants who have not submitted a DNA sample to submit a sample;

6. Mandates that notifications of registrations go to all nonpublic elementary and secondary schools in the county where the sex offender resides, and the local law enforcement unit may notify childcare facilities, faith institutions, and other organizations that serve children;

7. Requires the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to allow the public to submit information by e-mail to the department concerning offenders;

8. Prohibits registrants from trespassing on school/day care property;

9. Allows for the creation of Sexual Offender Management Teams to supervise offenders; and

10. Establishes a 16-member Sexual Offender Advisory Board.

Governor Ehrlich also unveiled an innovative, automated telephone notification system to alert citizens when a convicted sex offender moves into a community. Automated notification in both English and Spanish will officially begin in October 2006.

The alert line is part of the Maryland Community Sex Offender Notification Enhancement project. The five-year project was funded by a grant from the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) to allow DPSCS to implement the system. Maryland is the fourth state in the country to implement this new technology to track sex offenders and notify residents of their movements.
Development in Maryland Sex Offender Legislation

Sexual Offenders – Supervision, Notifications, and Penalties

The bill establishes Extended Sexual Offender Parole Supervision for offenders that will start at the completion of any imprisonment, probation, parole, or mandatory supervision. The Extended Sexual Offender Parole Supervision shall be for a minimum of three years to a maximum of a term of life.

The bill provides for mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years for an offender who commits first-degree rape or sexual assault in the first degree of a child under the age of 13 years.

The bill provides for mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years for an offender who commits second-degree rape or sexual assault in the second degree of a child under the age of 13 years.

It requires that the non-registration of a sex offender be a reportable event to the Central Repository for Criminal History Record Information. (Initial registration) This will provide a manner for employers to check to see if a potential employee should be registered or failed to register.

It establishes a Sexual Offender Advisory Board of 14 members to include:
- Secretary for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
- Director of the Division of Parole and Probation
- Executive Director of Mental Hygiene Administration
- Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Representative of a Victim’s Advocacy group
- Health Care Professional with expertise in mental disorders
- State’s Attorney
- Criminal Defense Attorney
- Sexual Offender Treatment Provider
- Polygrapher
- Representative of Local Law Enforcement.
- Two citizens

The Board will be staffed by Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Establishes a Sex Offender Management Team under the supervision of the Division of Parole and Probation. The team will consist of:
- specially trained parole agent
- representative of a certified sex offender treatment provider
- victim’s advocate
- faith counselors
- employment counselors
- community leaders
- polygrapher.

The bill requires registration for offenders and sexually violent offenders in person every, six months with local law enforcement. Registration is to include a photograph to be updated once a year.

The bill requires registration for sexually violent predators in person, every three months, for life. Registration requires an updated photograph once a year. Updated photographs are to be sent to Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services once a year.

Sex Offender Registrants will have to provide DNA samples to the supervising authority to be included in the State DNA Database System of the Department of State Police’s Crime Laboratory.

Local Law Enforcement is required to provide written notification to the superintendent of county schools as well as the non-public primary and secondary schools within a one-mile radius of the residence or work of a child sexual offender if that offender changes addresses. The superintendent of county schools must then provide written notification to the principals of the schools in their district within 10 days.

Local Law Enforcement must provide written notice to the Police Departments of the Municipalities in that county.

Local Law Enforcement may notify family day care homes or childcare centers, child recreation centers, and faith-based institutions.

DPSCS will allow the public to provide electronic information about sexual offenders. (SOCEM Website)

Members of the public will be allowed to receive electronic notification of the release of an offender from incarceration in their immediate area. (APPRIS)

The bill changes the penalty for failure to register on the Sex Offender Registry, when required, to impose a misdemeanor conviction not exceeding 3 years or $5,000 or both for the first offense. For subsequent offenses, the penalty for failing to register will result in a felony not exceeding 5 years or $10,000 or both for the second or subsequent offenses.

The bill provides for a restriction on entering real property owned or used for a public or non-public elementary or secondary school, or a family day care, or child care home or institution.

