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On the Cover:
Image of Vittorio Benussi, who published multiple works in the 1920s on the inhalation/exhalation ratio, in relation to respiration and deception.
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APA Upgrades to Full Member

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Luis M. Torres  
Scott A. Walters

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Darryl Bullins  
Wes Burns  
Candace Elder  
William E. Grimm, II  
James A. Hanratty  
Charles P. Maddocks  
Agapito A. Ramirez

In Memoriam

Bob H. Bailey

Mr. Bailey of Conway, Arizona, was an Associate member of the APA from September 14, 2004 to March 22, 2007. He graduated from Texas A&M on in 1974 and was the owner of South Western Bureau of Investigation for the past 40 years.

Polygraph Examiner Training Schedule

Academy for Scientific Investigative Training  
September 10 – November 2, 2007

Academy of Polygraph Science  
September 24 - November 16, 2007

Basic Polygraph Post Academy  
May 7 - June 29, 2007

PSCOT  
July 9 - 13, 2007

American International Institute of Polygraph  
June 25- August 31, 2007  
June 25- August 17, 2007  
September 5 - November 9, 2007  
September 5 - October 26, 2007

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

Defense Academy for Creditibility Assessment  
August 15 – November 16, 2007

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

Maryland Institute of Criminal Justice  
September 17 - November 9, 2007  
PSCOT  
November 12 - 16, 2007

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Room rate: $99.00 Single/Double occupancy, plus taxes (currently 13% and $3.00 per room per night occupancy tax)

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Number of rooms are limited. Individual departure dates will be confirmed upon check-in. (72 Hour Cancellation)

Seminar Chair: Robbie S. Bennett – 800.272.8037 or, 423.892.3992  FAX: 423.894.5435
Seminar Program Chair: Donnie Dutton - 803.751.9152

Each registered person will be provided an APA notebook; ID badge and tickets to all 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 Sessions – Mon. Aug. 20, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Complete the form below, attach check, VISA, MC or AE information payable to the APA and mail or fax to:
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$100 - Additional Guest ____________
$400 - Non-Member ____________
$475 - Non-Member with Guest ____________

*Guest Fee includes APA Sponsored Events: Reception, Guest Breakfast, Dinner and Banquet. Reservations Required.

IMPORTANT: Payment information and registration received after August 10, 2007 will be charged the on-site fee.

ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.

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.

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In order to have adequate seating ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR:
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42nd Annual Seminar/Workshop Tentative Schedule

Monday, August 20, 2007
Ethics. (SA Chase Foster, FBI)
Non-Confrontational interview & Interrogation Techniques. (Douglas E. Wicklander & David E. Zulawski)
Understanding Research Literature. (Dr. Stuart M. Senter)
Cold Case Review (TBA)
Forensic Assessment Interview Technique (FAINT) & Integrated Zone Comparison Technique (IZCT)
(Nate Gordon)
Model PCSOT Policy Review (Dan Sosnowski)

APA Issues in the Different Fields of Polygraph:
Private – Moderators – Vickie T. Murphy-Carr, Daniel Sosnowski, Nate Gordon
Government – Moderators – Donald A. Weinstein, Donnie W. Dutton
Law Enforcement – Moderators – Steven D. Duncan, Michael Gougler, Chad Russell
International Members – Moderators – Roy Ortiz, Frank Horvath

Tuesday, August 21, 2007
Countermeasures. (TBA)
Validated Techniques (Don Krapohl)
Starting a Polygraph Business. (TBA)
PCSOT Test Question Construction (Dan Sosnowski, Rob Lundell, & Rick Holden)
International Panel (Dr. Frank Horvath)
APA Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers

Wednesday, August 22, 2007
APA Membership Examination. (Nate Gordon)
The Truth about Science, Interview, Interrogation and deception. (Stan Walters)
Backster Pretest & Zone Comparison Technique. (Cleve Backster)
Utah Pretest & Utah Probable Lie Technique. (Mark Handler)
DoDPI Test Data Analysis. (SA Jimmie Swinford)
Law Enforcement Applicant Screening. (Steve Duncan)
Child Deception and Forensic Interviewing. (Stanley M. Slowik)
Assessing Deception and Credibility from Verbal and Nonverbal Behavior (Dr. Judee Burgoon)
Concealed Information Test. (James McClooughan)
DoDPI Pretest & DoDPI Zone Comparison Technique (SA Esther Harwell)
Employee Polygraph Protection Act (EPPA). (TV O’Malley)
Asset Forfeiture Investigations with case studies. (SA Dwight Rawls, SA Greg Grisham, & SA Randy Neal)

Polygraph Instruments Workshop
Axciton Systems
Lafayette Instruments
Limestone Technology
Stoelting Instruments

Thursday, August 23, 2007
PCSOT. (Kim English)
Paired Testing. (Barry Cushman)
Polygraphy and Polygraphists: A decade of change or only a change in decades. (Dr. Frank Horvath)
Understanding the Culture of Terrorism in the Middle East and the Use of the Polygraph as means of
Counter-Terrorism. (Essam El-Din)
Cold Case Homicides. (Dr. Richard Walton)
PDD Testing for Political Asylum & Other Immigration Issues. (Patrick T. Coffey)
How to Quality under a Daubert (Gordon Vaughn, Dr. Gordon Barland, & F. Lee Bailey)

Friday, August 24, 2007
Not all lies are created equal: Behavior and Deception. (Dr. Mark Frank)
PCSOT. (Dr. Gene Abel)
Brain Waves and Deception Theory (Dr. Jennifer M. C. Vendemia)
Seven human fundamental needs (Jan Neiderholfer)
Meta Program, Internal/External Processing (Jan Neiderholfer)
IN THE SPOTLIGHT
2007 Seminar Speaker
Judee K. Burgoon, Ed.D

Dr. Burgoon will discuss the ways in which the credibility and possible deceit of interviewees can be judged from what they say and how they say it. She will discuss aspects of language and nonverbal behavior that can be accurate or misleading indicators of a respondent’s truthfulness and credibility. Below is a little bit about Dr. Burgoon.

Dr. Judee K. Burgoon is Professor of Communication, Professor of Family Studies and Human Development, Director of Human Communication Research for the Center for the Management of Information, Associate Director of the Media Interface Network Design Lab at the University of Arizona, and soon to be the Site Director for the Center for Identification Technology Research (CITeR-UA). She is also Visiting Professor of Communication at Michigan State University.

Dr. Burgoon has authored seven books and monographs, including Interpersonal Adaptation: Dyadic Interaction Patterns (Cambridge University Press, 1995), Nonverbal Communication: The Unspoken Dialogue (McGraw-Hill, 1996). She has also authored over 250 articles, chapters and reviews related to deception, nonverbal and relational communication, interpersonal relationship management, dyadic interaction patterns, computer-mediated communication, research methods, and public opinion toward the media. A recent survey identified her as the most prolific female scholar in communication in the 20th century. In 1999, she was awarded the National Communication Association’s Distinguished Scholar Award, its highest award for a lifetime of scholarly achievement. In 2006, the International Communication Association awarded her the Steven H. Chaffee Career Productivity Award, also its highest award for scholarly achievement. Other research-related honors include receipt of NCA’s Golden Anniversary Monographs Award, the Charles H. Woolbert Research Award for Scholarship of Lasting Impact, designation as the Carroll C. Arnold Distinguished Lecturer for the NCA, election as a fellow of the ICA, and election into the Society for Experimental Social Psychology. Other honors include ICA’s B. Aubrey Fisher Mentorship Award, the University of Arizona’s Excellence-in-Teaching Award in Social and Behavioral Sciences, Michigan State University’s Teacher-Scholar Award, and Central States Communication Association’s Young Teacher Award.

Dr. Burgoon’s research has been supported by grants and contracts from the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Air Force Office of Scientific Research, U. S. Army Research Institute, U. S. Army Research Office, National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Mental Health, Gannett Foundation, Gannett Co., Inc., and Associated Press Managing Editors to study human deception and detection technologies, nonverbal communication, and mass media. Among her current projects is a five-year Multi-University Research Initiative project examining Deception Detection in the Military Infosphere for which she is the principal investigator. It and another project are researching ways to automate detection of deception and hostile intent.