HB2 requires that a County School Board or a non-public school may not knowingly employ of contract with individual registered or required to register on the sex offender registry.
Board of Director’s Reports

Donnie Dutton
Vice-President - Government

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and that the remainder of your holiday season is one that you will always remember. I can tell you that things really get busy around this time of year and ask that all of you take a moment and remember the important things in your life.

Since my last report several things have been happening with your board and I want to report on just a few of the things that I have been working on.

The first issue deals with the Awards Committee. The committee members have been assigned, however they really are counting on you. There have been few nominations so far, and without your nominations this committee has nothing to do. They need your recommendations. If everyone who reads this report would nominate just one worthy person for an award this would be one of the busiest committees within the APA. The Awards Committee will be looking for individuals who, though their unselfish and extraordinary efforts, promote and advance the best interests of the polygraph profession. The following awards are being offered by the APA:

William L. Bennett and Robbie S. Bennett Memorial Award: For unrelenting efforts and display of ability in the interest of the APA.

Al & Dorothea Clinchard Award: For extended, distinguished, devoted and unselfish service in behalf of the APA membership.

Cleve Backster Award: Honoring an individual or group that advances the polygraph profession through tireless dedication to standardization of polygraph principles and practices.

Leonard Keeler Award: For long and distinguished service to the APA.

David L. Motsinger Horizon Award: In recognition of a new shining star in the profession or association who early in their career demonstrates loyalty, professionalism and dedication to the polygraph profession (less than 10 years).

John E. Reid Award: For achievement in research teaching and writing of the polygraph profession.

Please take a moment and make that recommendation of a person you know deserves an award. They are out there they just need you to recognize them.

I have been an examiner for over 20 years and I can tell you that when it comes to our profession we often see or hear something that we later use in our own examinations. I am not sure that I have one sentence in my pretest that I haven’t stolen from someone along the way, and I would guess that several of you are the same way. That being said I want to steal an idea that the AAPP recently came up with: an electronic membership directory. Last year the AAPP sent out its membership directory on a CD, thereby cutting its overhead substantially. Our paper directory costs a significant amount of money to produce and mail. If we were to send out a CD in its place members could download it on every computer they own, including the polygraph computer. It would also be searchable. If a member really needed a hard copy he or she could print the entire directory or in part. I spoke with Lafayette Instrument Company on an unrelated matter when this issue came up and they have offered to produce our directory in CD format if the APA will pay for the cost of the supplies they will need. This would potentially save our treasury thousands of dollars. I would really like to hear your thoughts on this issue, both positive and negative. I can be reached at vpgovernment@polygraph.org.

I received a telephone call from Limestone Technologies who related that they wanted to assist with the William Yankee scholarship award. Limestone would like to donate a complete Limestone polygraph instrument, minus computer, to the recipient of the 2007 Yankee award. I want to thank Limestone for this very generous offer, as I am sure the award winner will also.

I guess the biggest question I am hearing is “What about the seminar?” I am so happy to report that the seminar is coming along just great. This year my motto is “The Best of the Best for the Best.” I am working to bring top professionals from different disciplines to present the most current material to our members.

At this time I have some speakers lined up with some topics that many of you may not heard in a while, they are:

- Asset Fortune – Special Agent Dwight Rawls, FDA
- Treatment of Sex Offenders – Dr. Stan Abel & Kim English
- Legal issues and Daubert materials – F. Lee Bailey, Dr. Gordon Barland and Attorney Gordon Vaughn
- Interrogation – Doug Wicklander & Stan Walters
- Research – Dr. Stuart Senter
In addition to the above I have assembled some of our more core polygraph topics for you, these being:

- Validated polygraph techniques – President Donald Krapohl
- Backster pretest & Zone Technique – Cleve Backster
- Utah Probable-Lie Technique – Mark Handler
- DoDPI pretest & Zone Technique – Esther Harwell
- Air Force Modified General Question Test (MGQT) - TBA
- Test Data Analysis – Jimmy Swinford
- EPPA – APA Chairman, TV O’Malley
- International Panel – Moderator, Dr. Frank Horvath
- The FAINT Interview – Nate Gordon

This far in advance, portions of the seminar schedule are tentative but for now all of the above blocks are a go. In upcoming issues of the APA Magazine I will host a section “In the Spotlight.” It will be a closer look at some of our scheduled speakers, so stay tuned for that.

I heard a few members who might be reluctant go to New Orleans for the seminar. One reason is the devastation from Hurricane Katrina. I asked Special Board of Directors’ Reports

- Cold Case Investigations – Dr. Richard Walton
- Micro Expressions – Dr. Mark Frank
- Deception through nonverbal behavior and communication – Dr. Judee Burgoon
- Ethics – Special Agent Chase Foster, FBI

Agent Greg White, New Orleans Field Office with Drug Enforcement Adminstration to take some pictures of the area where the seminar will be held. Dr. Senter placed those pictures in this issue so you can see that the area for the seminar is clean and in great shape. I will continue to have updated photos obtained for your review. We also have a contingency plan just in case of a weather threat. The plan is reported in this issue. Lastly, the same members brought up a potential crime problem in New Orleans. Captain Jeff Winn, 1st District (location of the seminar) related that crime is very low in the French Quarter. Also, he has many uniformed officers on the streets where our meeting will take place. Like all metropolitan areas there are sections with a crime problem, but Captain Winn related that it is not near the seminar area. He stated that we would not have any crime problems.

I do have a little surprise for everyone this year. One of our lecturers, Stan Walters, is friends with a professional comedian, Tim Gard. Mr. Gard has agreed to provide us with after-dinner entertainment: stress reduction through humor. This show is rated G and promises to be “kid friendly” so please bring the family. I will spotlight Tim Gard in a future issue of the Magazine.

Again, let me hear from you on the CD membership issue and if you have specific suggestions on topics you want to see at the seminar. I think you’ll find that this seminar will truly be the Best of the Best for the Best.
You either have or will be receiving a questionnaire from the APA that requires some important input concerning the future of our organization. President Krapohl’s platform for his successful election to office contained his proposal for three Constitutional changes: a president elect system; universal voting; and the election of Vice Presidents by their individual constituency.

A president elect system is designed to ensure an association moves forward led by people who have leadership experience and have had the opportunity from within to shape the association’s future. Universal voting allows for every paid member to cast their vote via mail, rather than voting being done by only those members able to attend our annual seminar. Vice Presidents elected by only their constituency means that only private examiners will vote for Vice President Private, law enforcement examiners for Vice President Law Enforcement and government examiners for Vice President Government. While I am sure every officer of the APA feels they represent our entire membership and profession, this would ensure that the Vice President elected to represent a specific group within our organization is selected by that group.

These are important matters. Whether you are in favor of them or opposed to them, I implore you to make your voice heard!

As a private examiner and businessman I am constantly trying to evaluate my services and questioning “How I can grow?” I look at my clients as a bucket of water; to grow I know I need to add water (new clients) to my bucket, while at the same time make sure there are no holes in the bucket causing a leakage of existing water (current clients). Ensuring my bucket has no leaks is simply a matter of giving my clients the best service possible. That starts with how my telephone is answered to the timeliness and professionalism of my final mailed report. Maintaining clients has never been a problem for me. Getting new clients and marketing has!

I have always believed that people want to do business with successful people. If I am seeking a polygraph examiner, I want a successful one. If the examiner is successful I interpret that as meaning he or she is good at what they do. You and I may know that this is not necessarily true; however, perception is reality for the potential client.

Therefore, I have always paid particular attention to my appearance, as well as “my paper.” “My paper” begins with my business card, and continues with my letterhead and envelopes. Long after I have met a potential client, their memory of me will be associated with the “paper” I have left behind.