Throughout her career, Dr. Burgoon has been a consultant to a wide range of government, academic, and industry entities. Within her profession, she has chaired the National Communication Association’s Publications Board, Nonverbal Communication Division, and Interpersonal Communication Division and has served a three-year term on NCA’s Administrative Committee. She is past editor of Communication Monographs, the flagship social science journal of the NCA, and a member of the editorial board of eleven different journals in communication, psychology, and close relationships. As well, she has served as a reviewer for over 30 different journals in psychology, information systems, media, communication, and linguistics.
Synopsis of the Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting

February 26, 2007

A Teleconference meeting was called to order by Chairman TV O’Malley on Monday, February 26, 2007 at 6:12 pm. Present were Steve Duncan, Chad Russell, Don Krapohl, Donnie Dutton, Don Weinstein, Stuart Senter, Gordon Vaughan, and Vickie Murphy-Carr present. Roy Ortiz joined the meeting at 6:28 pm. Steve Duncan left the meeting at 8:20 pm, and Mike Gougler left the meeting at 8:40pm.

Absent: Dan Sosnowski, Nate Gordon, and Robbie Bennett.

Motion by Russell/Dutton to accept the Certified Audit as presented. The routine complete audit had been conducted with the transitioning of APA Treasurers. Approved

Motion by Russell/Gougler to purchase a higher yielding CD that expired on 2/26/07. Approved.

It was resolved that it is the Position Statement of the American Polygraph Association that, at the present time, the Board has no intention to move the National Office from Chattanooga, TN. Krapohl directed that the position statement be included in the policy book.

The Board approved Associate membership for Donald Cargill.

President Krapohl authorized VP Law Enforcement Michael Gougler to represent the APA at the upcoming annual AAPP seminar.

Motion by Dutton/Russell that the next APA directory will be sent via electronic CD format: Approved.

General Counsel Gordon Vaughan advised the Board that he and Director Steve Duncan are working on a two-hour online presentation on EPPA with a projected completion near the end of May.

Director Ortiz provided an update on recent Public Relation issues. Murphy requested a summary of information for posting on the new APA website.

Editor Senter announced that the deadline for the *APA Magazine* will be March 24th.

The teleconference was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Upcoming Seminars

Polygraph 2007 Symposium co-sponsored with the Virginia Polygraph Association (VPA)

On November 1-2, 2007, a Continuing Education Seminar will be held at the Ramada Plaza Resort Oceanfront, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Tentative lectures will consist of countermeasures, false confessions, and advanced detection of the neurophysiological patterns of deception. For additional information please call the APA National Office at 800/272-8037.
Human beings hate to make mistakes. When we make them, we feel bad about ourselves, and we look less than competent to the rest of the world. When polygraph examiners make mistakes, the results can sometimes be quite serious, even devastating, for our examinees. Consequently, most examiners approach their work in a sober and conscientious frame of mind, so as to avoid those mistakes.

It’s not easy to give a polygraph test, even under the best of conditions. It’s all the more difficult when an examinee is trying to beat you. And there is more and more information available to those examinees. We all are familiar with the names George Maschke and Doug Williams, two people who are actively trying to make it more difficult for us to do our jobs. Although Maschke has a personal bone to pick with our profession, and Williams is only interested in making a quick buck, both are telling people that they can “beat” a polygraph test by the judicious use of countermeasures. Our profession has taken this threat quite seriously – just look at the speakers and topics at any continuing education seminar. They almost always include a presentation about countermeasures and how to spot them.

How big a threat do Maschke and Williams pose? Perhaps not as big a threat as some people think. The scientific research about the effectiveness of countermeasures tells an interesting story. There are two major studies that address the issue. The first is an experiment that was published in *Polygraph* about twenty years ago. In a major research study that became my doctoral dissertation, we prepared written material for both guilty and innocent subjects in a mock crime experiment. That material contained comprehensive information about the Control Question Test theory and gave several examples of control and relevant questions, so that subjects could tell what types of questions were being asked. They were shown examples of polygraph tracings and learned what scorable responses looked like on a polygraph chart. There were also detailed descriptions of countermeasure techniques, with instructions about how and when to use them in order to “beat” the test. At the end of the experiment (which...
spanned many months) we found that we made accurate decisions (DI or NDI) 95.5% of the time for subjects who had not read those materials. For subjects who \textit{had} read them, we were also 95.5% accurate. \textit{Reading about polygraph theory, techniques and countermeasures had no effect whatsoever on subjects’ ability to “beat the test.”} 

In spite of those findings, concerns about countermeasures have grown, primarily due to the large amount of information on the Internet. Although Doug Williams’ booklet is laughably simplistic, the information on Maschke’s website is comprehensive and, for the most part, accurate. Many polygraph professionals feel that people who have that information have a good chance of using countermeasures effectively. Rather than arguing or speculating about the effectiveness of Maschke’s attempts to pull the rug out from under us, a couple of scientists recently conducted an experiment to answer the question, “Is George Maschke actually Lex Luthor or is he Huckleberry Hound?”

The researchers essentially replicated my dissertation research. However, in place of the instructions we had prepared for our subjects, they went directly to Maschke’s website, www.antipolygraph.org, and downloaded his booklet, “The Lie Behind The Lie Detector”. Half of the subjects (both innocent and guilty) were given copies of the booklet after the commission of a mock crime, and they had two weeks to read and digest the information that George so graciously provided. The other half of the subjects were not given anything to read - they were simply asked to return after two weeks to take a polygraph exam.

After all the tests were run and all the charts were scored, the results of the experiment were essentially the same as the 1986 research cited below. Overall, there was no significant difference in the accuracy rates of people who read about countermeasures and those who didn’t. More importantly, guilty subjects who read Maschke’s booklet were detected at exactly the same accuracy rate as guilty subjects who had not read it. \textit{“The Lie Behind The Lie Detector” did not help even one guilty subject to beat the test!}

So, should we be afraid of the big, bad countermeasure? All of the independent scientific research tells us that people who read about countermeasures pose no threat to us. No matter what they read, or how much they read, accuracy rates are almost exactly the same as they are for people who have never even heard the word countermeasure.

\textbf{Resources}


\textit{(Legal and Criminological Psychology} is a journal of the British Psychological Society. Copies of this research report can also be obtained from their website, \texttt{www.bps.org.uk})


\textbf{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.
I write this article on the ides of March in Colorado Springs, Colorado.1 Today is the first day since early November that there has not been snow in my back yard. This lack of snow cover is, however, expected to be a short-lived respite as the early spring is often the snowiest time along the Colorado Front Range. (April showers bring May snowstorms.) While Colorado has always had long and hard winters (we design our kids’ Halloween costumes to fit over snow suits), this winter has seemed particularly bizarre.

I have heard from many people around the country that they have also experienced unusual weather patterns in this and in recent years. Some of my Colorado neighbors have speculated that the latest blast of cold weather and snow is but another manifestation of a fundamental climate change brought on by global warming. (You will remember from the recent movie “The Day After Tomorrow” that it is suggested that global warming may mean that some may experience colder temperatures due to the reduction or collapse of certain warming ocean currents.) Initially, I suspected that my neighbors had just come from a visit to the Republic of Leftostan or that they had seen one too many screenings of Al Gore’s movie An Inconvenient Truth. However, my reaction was tempered when, yesterday, I noted that, no less an authority than the pithy political magazine, Sports Illustrated made global warming a subject of a cover story. See Sports Illustrated, Going, Going, Green. As Global Warming Changes the Planet, It Is Changing The Sports World, March 12, 2007. (Some of you might better recognize this as the fourth issue after the swimsuit edition.) As stated by SI: “Global warming is not coming; it is here. Greenhouse gases — most notably carbon dioxide produced by burning coal, oil and gas — are trapping solar heat that once escaped from the Earth’s atmosphere. As temperatures around the globe increase, oceans are warming, fields are drying up, snow is melting, more rain is falling, and sea levels are rising.”

While I had, obviously, previously heard some of the global warming debate, I had dealt with it like most of us have — by simply putting it out of my mind. However, in the face of these odd weather patterns, my neighbors’ opinions, and SI’s joinder in the fray, I decided it was time to undertake some research of my own on this issue. Accordingly, I jumped in my full-size Ford F150 extended cab 4x4 and drove to the library to find out more about global warming and its cause. What I found was that, according to the Pew Center on Global Climate Change, there has already been, in the last one hundred years, a 1.4 ºF increase in the average world temperature and that continuation of historical trends of greenhouse gas emissions will result in additional warming over the 21st century, with current projections of a global increase of 2.5 ºF to 10.4 ºF by 2100. While there are a number of greenhouse gases, carbon dioxide is often identified as the major offender.

Carbon dioxide is a chemical compound composed of one carbon and two oxygen atoms. It is often referred to by its formula CO2. In its solid state it is called dry ice. (Thank you Wikipedia.) CO2 is, of course, a natural occurring compound and comes from a variety of sources. The respiration processes of living aerobic organisms are a source of CO2. There are now over 6.6 billion people on the planet and each person’s daily respiration produces 20 pounds of CO2. (There is, however, reliable data that Iran’s president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez and CVSA’s President Charles Humble produce, through their incessant ranting, several times the daily CO2 average.) Plants convert carbon dioxide to oxygen during photosynthesis. (I didn’t get that from the library but rather from a recent episode of “Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader.”) Human production of carbon dioxide has increased as a result of the post-industrial revolution burning of fossil fuels for heating, power generation, and transportation.