To acquire new business, last month our firm did something entirely out of character; we made an overt attempt to obtain it. New clients for us has always been by word of mouth. Reading for years that one of the best ways to increase business is by increasing sales within your existing clientele, we invited all of our legal clients and their friends to a free breakfast seminar. The mailed invitations were followed up by telephone calls, and we had 25 attorneys accept our invitation.

We contacted a distinguished caterer, housed in an eloquent center city building and were delighted to negotiate a free room as long as we provided an $8.00 per person continental breakfast for the attendees. This consisted of coffee, tea, juices, Danish and bagels.

The hour and a half seminar consisted of a power-point overview of all the services our company provides and then some short focused presentations about polygraph, due diligence, background investigations, etc. We ended with a question and answer session, and handed out brochures and business cards to everyone.

Our total cost was $240.00 for the caterer, plus minimal costs for printing and mailing. We now are waiting to see how many of our existing clients will increase their use of our services that they may not have even been aware of, and how many of their associates, now better informed about our company will result in new clients. The feedback was excellent, and we are planning to make this a regular event.

Author and motivational speaker, Bob Burg, is quoted as saying you should internalize the Golden Rule of sales, “All things being equal, people will do business with, and refer business to, those people they know, like and trust.” I felt our breakfast seminar moved our firm in that direction.

Success to you,
Nate
Board of Directors’ Reports

Mike Gougler
Vice President, Law Enforcement

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season. It was great to visit with family and friends.

The SOP Committee has been diligently working on the Standards of Practice protocol and it will be presented to the Board of Directors at the January meeting. I must say that this has been a smooth running committee, thanks to the hard work of Dick Keifer. Dick has done the majority of the hard work on this project. Thanks to all committee members for their input and commitment to this product. We will have a document that will provide guidance and direction to the profession.

The Board of Directors has been vigorously discussing the various platform items put forward by President Krapohl during the teleconference meetings. I would like to hear from the membership concerning the following:

1. The president-elect system.
2. Sectional voting for Vice Presidents
3. One member – One vote elections
4. 2 year terms for Vice Presidents
5. 1 year term limit for President

I am your representative and will vote the will of the members. I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss these items with those interested.

I look forward to 2007 and the many challenges ahead. Together we can accomplish great things.

Your friend,
Mike

Steve Duncan
Director

With the year flying by, I continue to try and find enough hours to accomplish the things that need doing, it seems there is always plenty on the Agenda and this Board has been working relentlessly for you.

The Regional Seminar in Virginia Beach, VA was reportedly a gleaming success due to the hard work of Ms. Robbie (of course), President Krapohl, VPA President Chittenden, Deputy Mark Handler, Retired Trooper Wyatt Omohundro, Retired Professor Joel Reicherter and others. One hundred nineteen Examiners were treated to “class act” education of the highest order. Several other seminars are in the planning stages as of now. Two areas being considered currently include Mexico or Central America and South Africa. Any ideas for additional two to three day seminars are welcomed and encouraged.

I have just completed a request for Ms. Robbie to mail out Committee information so those who have volunteered be on the lookout and any others interested in serving please contact me. We have much to accomplish and are continuing work on some other by-law changes related to Continuing Education and Training.

Lastly, I still working on organization of our '07 Annual Unofficial Motorcycle Ride for the New Orleans Seminar so riders make a note and “stay tuned” for more info.

I leave you with an invitation to contact me if I can assist you in any way by phone 404-624-7465 or e-mail at sduncan@gsp.net.

On the Net

Proceedings from interesting NSF Workshop Posted

A special edition of the Journal of Credibility Assessment and Witness Psychology has been posted on the internet. This issue contains presentations from a National Science Foundation workshop on the use of autonomic and somatic measures for security evaluations that took place during the summer of 2005. Please feel free to view these proceedings at the following link:
Board of Directors’ Reports

Vickie Murphy-Carr
Secretary

1. An Official Teleconference conference was held on November 18, 2006 and I have provided Editor Senter with a summary of actions for this issue of the Magazine.

2. The last three months have driven me crazy with website issues. By the time you read this, I will have transitioned to our new Webmaster, Keith Mosher. President Krapohl, Chairman O’Malley, and past President/Chairman/Executive Director Skip Webb and I are working on a new site with all the bells and whistles we want for the future and are expecting Phase I to be up on/around January 16th. In the meantime, because of problems with items being overwritten, I am requesting assistance from each of you:

   - Members - If you’re posted at the APA online roster, please take a few minutes out and check to see if your information is correct. If you’re not listed and want to be posted online, drop me an email and I’ll send you the form;

   - State Presidents/Associations – Check to see if your state association president and contact information is correct. If you have licensing in your state, check to see if the licensing contact is also correct. If you have an upcoming seminar, please be sure you send a brief announcement with contact information, location, etc., so that I can get it posted;

   - If you happen to be online and see a typo or broken link, drop me an email with the location;

   - Board members and committee chairs – Please be sure your contact info is current.

   - If you have any suggestions and ideas I can incorporate in the new site, let me know. Your input is always welcome;

   - Last, but not least, thanks for your continued patience through this transition!

3. On the home front, I am happy to announce good news for polygraph in the state of Maryland! On October 25, 2006, I was Commissioned by the Governor to serve a four-year term on the Sex Offender Compliance and Enforcement in Maryland (SOCEM), as the “polygraph examiner” appointment for the Advisory Board. As part of House Bill 2, emergency measures were taken to enhance and improve efforts to monitor and track sex offenders in Maryland who do not comply with the laws. I will keep you updated on the progress in the future.

4. In the meantime, wishing each of you and your families the best for the coming holidays and new year!

Your Voice to the World (Literally!)

To you, APA Member, I write this passage as a reminder that the publication you hold in your hand serves as your voice to the world! Okay, more specifically, your voice to your fellow APA Members. Should you come across an item of interest, have a point you’d like to make known, or have a piece of useful knowledge to the polygraph field that you think should be shared with the community, I encourage you to pass it our way. Many of you do this already- let this message serve to reinforce those efforts. This is your (collectively) magazine, and as your Editor, I encourage you to take ownership and maximize its value and utility. Furthermore, to achieve this goal, I encourage you to send your thoughts/comments/criticisms relative to the magazine directly to me, editor@polygraph.org. We will continue to work hard to make this publication a useful tool for you.
Board of Directors’ Reports

Roy Ortiz
Director

Public Relations

Acting on the vote of American Polygraph Association (APA) members, a public relations firm was hired to promote polygraph and the APA. This trial period was done on a monthly basis with the right to terminate the contract. The few published newspaper articles and the other minor benefits derived from this effort did not justify the expense. After careful evaluation and the vote of the Board of Directors, the contract was terminated.

The question is, “Who best knows the APA and its goals?” The answer is the APA members themselves. The next step is to have APA members promote the APA, our own speakers’ bureau. The strategy is to have designated spokespersons representing three specific areas across the country: media contact, Post Conviction Sex Offender Testing (PCSOT), and private practice. This effort is critical to the future of the APA and the polygraph profession.

Current media spokespersons include: Frank Horvath, Patrick Kelly, Lenny Bierman, Jack Trimarco, John Swartz, Joe Buckley, and Jamie Skeeters.

I am asking for volunteers to act as spokespersons regarding PCSOT and private practice matters. Potential clients would be developed and the individuals/groups that support our interests would be educated. Polygraph literature, a Power Point presentation and research material would be made available. This hands on effort would involve minimal expenses.

Potential target audiences include: mental health care professionals, attorneys, universities, district attorneys, public defenders, probation departments, parole departments, newspapers, magazines, television news stations and or television programs, public service organizations, business organizations, and law enforcement agencies.

Please e-mail me your resume if interested in becoming a spokesperson.

During the upcoming APA seminar/workshop in New Orleans, a media room will be set up to provide press kits and answer questions about polygraph. Representatives from television stations, local and college newspapers, magazines, police departments, and government agencies will be invited. The tentative plan is have the media room staffed all day on Monday, August 20, 2007 and by appointment during the remainder of the week.