I also found in my research that, although many contend that global warming now represents the scientific consensus, there remain skeptics. In response to An Inconvenient Truth, Martin Kurkin, a British television producer, recently completed and screened the documentary The Great Global Warming Swindle. This documentary can be viewed in its entirety on You Tube.2 Through interviews with many scientists in the field the documentary argues that, while there may be global warming, it is not inconsistent with historical temperature changes and is not caused by an increase in CO2. Kurkin argues that volcanoes are a larger CO2 source than human burning of fossil fuels and that decomposing vegetation far exceeds such human sources. Kurkin also points out that in the last seven decades, three have shown an average temperature decrease and that most of the last century’s increase in average temperature occurred before 1940. Kurkin suggests that the increase in temperature may be more accurately linked to the fluctuations in solar radiation.

It is not clear whether Kurkin’s documentary will resurrect the debate on global warming. In any event, it is very likely that one’s view of the science may
be influenced by one’s personal political views and agendas. (Certainly those of us familiar with polygraph can sympathize with the potential that personal political agendas can sometimes influence scientific opinion. See, e.g., National Academy of Science, The Polygraph and Lie Detection (2002)).

That personal political agendas sometimes define the global warming debate was recently demonstrated in California. There, California Attorney General Jerry Brown sued GM, Toyota, Ford, Honda, Chrysler, and Nissan for producing vehicles whose emissions are alleged in the suit to be the largest single source of greenhouse gases in California. (Brown has apparently not gotten the volcano and decomposing vegetation memo.) In that suit, Brown charged that the manufacturers' automobiles have contributed to an international global warming threat that has damaged California’s resources, jeopardized environmental health, and cost millions of dollars to address current and future negative effects. Those two or three of you who are faithful readers of this column may recognize such a statement as legal speak for “we have spent all our tobacco settlement and we need the money.” However, in this case the Attorney General has a resume which would indicate a personal sincerity in making his claim. (Yes, this is the same Jerry Brown who was the former Governor of California and was sometimes referred to as “Governor Moonbeam.”) It should be noted that Attorney General Brown fails in the complaint to explain how an internal combustion engine can be manufactured to not produce CO₂.

Coloradans are also known to have political sensitivities favoring environmental issues. Indeed, in 1972 we voted to kick the 1976 Winter Olympics out of the state, after having had them awarded, for fear of environmental and population impacts. Coloradans embrace the natural resources afforded by the state and Colorado has been cited as the most physically fit state. (Indeed, it may not be too much of an exaggeration to observe that for many Coloradans their bikes on the top of their cars cost more than the car and that two of our major food groups are granola bars and tofu. I have heard at least one fellow Coloradan state that he was a “meat-eating vegetarian.”) We often claim that the only environmentally unfriendly thing we do is to sometimes hike to the Continental Divide and take a whiz, knowing with satisfaction that both Texas and California are eventually downstream.

As I have lived most of my adult life in Colorado, my own personal political agenda tends to drive me to be somewhat more convinced that global warming is real and that left unaddressed there will be consequences. At the same time, however, I am not convinced enough and/or ready to give up my much-loved Ford F150 (or my 1991 Cadillac Allante for that matter) for an electric motor on roller skates. To be effective, global warming solutions will need to accommodate lifestyles. Attorney General Brown’s over-reaching legal tactics risk alienating a majority of the public that, like me, believe that the right to drive a car is not included in the Bill of Rights only because it was written before the birth of Henry Ford. My message to Attorney General Brown is that, “while I sympathize with your motive, don’t mess with my truck.” I will try to soothe my hypocritical conscience by planting a tree on Arbor Day. I will purchase a more efficient furnace and water heater and caulk my windows. I will buy energy-efficient light bulbs and support alternative energy source efforts. But, to paraphrase the National Rifle Association’s unofficial slogan, you will have to pry my cold dead hands off the steering wheel of my internal combustion engine vehicle. In the meantime, Attorney General Brown, on my next hike up to the Continental Divide, I am aiming west.

Footnotes

1The ides of March was a term to signify March 15 in the Roman calendar but was abandoned in the Julian calendar. It remains a significant date, however, as it was the date of the assassination of Julius Cesar and is now, appropriately enough for the subject of this column, a metaphor for impending doom.

2Go to http://www.youtube.com and type in the search bar “The Great Global Warming Swindle.”

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: http://truth.boisestate.edu/jcaawp/2006_No_2/2006_No_2_Choice.htm
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Proposal to amend the APA Constitution and By-Laws to introduce universal voting rights for APA members in good standing and the president-elect system

Forward notes by APA President Donald J. Krapohl
In 2006 I committed to the APA members that I would work toward aligning the Association with the professional model. With that promise came the pledge to introduce electoral reform in how we voted our officers and the manner of transition of the presidency. I appointed a committee, and gave them the charge to draft language that would allow universal voting for all qualified APA members, and to bring about a president-elect system patterned on those of other professional organizations. The committee, chaired by Dr. Frank Horvath along with the assistance of Jeff Johnson and Dr. Lou Rovner, produced a draft in January, 2007. After long deliberation, the APA Board voted and approved the provisions you will find below. The proposal will be placed before the membership for final approval at the 2007 APA Annual Seminar in New Orleans during the General Membership Meeting. It is my hope that this language meets the expectations of the membership. If you have any questions or comments, I can be reached at APAkrapohl@aol.com.

Committee Position
It is the position of the committee members appointed to study and recommend changes in the APA’s election process and organizational structure that the points in favor of these proposed changes strongly outweigh those in opposition. We urge members to vote to adopt these proposals.

Frank Horvath, Chair
Jeff Johnson, Member
Lou Rovner, Member

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Constitutional Proposal
Article I
Name
(No changes)
Article II
Goal
(No changes)
Article III
General Provisions
(No changes)
Article IV
Membership
(No changes)
Article V
Directors and Officers

A - Only Voting Members authorized by the By-Laws shall hold office as a Director or as an Officer.

B - Directors - Directors shall perform the duties and fulfill the obligations of their office as defined in the By-Laws of the Association. There shall be four (4) three (3) Directors.

1 - Each Director shall be elected to and shall serve a term of two (2) years or until the next meeting of the General Membership thereafter and may be reelected to consecutive terms.

2 - Two (2) Directors shall be elected to office in years ending in even numbers and one (1) Director shall be elected to office in years ending in odd numbers.

C - Officers - Officers shall perform the duties and fulfill the obligations of their office as defined in the By-Laws of the Association. The Officers shall be six (6) seven (7) in number and shall be the:

1 - President - The President shall serve one year in that capacity and in the subsequent year as Immediate Past President, the latter office being held by virtue of his or her election as President without subsequent re-election, be elected to a term of one (1) elective year and may be reelected to consecutive terms.

2 - President-Elect - The President-Elect will serve one year in that capacity upon election and in the subsequent year as President, the latter office being held by virtue of his or her original election as President-Elect without subsequent re-election.

3 - Vice President, Private - This Vice President shall be elected to a term of one (1) elective year and may be reelected to consecutive terms.

4 - Vice President, Government - This Vice President shall be elected to a term of one (1) elective year and may be reelected to consecutive terms.

5 - Vice President, Law Enforcement - This Vice President shall be elected to a term of one (1) elective year and may be reelected to consecutive terms.

6 - Secretary - The Secretary shall be elected to and serve a term of two (2) elective years and may be reelected to consecutive terms.

7 - Treasurer - The Treasurer shall be elected to and serve a term of two (2) elective years and may be reelected to consecutive terms.

8 - The election of the Secretary and Treasurer will occur on alternate two (2) year terms.

Article VI

Board of Directors

A - The Board of Directors (BOD) shall be eleven (11) in number and shall consist of:

1 - The President

2 - The President-Elect

3 - The three (3) Vice Presidents

4 - The Secretary

5 - The Treasurer

6 - The Immediate Past President

7 - All four (4) three (3) Directors.

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Article VII
Meetings, Elections, Voting and Dues

A - The General Membership of the Association shall meet once each calendar year for the purpose of electing Directors and Officers of the Association and to act upon any business brought before it. The General Membership may elect to meet at any other time for any other purpose. The Board of Directors shall establish the date, time and place of the annual seminar and annual General Membership Meeting.

B - Voting Members as defined, present at any meeting of the General Membership, shall constitute a quorum to transact any and all business brought before the membership by proper motion. A simple majority vote, unless otherwise provided in the motion, shall be sufficient to carry any motion. All votes, other than those for elective office, shall be taken by voice vote unless the motion requires a vote by secret written ballot in which case the vote shall be taken by secret written ballot.