International Membership

During the APA’s seminar in Las Vegas, for the first time International Members had the opportunity to participate in the Town Hall meeting. Based on the request of international members this will be expanded to a break out session of several hours to discuss issues that are unique to other countries. Please e-mail your questions and issues you want discussed ahead of time.

Members have continued to voice their on-going problem of not receiving their APA newsletters and journals. Every country has its own problems with the distribution of mail, including the United States.

Suggestions to help solve this problem include having your APA newsletters mailed to:
1. Your work address
2. Another member’s address (after determining there are no delivery problems to this address)
3. A post office box at a major post office

Reminder

In order to process APA applications and seminar reservations in a timely manner, please use only two names: one first name and one last name. If your employer is sending a check, please either write your name(s) on the check (bottom left corner) or attach a note with your name(s). Quite often checks are sent for seminar reservations without any names indicated.
Don Weinstein
Director

I am glad to be back and healthy once again and looking forward to working for and with you, the membership of this tremendous organization. Hopefully, you are aware of the initiative of President Krapohl in starting what has been a monthly teleconference. Our General Counsel, Gordon Vaughan introduced us to the concept and worked with President Krapohl to get it rolling. This concept has been especially helpful in keeping up to speed on those issues important to our members and the profession.

By now most, if not all of you are aware that after some questionable decisions on the part of our public relations firm, and unsatisfactory responses to some of our challenges about expenditures and planned interviews with writers who had previously espoused a negative attitude about polygraph, the Webb firm submitted a letter requesting release from the contract they had with the APA. A recorded voice vote was taken during the last teleconference after having the opportunity to read their request and your Board of Directors voted unanimously to accept the resignation of the Webb firm.

Will there be another public relations arrangement on the horizon? I can’t answer that right now. I believe all who read our publications know my position on that. Every single person in this organization is, or at least should (no, must) be a public relations ambassador not just for themselves, but for the profession as a whole.

Perhaps, as General Chair of the Ethics and Grievance Committee I have a different insight on the public perception of polygraph. When I read some client complaints about their polygraph experiences, albeit not all founded in accuracy, I cannot help but think that every person in this organization, regardless of field of membership, locale, or experience level, must be (not should be) an emissary for our profession. We have a responsibility, individually and collectively in every case, to present to those who seek our service, the best possible product conducted in the best manner possible and in strict compliance with our established principles and ethical code.

That leads me to a discussion about the committee to which I was re-appointed by President Krapohl, the Ethics and Grievance Committee. I am incredibly pleased to have as my Committee Chair, Mr. Bill Teigen. Bill and I attended polygraph school together and his experience is broad in that he has served the interest of the law enforcement and the government examiner in his long and distinguished career with the FBI and now serves the interest of the private field of membership as the proprietor of his own polygraph business. Bill and I, in collaboration with our General Counsel, Gordon Vaughan, focus our attention on ensuring our members always do the “right thing”. Where possible, we strive to correct minor transgressions by directing the examiner to additional or advanced training. I have to say that I have been surprised (and disappointed) when I learn that those who do stray from established principles have not had training in a considerable amount of time. With respect to the quality of service you provide, there are questions you must ask yourself. When is the last time you have participated in meaningful training? When is the last time you took part in training from your respective state association or training sponsored by another polygraph training facility? When is the last time you asked a peer to critique your practices and work together to make sure that the services you provided were the absolute best they could be? I sometimes hear examiners say that they cannot afford leave their business to attend training. I find that difficult to believe. In the many years I have been a member of this association, I have worked should to shoulder with some of the most dedicated professionals in the field of polygraph; not just members of the board of directors, but school directors, instructors, sole owners and operators of polygraph businesses and practicing examiners. Every one of these people experience expenditures from seeking training, whether in direct costs or a requirement to take leave (which has an indirect cost associated with it). Seldom did I hear them complain about any loss of revenue. They planned ahead and knew they needed to attend training. These are NOT the people who are subject of complaints. I do not mean to come across as if I am chewing anyone out. I like you, am a part of a proud and dedicated profession. I want all of us to be ambassadors of quality service being provided to our clients. Do you want to know what a public relations firm should look like? Look in the mirror and ask the tough questions.

This summer, we have our 42nd Annual Seminar and Workshop in New Orleans from 20-24 August (registration will be on the 19th). Donnie Dutton is aggressively seeking the best possible speakers and instructors for you. I have discussed this with him and he is dedicated to make this seminar one of the
best in years. For those of you wondering, the hotel is in top condition and eager to host our seminar. I have seen photographs taken by examiners both visiting and living in the area and am confident that the Hurricane Katrina damage will not affect our seminar. As for the question of crime in the city, remember, New Orleans is a rather large metropolitan area. Is there crime? Sure, but no more than any other city of similar makeup. Common sense will serve you well in not becoming a victim of crime here or anywhere else. Plan now to join your fellow professionals at this seminar. I am certain it will be fun and professionally fulfilling.

One last comment. President Krapohl has appointed me to gather and publish, probably in the next printing of the directory or as a link in the web site, a section dedicated to various policy decisions which have been enacted by your board. Policies such as use of the APA logo by members, identification of membership level, and other information extracted from the Constitution and By-Laws which require additional operational and administrative guidance for our members are among the topics which should be contained in a policy document. Look for this in the near future.

Dan Sosnowski
Director

As a reminder, any examiner who is required to submit documentation to maintain a certification standing will be responsible to send that documentation to the National Office. The PCSOT Committee will no longer be contacting individuals to remind them of this established requirement. Each and every examiner needs to be mindful that obtaining 30 hours of Continuing Education every two years is not a suggestion but a requirement. Please do not let your certification standing lapse due to a failure to follow published guidelines.

The PCSOT Committee has submitted their ideas to develop a “Best Practice” guideline. The information is currently being digested and is the process of being sent back to the committee members for another round of ideas. The “rough draft” will also be sent to the Board of Directors for their review in early December in order to be discussed at a conference call that will take place on December 11, 2006. The idea is to have the final product available for approval by the APA Board at the January meeting.

Most of the information submitted by members appears to deal with issues that should be clarified and resolved at a meeting for all APA approved PCSOT instructors. Upon approval by the BOD, the guidelines will be presented to the approved PCSOT instructors. All future PCSOT courses will teach using the approved guidelines and this working document. Again the main goal is to have a uniformed and standardized format for PCSOT exams.

I attended The Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) conference that was held in Chicago from September 27-30, 2006. The APA had a booth at that conference which had over 1,500 members in attendance. The booth was very busy with attendees asking questions about polygraph issues, how to verify whether or not an examiner was qualified and questions about becoming an examiner.

I would like to thank Sandy Gray who assisted in representing the APA to this professional organization of treatment providers. I will recommend to the Board of Directors that the APA have a booth at the 2007 Conference.

I have had several discussions with Donnie Dutton who is the 2007 Seminar Chair about the PCSOT track. Donnie has verified that there will be a sufficient number of hours dedicated to PCSOT issues.

I have mentioned in previous articles, President Krapohl requested that we identify a state that is actively trying to obtain licensing status. The goal would be to assist those individuals in succeeding their mission of getting a professional license in their respective state. As of this date only Washington California and Georgia have made inquiries and hopefully something will happen once those state legislatures meet in the coming year.

I am also asking for state associations to contact us if they hear of any pending legislation that may affect their state. We would like to hear about pending legislation as soon as possible in an attempt to lend whatever support that would be possible.

I would personally welcome any suggestions or ideas that members have that would benefit this association. Please contact me via my e-mail address at SOS4911@AOL.COM.
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(Application for the Certificate of Advanced and Specialized Training will be granted only to those that have completed thirty-six (36) hours of approved advanced and specialized training during the past three (3) years.