C - The election of the President, the President-Elect, the three Vice Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the three Directors shall be elected by mail ballot by majority vote of those electors, as specified by By-Laws (new) Division VI: Elections. Officers and Directors shall be held by secret ballot, provided, the election of any unopposed candidate may be by voice vote. If there are two candidates for a specific office, the candidate with the largest number of votes will be elected. If there are three or more candidates and the first ballot does not achieve a majority vote, the two candidates with the most votes will participate in a run off election with the larger number of votes electing the candidate. All Officers and Directors shall take office immediately upon taking the oath of office at the annual banquet.

D - During the business meeting at which this proposal is adopted by the membership, the election of officers shall be held such that a President and a President-elect are elected. The person elected as President shall hold that office for a period of one year and shall be ineligible to run for the office of President in the following year. After serving as President, the elected person shall hold the position of immediate Past President for one year. The person elected as President-elect shall implement the provisions of this section. This paragraph shall be deleted from the constitution following the election as described.

D E - In the event of death, resignation or the inability to act of any Officer or Director, the Board of Directors shall immediately appoint any Voting Member to serve the unexpired term of the deceased, resigned or disabled Officer or Director. The immediate Past President will fill any unexpired term of the President. A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled by the immediate succession to that office of the President-Elect for the balance of the term remaining, and one year thereafter, or until a successor is duly qualified. Any vacancy in the office of the Immediate Past President will result in the duties of that office being assumed by the President, who will retain rights as a voting member of the Board while serving as Chair of the Board for the unexpired term, or until a successor as President is duly qualified. A vacancy in the office of the President-Elect will be filled by vote of the Board of Directors from among its members, or any duly qualified member in good standing in the Association. Nomination of one or more candidates may be made by any voting member of the Board of Directors, and unless there is one candidate where voice vote shall suffice, voting shall be by secret ballot with a majority vote of those voting necessary to elect. In the event no single candidate receives a majority vote, the Board of Directors shall meet and decide upon the next course of action.
on the first, or subsequent ballots, the two candidates, plus ties, receiving the most votes shall be voted on the next ballot. The person elected shall serve the balance of the term remaining and shall automatically assume the Presidency at the next annual meeting of the Association. Members of the Board of Directors may be removed, for cause, by a majority vote of the General Membership.

(Sections E, F, G, H re-lettered to F, G, H and I – no other additions, deletions or changes)

Article VIII
Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees
(No changes)

Article IX
By-Laws
(No changes)

Article X
Parliamentary Authority
(No changes)

Article XI
Amendments
(No changes)

Article XII
Ratification
This Constitution shall take effect and supersede, subject to the provisions of Article III of this Constitution, any other Constitution then in effect, immediately upon approval.

The effective date of this Constitution is AUGUST 4, 1995. MONTH #, YEAR.

Amendments to the By-Laws to be in Accord with the Constitutional Changes

1. Division I: Name.
(no changes)

2. Division II: General provisions.
(no changes)

3. Division III: APA Standards of Practice (01/10/99)
(no changes)

4. Division IV: Code of Ethics (01/10/99)
(no changes)

5. Division V: Membership
(no changes)

6. Division VI: Nominations and Fair Elections Committee
6.1 A Fair Elections Committee shall be appointed by the Immediate Past President, immediately after leaving the office of President, to conduct the annual election. The Fair Elections Committee shall consist of at least five (5) Full Members of the Association and the Immediate Past President who shall serve as Chair. At least one appointed member shall be selected from each of the three categories of membership, Private, Law Enforcement and Private; an additional Full member shall be selected so as to make the Committee broadly representative of the constituent interests of the Association.

6.2 The Fair Elections Committee shall canvass the general membership to obtain suggestions for candidates, and it may on its own initiative consider possible nominees.
All candidates shall be contacted by the Committee to determine their willingness to serve if elected and requested to provide such materials as the Committee requires for the electoral process.

The Committee shall present to the Board of Directors, at its regular meeting in January of each year, a slate of candidates for all offices to be elected, such slate to include whenever possible two (2) and only two (2) nominees for each office. When, in the judgment of the Committee, such inclusion is not possible, the Committee shall explain the inability to the Board for its edification and concurrence.

6.3 The slate presented by the Committee shall require approval by the Board of Directors; the Board is the final authority on the names of candidates to be on the ballot for each office, except as provided by Article VII, Paragraph C, APA Constitution.

6.4 In addition to the candidates approved by the Board of Directors, any regular member may have his or her name appear on the official ballot if he or she has the written endorsement of at least twenty-five (25) full members of the Association. In order to be placed on a ballot additional petitions supporting the candidacy of a member must be received by the Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee by December 1 in the calendar year preceding the election.

6.4.1 Upon receipt of petitions in support of a member, the Chair shall examine and judge the authenticity of each petition to determine that the candidacy has the support of at least twenty-five (25) members.

6.4.2 The name of the member shall be included on the ballot, without action or approval by the Board, as an addition to those approved by the Board of Directors as specified in paragraph (6.4) above.

6.4.3 All petitions shall be presented by the Chair of the Committee to the Executive Board and held until such time as the results of the election are officially promulgated.

7.1 A printed ballot shall be mailed to all regular members qualified to vote. The ballot shall include the names of the candidates for each office in last name alphabetical order and a space for write-in candidates. Election materials will be mailed to the membership by February 15 of each year.

7.2 Enclosed with the printed ballot shall be biographical and goals statements by the candidates for each office, a self-addressed envelope, and a smaller inner envelope bearing only the statement, “Secret Ballot.” The marked ballot must be returned in the inner envelope, within the self-addressed envelope. Members may insert and return the “Secret Ballot” envelope in their own envelope or an agency envelope if preferred.

7.3 As a means of certifying that the return envelope and the enclosed ballot were the result of a regular member’s vote the member’s printed name and signature shall be placed on the outside of the “Secret Ballot” envelope. The Fair Elections Committee shall count only official “Secret Ballot” envelopes designed for return ballots.

7.4 Thirty (30) days shall be allowed for the voting process, i.e., for the receipt of election materials and the return of marked ballots. In the instructions accompanying the election material, a deadline for receipt of the ballots shall be announced. No ballots received after this date shall be counted.

7.5 The Fair Elections Committee will then tabulate the results of the election and notify the entire membership of the Association and report the results to the Board of Directors.

7.6 If no candidate for an office has received a majority of those valid ballots cast, a runoff election shall be held. Such ballot shall include only the two persons who receive the highest number of votes on the original ballot. A period not exceeding thirty (30) days shall be allowed for conducting the runoff election. The Chairman of the Fair Elections Committee shall retain the ballots and all other election material until the election has been certified at the annual meeting. The Board may authorize the destruction of the ballots and other election material at its annual meeting provided there is no pending contest of the election.

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7.7 Anyone wishing to contest the election results must submit a formal, written petition to the Board at or before its first session during the annual meeting setting forth all pertinent information. If this matter is not resolved by the Board to the satisfaction of all parties directly concerned, it shall be presented to the membership during the scheduled business session for final disposition.

7.8 If an election is held to be null and void by the Board, the Board may authorize an election from the floor of the annual meeting. Article VII of the Constitution applies.

8. Division VIII: Election Certification.
8.1 The official certification of the results will be by the Board at the next annual meeting of the Association.

9. Division IX. Amendment of the Election Code.
9.1 Amendments to the Election Code may be made only by the procedure specified in Article XI of the Constitution. However, nothing in these provisions in the Election Code or Article XI shall be deemed to preclude modification of purely administrative or clerical procedures or details by the Fair Elections Committee or the Board necessitated by effective and efficient carrying out of the intent and purposes of the Code. In any such case, the decision of the Board shall be final, subject to the provisions of Article XI Interpretation of the Constitution.

9.2 Proposed amendments approved by the Board shall be submitted by the Secretary to the membership using the same procedures provided for in Article XI, insofar as applicable. Amendments may be submitted at any time as determined by the Board.

6 10. Division ¥Ⅹ: Directors
(no changes – just renumbered)

7 11. Division ¥Ⅺ: Officers
(renumber this Division to 11)
7.1 The President shall:
7.1.1 Preside over all meetings of the General Membership.
7.1.2 In the absence of the Chairperson of the Board, preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors.
7.1.3 Have general supervision over the affairs and administration of the Association and of the duties of those appointed to office.
7.1.4 Perform such duties as the Board may assign and represent this Association at all official functions.
7.1.5 Appoint the general Chairpersons of all Standing or Ad-Hoc Committees.
7.1.6 Perform other duties as assigned by the Board.
11.2 The President-Elect shall: (this is added section)
11.2.1 Assist the President in the performance of his/her duties.
11.2.2 Upon direction by three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the Board of Directors, the President-Elect shall act to discharge the duties of the presidential office in the event of the President’s absence, disability, or refusal to act.
11.2.3 If the office of the President becomes vacant for any reason, the President-Elect shall succeed to the presidency until the expiration of the term remaining for his predecessor and for the term of one year thereafter, or until a successor is duly qualified.
11.3 The Immediate Past President shall:
11.3.1 Be the presiding Chair at meetings of the Board of Directors but shall not be a voting member thereof except in cases of a tie among the Board.
11.3.2 Shall call meetings of the Board upon request of the President, or as may be required by majority vote of the Board.

11.3.3 He/She shall undertake such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

7.2 11.4 The Vice-Presidents shall:
(no changes of text in the rest of this Division other than renumbering)

8 12. Division VIII: Ex-Officio Members of the Board of Directors

8.1 The Executive Director shall:

8.1.1 Be appointed, as needed.

8.1.2 Represent the interests of the Association to the public.

8.1.3 Be the Executive Officer in charge of APA affairs under direction of the President.

8.1.4 Be the Chief Executive Officer of all Divisions of the American Polygraph Association.

8.1.5 Be responsible for authoritative statements of APA policy in cooperation with the Chairperson of the Public Relations and Information Committee.

8.1.6 Perform other duties as assigned by the President.

(after striking above Executive Director text, renumber below sections – no other text additions, deletions or changes)

8.2 12.1 The General Counsel shall:

9 13. Division IX: Standing Committees

(no changes)

10 14. Division XIV: Ratification

(no changes)

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APA Internet Training

On Saturday, May 19, 2007, at 10:00 am Eastern Time the APA will sponsor its first internet training. This will be a two hour block on Chart Interpretation by current APA President Don Krapohl. This training is highly recommended for all examiners.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT
2007 Seminar Speaker
Richard H. Walton, Ed.D

At this year’s seminar Dr. Richard Walton will be conducting a lecture on “Cold Case Homicides”. Richard Walton will discuss topics of re-activating cold cases and how some investigators have to work with the beginning stages of a cold case investigation and prior polygraph examinations. Below is a little bit about Dr. Walton and his accomplishments throughout his career.

Richard Walton is a retired District Attorney Investigator from California with more than thirty years of law enforcement service. He has extensive experience and expertise in homicide and cold case homicide, arson, white-collar crime, elder abuse, and fraud investigations. Beginning in the early 1980’s, Walton re-investigated perhaps America’s oldest active homicide case; a series of murders and alleged rapes set amidst official corruption in the mid-1920’s. His pro bono efforts identified a then-living killer and proved that Native American Jack Ryan had spent over 40 years in prison and on parole for crimes he did not commit. In 1996, California Governor Pete Wilson granted Ryan a pardon on the grounds of innocence, posthumously. By all known accounts, it is the first of its kind in the nation’s history.

Walton was a founding member of the California Department of Justice Advanced Training Center’s Cold Case Homicide Investigation program and has presented on the topic of revisiting unsolved homicide cases to local, state and national law enforcement and forensic venues for almost two decades. He has published on this topic in national journals, and his efforts have been recognized by the FBI, the California Attorney General, and the California District Attorney Investigator’s Association, among others.

He received his Doctor of Education degree from the University of San Francisco in 2005, writing his academic dissertation on identification of solvability factors in cold case homicide investigation. He is a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and the Vidocq Society, and the author of the new book “Cold Case Homicide: Practical Investigative Techniques,” (CRC Press, LLC published in June, 2006).
In the Spotlight
2007 Seminar Speaker
Essam Aly Gamal El-Din

While in New Orleans Louisiana during the 2007 annual seminar, one of our featured seminar speakers will be Mr. Essam Aly Gamal El-Din. Below is a little bit about him along with his topic:

Mr. El-Din will be conducting a lecture titled “Understanding the culture of terrorism and the use of the polygraph as means of counter terrorism” which has been registered in the copyright office in Washington.

Mr. Essam Aly Gamal El-Din received his B.S Degree from the Egyptian Air Academy in 1975 as a Lieutenant Pilot earning a Bachelor of Aviation and a Bachelor of Military Science. He became a licensed commercial pilot in 1979 and an airline transport pilot in 1981. Mr. El-Din received his diploma in Metrology from the Institute of Metrological Authority in 1982.

In 1984 Mr. El-Din transferred to the security field, and became the Chief of Interrogation Management Center, Ministry of Defense of Egypt in 1994. He worked for over 19 years in the field of interrogation and security. During this time, he personally conducted over three thousand polygraph examinations, solving most of them by confession. In this capacity, he worked as a cultural counselor in the Egyptian Embassy in Cyprus.

Mr. El-Din completed the basic polygraph course at the Academy for Scientific Investigative Training in the 1990’s.

In year 2002, Mr. El-Din received his promotion as *Air Commodore (one star general)* in the Egyptian Defense Ministry, and retired in 2003.

In September 2003, Mr. El-Din joined the Academy for Scientific Investigative Training, located in Philadelphia, USA. He is currently the *Assistant Director for Middle East, and exclusive representative of Lafayette for the Middle East and North Africa*. Mr. El-Din has attended numerous advanced courses in Forensic Psychophysiology and is *certified as the Primary Polygraph Instructor* after having met all APA training requirements as a distinguished instructor in contemporary detection of deception methodologies accredited by the American Polygraph Association.

Mr. El-Din has successfully conducted lectures and seminars for the Academy in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Dubai, Jordan, Republic of South Africa, United Kingdom, United States of America, and Singapore. He is a member of the American Polygraph Association and the American Association of Police Polygraphists. Mr. El-Din is also a member of the Vidocq Society, an organization committed to solving “cold case” homicides.
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A Message from the President

As we approach the summer season I hope that you are making plans to attend the APA Seminar in New Orleans. In addition to an excellent program developed by VP Government Donnie Dutton, there are important items of business that will be taken up at the General Membership Meeting. The APA Board of Directors has approved three constitutional proposals that will be presented for membership vote. Members must be present to cast ballots on these proposals. They are:

1. An amendment that modifies the existing method of electing officers. Under the proposed amendment, all members who are qualified to vote under the APA Constitution and By-Laws would vote for their officers by mail ballot. Under the existing system only those who attend the General Membership Meeting held during the Annual Seminar can vote. The goal is to afford voting rights to all members in good standing regardless of their ability to attend the Annual Seminar.

2. An amendment that modifies the transitional process to APA Presidency. Under the amendment a new position is created on the Board: the President-Elect. Each year beginning in 2008 the membership would vote for a President-Elect, who would become the President in the following year. Each term as President would last one year. This system is intended to assist in transition for the Association’s highest office while ensuring that there are more opportunities for members to compete for the position. The proposed amendment would take one of the four Director positions away, so that the number of Board members would not change. It would also create a Fair Elections Committee to identify and recommend candidates for election.

3. An amendment that creates a minimum continuing education requirement of 30 hours biennially for APA members who are practicing polygraph examiners. Currently only PCSOT examiners have minimum CE standards. The goal is to ensure that all APA examiners remain current in their professional education. It is modeled on the CE requirements of other professions. Because of the considerable administrative demands, there is currently no plan for the APA to track CE hours. Rather, the CE requirement could be grounds for a grievance, which allows examiners to police themselves.

In this APA Magazine you will find the proposed Constitutional changes. I encourage you to review them carefully, and be prepared to cast your ballot at the APA Seminar in New Orleans.

The APA has always provided many quality continuing education (CE) opportunities for its members. In addition to the Annual Seminar the APA hosts regional seminars, and promotes state and local seminars in APA publications. The APA has also made available DVD recordings of seminar speakers that can be ordered from the National Office. In May the APA will deliver CE via an interactive teleconference at a modest cost, with any surplus revenue going into the APA treasury (details are announced in this issue of the APA Magazine). By next year the APA website will offer members lessons on its members-only site. These efforts reflect the great value the Association places on education, excellence, and professionalism.

And on the education theme, permit me to send out another reminder to the APA School Directors to attend the meeting on the Saturday just before the APA Seminar. Joel Reicherter will be sharing his curriculum on physiology for use in the APA schools. As most of you know, Joel is a former professor of physiology, a practicing polygraph examiner, and a longtime APA member. It is free of charge, and the attendees will take away excellent PowerPoint slides, handouts, lecture material, and diagrams on physiology. This APA initiative is aimed at standardizing physiology instruction for all students of APA schools, and to ensure a quality education on the very foundation of our field. I look forward to seeing you there.