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Upgrading from Associate to Full Member

Associate Members shall be eligible to be upgraded to Full Member status provided that the following conditions have been met:

1. They have satisfactorily completed a qualifying examination attesting to their knowledge of and competence in the administration of polygraph procedures. This examination shall consist of an oral and written assessment of both academic and practical knowledge of polygraph detection of deception procedures and shall be administered by the APA Membership Committee only at an APA annual seminar.

2. They have been an Associate Member for not less than 36 months; and,

3. Within 36 months preceding upgrading they have successfully completed either:
   a. At least 108 hours of continuing education in topics directly related to polygraph testing, including at least one APA annual seminar, during their Associate Membership; or
   b. An APA approved refresher course administered by a polygraph training school accredited by the APA; and

4. They are in attendance at an APA annual seminar at the time of consideration of their request for upgrading to Full Member; and,

5. They submit proof of having completed no less than 200 satisfactory polygraph examinations; and,

6. They hold a current and valid license as a polygraph examiner in the state or other similar governmental jurisdiction of their practice if at the time of application such license is required by law; and,

7. They have satisfied all financial obligations to the APA.

8. If a person who is now an Associate Member completes a B.S. or B.A. degree and mails in a copy of the diploma can be automatically upgraded to Full Member.

Associate Members shall be eligible to vote and to serve on committees in the APA, but they shall not be eligible to hold elective office or to chair committees in the APA. Associates shall not represent themselves as other than Associate Members of the APA.

Continuing Education and Refresher Courses

Applicants are required to submit proof of 108 hours of continuing education or APA-approved refresher courses in topics related to polygraph testing. These 108 hours may include college related courses in psychology, physiology, and other related topics. Law Enforcement or Government sponsored programs directly related to polygraph, interviewing and interrogations; annual APA seminars and workshops, state polygraph associations seminar and/or workshops; and APA approved polygraph training school refresher programs.

Prior to Sitting for the Examination

1. Applicants must notify the Committee Chair through APA National Office, P.O. Box 8037, Chattanooga, TN 374140037, in writing 30 days prior to an annual APA seminar, regarding their intentions for upgrading. In addition, applicants are required to submit successful completion of continuing education, refresher training and licensing where applicable.

2. Applicants shall provide the Committee Chair (through the APA National Office) with a notarized affidavit that the applicant has completed not less than 200 actual polygraph examinations.

Written and Oral Testing

1. The examination process for upgrading from Associate to Full Member shall consist of both a written test and an oral examination, administered only during the annual APA seminar.

   (If the Associate Member successfully completed an APA-administered written examination required for Associate membership prior to August 31, 1989, to substitute that examination for the written assessment required. However, the oral assessment required must be completed as specified in rules developed by the Membership Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.)

2. The written examination will consist of questions relating to physiology, psychology, legal aspects, history, question formulation, chart interpretation, instrumentation, chart markings, polygraph testing procedures, and techniques.

3. During the oral examination, the applicant shall present 10 case files for review by the Membership Committee Panel (MCP), which are recommended by the President at the location and time of the examination. The applicant shall explain, to the satisfaction of the panel members, the polygraph chart recordings and conclusions of the examinations. Case files shall consist of all test records such as case facts, question lists, consent forms, polygraph charts/recordings, written reports, and conclusions.

4. Applicants should be prepared to respond to questions regarding their test question formulation, testing technique, procedures, and chart analysis.

5. In addition, the MCP will provide the applicant with one or more written scenarios of a case or cases, and the applicant will be required to demonstrate proficiency in question formulation.

6. All applicants shall attain not less than 70% correct answers on the written and oral examination.

7. All applicants shall be notified of the results of the examination no later than 30 days after the examination.

8. In the event an applicant fails one or both components, he/she shall be required to retake only the component of the examination, written or oral, which was failed. If successful passage is not attained within two attempts, both components shall be retaken.

9. An applicant who fails to pass a component of the examination is not eligible for re-examination of that component until the next seminar.
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