The profession continues to progress rapidly on many fronts. New markets are opening up, instrumentation continues to improve, and there is an increasing appreciation for standards and best practices. New ventures are coming available continuously. Like no time in memory have there been so many opportunities for our profession. To maintain the viability of the profession we must remain mindful of the future. An enlightened self-interest demands that we insist on the high standards that make our services more valuable to the public, to forestall anti-polygraph legislation, and to improve the image of the profession. To the many of you who are helping to shoulder the burden, who have created higher expectations for our ourselves and our colleagues, I send you my heartfelt thanks. There is much left to do, but it is because of you that we have moved so far.

My thanks also go to all of the many members who are sending the supporting e-mails to the other Board members and me as we pursue the agenda you elected us to accomplish. And to all of my friends who continue to fight the good fight, wherever you may be, Godspeed.
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A Note from the Editor

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Don’t worry, short 2-4 line items in the ‘Buy and Sell’ and ‘Upcoming Seminar’ sections are still free!
More than water running in the shower
MANCHESTER, Connecticut — He started off telling police that the reason he had inserted a tiny video camera into a shampoo bottle was because he wanted to monitor an abnormality. But after submitting to a polygraph, Steven Thibodeau, 25, admitted he had recorded his two female roommates showering, police said. He explained that the camera sent images to his television where he could record them to videos and save them to computers. The device was discovered by another male roommate who wondered why the shampoo remained unmoven in a shower basket for so long. The man called police after finding wires protruding from the back of the bottle and discovering the camera tucked inside, police said. Thibodeau was charged with 15 counts of voyeurism and one count of evidence tampering.


Big bucks in spyware in Australia
QUEENSLAND, Australia — The boom of the public and private lie-detection industries is continuing in Australia, where polygraph agencies have experienced massive growth over the last two years. Those selling devices from hidden cameras to GPS trackers, camera clocks to computer monitors are experiencing a boom not only in the public law-enforcement arena, but also in the area of private companies and even homeowners. Entrepreneurs who’ve tapped into the industry say some private citizens are willing to spend up to $10,000 to monitor their husbands and wives. Others are shelling out $1,500 per polygraph test at private firms to ensure their husband or wife is remaining faithful. Family members are pinning keylogger devices into computers to monitor their partner’s computer keystrokes, fitting GPS trackers under their spouse’s car, and even buggin their partner’s bedrooms with coin-sized cameras and radios.


Polygraph results allowed in Ohio court
AKRON, Ohio — In a rare move by the courts, a judge has ordered that he see two polygraph test results from a law student from New York charged with rape. The student’s defense lawyer has claimed he passed both tests, and that they show the incident was consensual sex. Prosecutors, meanwhile, are asking that the results be dismissed. What complicates the case is that the complaining witness has declined to take a polygraph that she had initially agreed to. The defense lawyer admitted the judge’s decision is a breakthrough and said he was pleased with the results and that since the tests are used in many other facets of the criminal justice system.

Source: Internet — “Polygraph at issue in sex assault case: Defendant claiming lie detector will show he was given consent,” Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal, Feb. 27, 2007.

“Free” service may not be true in several ways
There’s a new “free” service on the World Wide Web these days that claims to uncover lies using voice stress analysis. The KishKish Lie Detector claims that by using an Internet-telephone service called Skype, which is free sometimes, it can show through a red-light/green-light display whether someone is lying. But polygraph examiners were quick to dismiss the lie detection “machine.” Bruce White, inventor of the Axciton Sensor Box, said that of the eight key emotions in the human body, fear is the only one polygraph examiners are concerned with. While his device monitors several body functions, voice is not one of them. Regular conversation is not suited to polygraph or voice-stress or any other methodology, White said.


Sparring over lie tests in Mississippi
SUFFOLK COUNTY, Mississippi — Democratic and Republican leaders are beginning a war of words over the suggestion that civilian workers applying for Suffolk County Police Department jobs submit to polygraphs. The Republican minority leader has filed a bill to permit polygraph examinations of civilian applicants to the department. The bill was passed, but was vetoed by the county executive in a manner that did not allow the Legislature to consider overriding the veto. The minority leader expressed discontent with the veto, but the Democratic County commissioner has called the measure a veiled attempt to thwart our civilianization program. He said the Democratic leadership has been the number one antagonist to our efforts to save money by hiring civilians and freeing up our
highly trained officers for street patrol.


**NASA reviews testing after astronaut goes off the plantation**

ORLANDO, Florida — A review of how NASA psychologically tests its astronauts is on the docket after Lisa Nowak, an astronaut accused of trying to kill a romantic rival. Nowak, who was romantically involved with colleague, Commander William A. Oefelein, stalked another woman involved with Oefelein. NASA is interested in looking back at Nowak’s record to see if there were areas where the space agency might have better caught inconsistencies in her behavior. All astronauts go through testing, but there are no behavioral tests, a fact that some have criticized. In the opinion of John Sullivan, a former CIA polygraph examiner for 31 years who was familiar with many agency investigations of personnel who “went bad,” there may be no way to predict stalking behavior.


**Missing woman’s husband takes test, issues confession**

DETROIT, Michigan — Following the disappearance and nationwide search for Tara Lynn Grant, her husband Stephen Grant now stands accused of her murder, having allegedly submitted to a lie detector test and issued a confession. The confession, however, has yet to be released to the public, and neither have the polygraph results. It will be early April before 448 pages and 22 computer disks of evidence might be released to the public. Grant stands accused of killing and dismembering his wife in early February.


**More questions, few answers in toddler kidnapping**

ZAINESVILLE, Ohio — An inconclusive polygraph report and a story that just doesn’t add up are leading investigators to more questions and few answers surrounding the kidnapping and safe return of a toddler. The investigation will continue to discern what happened to toddler Miah Beatty, who was found later the same day 12 miles from her home. According to her mother, the toddler was kidnapped from her bedroom. There’s no evidence that Miah was abused or hurt during the ordeal. She is staying with a foster family.


**In Wisconsin, $50 million plan launched for GPS and polygraph systems**

WESTON, Wisconsin — Gov. Jim Doyle is asking that in the light of 1,350 sex offenders not registering statewide, a $50 million plan be launched to expand treatment facilities and technological monitoring, including GPS systems and polygraph testing. The $12 million proposed to monitor and polygraph sex offenders would create 122 new positions to launch a statewide GPS program targeting serious child sex offenders. The new positions include DOC monitoring center positions, probation and parole agents and sex offender registry specialists.

Source: Internet — “Governor Doyle Announces More Than 1,300 Noncompliant Sex Offenders Tracked Down,” March 21, 2007.

**Polygraphs over bracelets, police minister says**

QUEENSLAND, Australia — GPS should not be used to monitor sex offenders, according to Police Minister Judy Spence. Spence says up to five offenders will be fitted with an electronic bracelet by the end of next month and another 100 over the next few years. However, the GPS tracking device won’t work if you are on a train or in a high-rise building or in some shopping centers, she said. She continued that it is premature to adopt the GPS technology until it improves. Anti-child abuse campaigner Hetty Johnston says tags can be useful, but are best paired with polygraph testing.


**Polygraph showdown: Examiner vs. Skeptic**

CHICAGO, Illinois — One, an experienced polygraph examiner. The other, an academic who’s researched what he has termed the “American obsession” with lie detection tools. Recently, the two men — 42-year polygraph examiner and former Illinois Polygraph Association president Fred Hunter, and Ken Alder, a polygraph skeptic and author of the new book “The Lie Detectors, The History of an American Obsession,” met to match wits and theories. In a story by the Chicago Tribune, Hunter reportedly strapped Alder into the polygraph and asked him a series of questions. The results of their two-hour meeting resulted in a stalemate of sorts, with each coming close to praise of one another’s skepticism, experience and knowledge. As the story states, their veiled praise may be as close as either ever comes on the subject of the machine — and the polygraph examiners — credibility.

Sexual assault victims should not be forced to take poly, sponsor says
LINCOLN, Nebraska — Victims of sexual assault may not have to worry about taking lie-detector tests. The Nebraska legislature gave second-round approval to a bill keeping victims from taking polygraph tests as a condition for rape and other sexual-assault investigations to proceed. According to bill sponsor Senator Vickie McDonald of Saint Paul, if the bill does not pass, the state could lose more than $400,000 in federal funding that helps educate people about domestic violence and sexual assault. Presently, alleged victims can now be required to take polygraph tests before investigations move forward though it rarely, if ever, happens in the state.


Couple cleared in beating case
HELENA, Alabama — Nearly six months after her 22-month-old girl was treated at a local hospital for multiple skull fractures, a passed polygraph test has led to charged being dropped against Sandra Thomas. Thomas, 25, passed the polygraph, but has not yet been cleared of charges. She and her boyfriend, Christopher Campbell, 24, were arrested shortly after they couple arrived at the hospital. The explanations the two were giving the hospital staff were not adding up, said police.


NYC crime boss wants poly admitted
NEW YORK CITY, New York — City crime boss Vincent Basciano has his lawyers pushing for federal officials to consider new evidence, including results of a lie detector, to show he wasn’t behind a plot to kill a prosecutor and judge. Defense attorneys have gotten an order from Brooklyn federal Judge Nicholas Garaufis to allow a polygraph of Basciano in jail. Known as “Vinny Gorgeous,” Basciano, 46, is in solitary confinement in Manhattan under strict security measures awaiting a re-trial of his 2006 racketeering case. The attorneys claim they have an affidavit from a jailhouse informant who claims it was Basciano’s old mob mentor, former Bonanno boss Joseph Massino, who earlier came up with the idea to kill the prosecutor.


After poly failure, 1,000 kiddie porn images found in man’s home
WALTON COUNTY, Georgia — County sherriffs have found a stash of child pornography containing over 1,000 images of children engaged in sexual acts in a Monroe man’s home. Jonathan Lynch, 35, turned himself into law enforcement officials Monday after his home was raided and the pornography was discovered. Videotapes, DVDs, computer disks and hard drives were found containing the images. Lynch had been convicted of a sexual offense in Cobb County and as part of his probation, was required to take an annual polygraph. He failed his last test, prompting law enforcement officials to search his home. Photography equipment was also found, but law enforcement officials said there is no reason to believe he was taking sexual pictures of children.

Source: Internet — “Man arrested with 1,000 pieces of child porn,” The Walton (Georgia) Tribune: March 4, 2007.

Polygraph allowance leads to mistrial
SAN DIEGO, California — A defense lawyer for a woman accused of killing a former “Silk Stalkings” actor has been granted a mistrial after prosecutors played an interview in which investigators asked Davis about taking a polygraph. Polygraph tests are regularly denied as evidence in criminal trials. The judge in the case has ordered a new jury in the trial of Amy Heather Davis, 26. Davis is accused of murdering Theodore “Rocky” Salanti and robbing him of money and methamphetamine in September 2005. Salanti, 57, had roles in 1990s television shows including the series “Silk Stalkings” and “Renegade.”


Polygraph uncovers manhole murderers
SOUTH BEND, Indiana — Daniel Sharp and Randy Lee Reeder were arrested in early February and face four counts of murder in the deaths of Michael Nolen Jr., Michael Lawson, Jason Coates, and Brian Talboom. The four victims and two defendants were all homeless and periodically inhabited an abandoned building near Coveleski Stadium. The bodies of the four victims were found near the abandoned building in manholes, during a four-day period in early January. Sharp confessed to planning and committing the murders with Reeder after failing a polygraph administered by D/Sgt Scott Bryant. The pair was apparently motivated to commit the crime because they suspected that Nolen, Lawson, Coates, and Talboom had stolen scrap items that Sharp and Reeder intended to sell.

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Board of Directors’ Reports

Nate Gordon
Vice President, Private

As I travel around the world I am amazed that the worst enemies to our profession are polygraph examiners. I am proud to be a member of the American Polygraph Association. I am proud that our organization is taking the necessary steps toward professionalization and ensuring that an examinee undergoing a polygraph examination is being given a quality procedure.

I think it is incumbent upon our organization to set the rules for what a “quality” examination is. Time has run out for examiners motivated by money. These are examiners who are doing 10, 15, and recently I heard of an examiner doing 27 tests in a single day! If you want to make a decent living in the private practice of polygraph you should decide what you want to earn a day. Then divide that number by 4 and charge that amount per test. Do quality work, not quantity work! Our association has established that no examiner should do more than 5 examinations in a day. That standard is not just in the United States, it applies to the World! I hope it is a standard that we will stand by and expel anyone in violation of it from our ranks.

I am astonished that we are aware of “best practices” for polygraph examinations and yet do not require them for ALL polygraph examinations. For example, “Evidentiary Examinations” have been given the position as the most important examination you can perform because the findings have been pre-agreed upon to being admitted into court. Therefore, an acquaintance test must be administered for all “Evidentiary Examinations.” I recently listened to an APA school instructor lecture that there is no proof an acquaintance test increases the accuracy of a test – it merely reduces the “inconclusive” rate. HELLO!! If that is all it does, then it increases the accuracy of the test! I believe that every examination I administer is of the utmost importance to the person I am testing. I have an obligation to give that person the best possible test. If we know the acquaintance test helps ensure psychological set and serves as an anti-countermeasure procedure I do not understand why it is not done for all initial tests. I believe the five extra minutes it takes for the procedure is well worth it.

Almost every examiner in the world is, or will eventually join the “Private Sector.” I am proud to be part of an organization that has set goals for scientifically defendable quality examinations, thereby ensuring that there will always be a “Private Sector!”

Mike Gougler
Vice President, Law Enforcement

I hope everyone is planning on attending the 2007 annual seminar in New Orleans. The Seminar Committee promises a stellar curriculum.

I would ask that all members review the Standards of Practice on the website. Please contact me with your suggestions and recommendations to enhance the protocol.

I have recently been sent a list of law enforcement members who are delinquent in their dues. Please stay current so that you will have a voice in the association and profession. We have several major issues coming before the membership in August. They include continuing education, the president-elect system, and universal voting. I encourage all members to contact me to dialogue on these proposals. I would like to have an opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of each topic.

I plan to stay actively involved in the leadership of the association and seek the support of all members. I have not decided which office I will seek, but pledge to represent the will of the membership in achieving the highest standards for our association.

I have seen some fence-mending occur during recent meetings and am proud that reasonable people can agree to disagree.

No one person has all the answers. Through cooperation and dialogue the input of many causes a more fruitful product for all.

To all of you, I give you my warmest regards.

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Hello everyone, from sweltering hot (and getting hotter) Las Vegas. First, I want to thank everyone for their patience with me in my first year in this position. As with any new responsibility, there is a learning curve, and this curve seems to be pretty long. I have made it a goal of mine to streamline a lot of what we do, to better serve the needs of the membership. Sometimes, the “streamlining” process can be quite cumbersome initially, but in the end, it is (usually) worth it.

I also want to update everyone on our current audit status. We just finished a mid-year audit in February. This was a certified audit done from April 1st, 2006 through August 31st, 2006. This audit was conducted to clean the slate and allow me to start fresh after Larry’s disappointing retirement from the APA’s board. As expected, everything was in order and no major issues or concerns were raised. While a copy of this audit is available to any member in good standing, I just want to let you know that we are getting ready to start our usual year-end certified audit. This upcoming audit will cover the time period of April 1st, 2006 to March 31st, 2007.

Any members wanting a copy of our certified audit are encouraged to wait until the completion of our year-end audit. Those should be available by the upcoming annual seminar. Should anyone want a copy of our most recent audit at any time, please send a letter to the National Office with your name, address, member number, and signature, along with your request for the audit. Once your membership status is verified, we will mail you a current copy of the audit.

As President Krapohl has mentioned previously, an investment committee, comprised of myself, Nate Gordon, and Gordon Moore, recently submitted a proposal to the board to invest some of the association’s money into the AllianceBernstein International investment fund. This investment has performed quite well over the years and we feel it may continue to do so. While any unsecured investment carries risk, we feel the risk in this situation is calculated and allows us to take advantage of a growing market. Now for those that keep an eye on the markets, you already know the markets have been soft lately, and some say there is a market “correction” occurring. Now, I’m not a certified financial advisor, so I won’t make up stories about why the market does what it does, but ups and downs are a normal part of investing and I don’t see any reason for alarm....yet.

I will continue to do my part in ensuring the APA stays in a strong financial position, while maintaining transparency in this office. If you feel there is more I could be doing for you or the association, I invite you to email me directly at treasurer@polygraph.org. Also, if you have a solution for any problems, I would appreciate your input.

Thank you again for your trust and patience and I look forward to continuing to serve this fine association.

Steve Duncan
Director

As promised in the last issue, progress has been made towards scheduling more regional training for members.

With the help (and sometimes leadership from committee members and other board members) several seminars are taking shape for the remainder of the year. A regional seminar has been tentatively “staffed” and planned for South Africa in May and another partially planned for the summer in Mexico City. Tentative planning is also underway for Moab, Utah and middle New York State for the fall. Any ideas for additional two to three day seminars are welcomed and encouraged.

Our esteemed Counsel, Gordon Vaughan, has prepared a presentation on Ethics for Internet Learning, which should be ready for release soon.

I hope all APA members have had the opportunity to read and digest the Standards of Practice published in March. Understand, this is an evolving document and promises to lead our profession to even higher status through standardization, so help keep this guide as a promise to the future of polygraph.

I am still working on our ’07 Annual Unofficial Motorcycle Ride for the New Orleans Seminar, so riders make a note. I am also trying to arrange a “special” for rentals for those interested and should have that info available soon. Feel free to e-mail me if you have an interest in renting a motorcycle at the Seminar and I will provide the contacts.

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.
August 20, 2007, the date for the APA’s 42nd annual presented.

compromising to get the proposed language you are being conferencing were spent arguing, discussing and many hours of telephone and computer Internet the proposed Constitutional changes. A lot of hard work you should credit each member of the BOD individually what goes on.

Position is, you have no vote. Either way, unless you can or not. The down side is that no matter what your Board is that you get to participate in the debate as much as you like and share your opinion whether it is popular or not. The down side is that no matter what your position is, you have no vote. Either way, unless you can make a persuasive point, you have little or no impact in what goes on.

Choices can be easy to make but you have to live with your choices when you make them. Bad choices can sometime hurt you more than good choices can help you. If you don’t believe it, ask anyone that married the wrong man or woman. I was unaware that the membership wanted the changes being proposed. This is where I must have been asleep at the switch. If the membership wants change, tell your BOD what changes you want. Our Constitution has undergone many changes in the past. Most of them have been very subtle and gradual. The changes recommended this year will be neither subtle nor gradual. If you are in doubt or have an alternate suggestion to the changes you would like to see, do not vote to allow these changes to be adopted. If the proposed changes are in line with what you would like to see the APA do, vote to adopt them when the issue comes up.

I guess the greatest benefit to being the Chairman of the Board is that you get to participate in the debate as much as you like and share your opinion whether it is popular or not. The down side is that no matter what your position is, you have no vote. Either way, unless you can make a persuasive point, you have little or no impact in what goes on.

You should credit each member of the BOD individually for their hard work debating the pros and cons of each of the proposed Constitutional changes. A lot of hard work and many hours of telephone and computer Internet conferencing were spent arguing, discussing and compromising to get the proposed language you are being presented.

I tell you, this Board worked hard debating many many Constitutional changes. The changes you are being offered now are the only ones that got out of the Board room to be offered to you, the membership, for a vote. The proposed changes to our Constitution can be found elsewhere in this issue of the News Magazine. None of the votes to recommend the changes to the membership were unanimously adopted by the BOD but under our operational rules, a unanimous vote was not required. The final decision of whether the changes go into effect will be left to you. Please read each of the proposed Constitutional changes, consider how the change(s) can benefit our Association and any possible downsides each change may create. Vote your conscience. Again the choice is yours alone. Participate in the process. Let your position and voice be heard.

In order to adopt the changes to our current APA Constitution, the membership in attendance in New Orleans must pass the proposed change(s) by a 2/3 majority vote. The proposed changes will be voted on under new business during the annual meeting. I certainly hope to see you there. In reasserting my position I want you to know, I am not opposed to changing our Constitution. I am just not certain that our membership wants these changes. I hope there is an active debate over the issues prior to the vote so that everyone is clear on the issues.

I haven’t been submitting my usual reports since Las Vegas as I’m not sure they were of any real interest. Since this may be my last Newsletter I thought I would send something in to let you know I have not been sitting on my butt receiving my ex-president’s pension. (joke ha ha)

Since I last spoke with you, I have been enjoyed representing the APA as Chairman of the BOD. I have also been proud to continue my efforts as Chair of the Education Accreditation Committee. I really love working with our schools and for the most part they are doing a bang up job. I am currently working on a 2007 revision of the APA Accreditation Manual and hope to have it finished for our schools directors at the annual seminar. It really needs to be updated to include advances in research providing us new information regarding our technology and methods.

As Chairman, I was invited to visit Colombia and speak at the Latin American Polygraph Association Seminar. They had a nice turnout and I always enjoy working with our International neighbors to the south as they add to their polygraph expertise.

I traveled to Bogotá, Colombia to inspect the Latin American Polygraph Academy’s new facility. The school is a wonderful modern school that would rival any of our private schools in America. These folks are taking polygraph training seriously and they are doing a marvelous job.

Skip Webb and I were invited to Destin Florida to speak at the Florida Polygraph Association. We both enjoyed
the conference very much. They had over 100 attendees and the conference was a huge success. It was unusually cold for the time of year we went but the company and friendship we found there was warm and very comforting.

I recently spoke at the Tennessee Kentucky Polygraph Association seminar in Gatlinburg-Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Donnie Dutton and I tried to keep the seminar attendees entertained as we lectured them. This seminar too was a great success with around 77 examiners in attendance. If you have ever been to the Gatlinburg Pigeon Forge area, you well know that it’s a great place to go and have fun after the training is finished. I’d like to thank Donnie for inviting me to help. I had a great time, met a lot of new friends and enjoyed his company.

Sam Braddock the past director of the Saulk Valley’s recently closed polygraph School in of Dixon, Illinois has opened a new school in association with Troy University in Atlanta Georgia. They have just graduated their first class which I inspected for APA accreditation. Director Sam Braddock’s Troy University Polygraph School has the backing of a major University and appears to be moving in the right direction to provide polygraph training that offers college credits for the course load.

While in Atlanta I took advantage of the trip to inspect Chuck Slupski’s American International Institute of Polygraph facility in Morrow, Georgia a suburb of South Atlanta. What a nice place! Chuck’s school has approximately 3,500 square feet. The school is spacious, and appointed with everything I could imagine that might be necessary for polygraph training. If you ever get the opportunity to drop by Chuck’s place, do it. Chuck’s new facility is the way I always imagined a private polygraph schools should be designed. Kudos to Chuck. His commitment to our professional image and the welfare of his students is obvious. I’m proud of Chuck’s school and what he’s doing. (Can you tell?).

I inspected Tom Ezell’s polygraph school in Phoenix, Arizona. Tom has been in the business of training young examiners for many many years. Tom knows how to do it and has been doing a good job for a long time. He too recently found he needed more room, so he expanded his school to include the next several offices adjacent to his Phoenix location.

On an unfortunate note, I was required to conduct a surprise inspection of a school which I will not name at this point. I received a complaint of non-compliance to APA attendance requirements. APA schools please take note: All complaints received by me will be taken seriously and investigated completely to confirm or refute any allegation of non compliance. The Committee’s findings and conclusions of school inspections and investigations of non-compliance will be provided to the BOD along with my recommendation for appropriate action.

There are many schools up for re-inspection so please, if you are a director of an APA accredited polygraph training school, check your accreditation certificates. Help me make the scheduling as convenient for you as possible.

The Russian polygraph School in Moscow is working hard to get its school inspected before the APA seminar in August. I have been working with Yuri Kholodny since the Las Vegas Seminar to help him document certain administrative matters and their application for a school inspection. I was interviewed by a Russian newspaper journalist regarding the increased use of polygraph in Russia in the private and business sectors. The article was quite positive and I received several telephone calls from around the world regarding comments made in the piece. Russia appears to have it going on. I’m going to caution them on not getting too ambitious with the numbers of exams per day and the time and energy put into each test. Remember, that’s how we got into trouble. At this up beat point, I am going to comment on the passing of a very good friend of mine memorialized in the last News Magazine. Jamie Skeeters was one of the best men I ever knew and a very close friend. I was honored to know him personally and I was fortunate to be his friend. Many examiners on the East coast are less familiar with Jamie as those from the left coast. Jamie was many things, from a popular Dr. Phil guest television personality, to a proud former US Marine, to a retired Chief of Police of Oxnard California. Everything Jamie did, he did with pride. Jamie represented polygraph in a truly professional way. Many of you know much less of his commitment to law enforcement and causes which he worked diligently to promote but he gave 100 percent to everything he was involved in. I miss Jamie and our profession has lost a leader of untold potential. I only wish I had met him earlier in my career and put him to work with the APA sooner.

The AAPP is coming up and I have been asked to speak on Report Writing, Ethics and EPPA. If you can’t make the APA in New Orleans, that will be unfortunate for you and the APA. If you can’t make the APA, please plan on making the AAPP. The AAPP seminar is in Albuquerque this year and the week long program promises to be stellar.

There have been very few nominations received in our National Office for annual awards so far. Please, consider those examiners that have had a positive impact on you and your career as a polygraph examiner. Send in a brief synopsis of their contributions to you or the polygraph profession so that they can be properly recognized. A “job well done” in this profession is rare. Help recognize someone in our profession that deserves one.

As always, if you need me call or email me. My cell telephone number should be on your speed dial as 910.494.4501. My email address is tvpoly@aol.com. My office is 910.483.3388. I look forward to hearing from you.

I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans to personally discuss your thoughts for the future of our organization. Please be there.....
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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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