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In Memoriam

Alfred J. Cross

Al Cross passed away on January 5, 2006. He was a full member of the APA from August 3, 1979 until his passing. He graduated from the Zonn Institute of Polygraph on May 25, 1979, and was also a member of the Florida Polygraph Association. Mr. Cross was in private business and a representative of Stoelting Instrument Company. Donations may be made in Alfred’s honor to the American Cancer Society.

Gene T. Sandacz

Mr. Sandacz passed away on December 27, 2005. He was a member of the APA from February 24, 1968 to March 30, 1989, and again from October 19, 1993 until the date of his passing. Mr. Sandacz was a graduate of the National Training Center in New York, having done so on October 29, 1967. He was President of Certified Polygraph Incorporated.

Charlie H. Vanhoy

Mr. Vanhoy passed away on January 9, 2006. He was a full member from June 23, 2003 until he passed away. Mr. Vanhoy graduated from the Maryland Institute of Criminal Justice on March 23, 2003. He served with the Mecklenburg County Sheriff’s Office in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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**Scottsdale, Arizona Police Department**
Police Polygraph Examiner
Salary Range: $46,321 - $64,646
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Job Posting: 5356
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Opportunities for former Federal polygraph examiners. **Harding Security Associates,** a Northern Virginia firm specializing in strategic security solutions for DoD and Federal Intelligence Community agencies, has an immediate requirement for former Federally certified polygraph examiners to perform full-time work for a DoD agency headquartered in the National Capital Area (NCR). For further information, contact Mr. John E. Swift III, Vice President Marketing & Business Development, Harding Security Associates, 703.442.6650 x244, Toll Free 866.442.6650, jswift@harding-security.com.

**USIS,** one of the largest Intelligence and Security Services companies in North America, is looking for experience DoD Certified Polygraph Examiners to work in the Northern Virginia Area. Interested and qualified candidates can submit their resume to securityjobs@usis.com. Also visit www.usis.com.

DoD Certified Senior Examiners, 10+ years experience with TS Government Clearance needed in various locations. **OMNIPLEX World Services Corporation,** 14840 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151 (omniplex.com), is looking for a senior Polygrapher with 10+ years experience, who must possess a TS Government Clearance. Fax resumes to: 703-652-3286.

Polygraph Examiner with APA approved training for an **established firm in Denver, CO.** Must have graduated from an APA accredited polygraph school. Prefer experienced, but will intern the right candidate. Average salary is around $35,000. Serious inquires only. Send resumes and/or serious inquires to: garypaxton4@msn.com or mail to: Gary Paxton, Baseline Associates, Inc., 1675 Carr Street, Suite 101N, Lakewood, Colorado 80214, 303.238.2225

**C.I.A.** seeking independent federally approved contract polygraphers with DoDPI, or other federally approved, polygraph training. TS/SCI clearance or a character/life style conducive to obtaining a clearance is required. Current BI and a full scope polygraph is preferred. All testing will be conducted in the Northern Virginia area. To apply, please send your resume to: Central Intelligence Agency, ATTN: Polygraph Division - Contractor Recruiting, Washington, DC 20505.

**Alaska DOC** seeks polygraph examiners to conduct PCSOT examinations. The Alaska Department of Corrections will be soliciting proposals for individuals or agencies to provide polygraph assessment services to sex offenders released on probation or parole. Candidate must be a member in good standing with the American Polygraph Association. To submit a proposal, go to the State of Alaska homepage: www.state.ak.us, under the Quick Links section, click on Public Notices, View by Department, click on Corrections, and click on Procurement.

The APA would like to thank the Las Vegas News Bureau and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority for the photos and facts about Las Vegas in this issue.
Polygraph Examiner Training Schedule

Academy of Polygraph Science
Basic Polygraph - Largo, FL
May 29 - July 21, 2006
September 25 - November 17, 2006

Academy for Scientific Investigative Training
Basic Polygraph
May 15 - July 7, 2006
September 11 - November 3, 2006

Advanced
November 27-29

Post Conviction Sexual Offender Certification
July 10 - 14, 2006
November 6 - 10, 2006

Forensic Assessment Interview/Interrogation
Basic
June 5 - 7, 2006
September 25-27, 2006

Advanced
June 8 - 9, 2006
September 28 - 29, 2006

The Backster School of Lie Detection
June 5 - July 28, 2006(tentative)
September 18 - November 10, 2006
Post Conviction Sex Offender Training
November 13 - 17, 2006
Forty-Seventh Annual Five-Day Polygraph Examiner Work Conference
December 4 - 8, 2006

Department of Defense Polygraph Institute
April 25 - July 26, 2006
August 15 - November 16, 2006

International Academy of Polygraph
September 11, 2006

Maryland Institute of Criminal Justice
Basic Polygraph - Millersville, MD
April 10 - June 2, 2006
September 18 - November 10, 2006

Virginia School of Polygraph
March 27 - May 19, 2006, Leesburg, Virginia

The 2006 Officers of the Virginia Polygraph Association in December 2005, pictured following a meeting with Virginia State Senator Ken Stolle on forthcoming CVSA legislation. Rear (left to right): Stan Odgen (Vice President), Karl Holzback (Secretary/treasurer), Alan Marlett (Director). Front (left to right): Ed McDowell (Vice President), Bill Henley (Vice President), Bill Chittenden (President).
In this inaugural article for the Magazine, we focus on the Florida Polygraph Association (FPA) which is among the oldest and largest polygraph associations active today.

This past December, I was invited to provide training to the members of the FPA at their Winter Seminar in Mount Dora, Florida. Despite the topic, the not-always-glamorous topic of physiology, the attending membership constituted an overflow audience and I am pleased to report that their numbers never diminished during the lecture (and it wasn’t even raining then). The FPA had asked me to join their ranks and I was honored to do so.

The FPA proudly maintains its status as a Divisional Member of the American Polygraph Association.

One of the goals of this article will be to encourage those states who do not have an active association to form one and to enable other states to take note of what some states are doing so that they can adopt or modify some of the activities conducted by those other states.

In coming editions of the Magazine, your Board of Directors will be soliciting information to feature the many organizations dedicated to professionalism within our practice. In addition, we are likely to “Focus On…” international associations, various schools and training opportunities and notable people in our profession. Now for the “Focus on the Florida Polygraph Association.”

The FPA was first formed in 1972, in Miami, Florida. The first elected officers included President Warren Holmes, who is a Charter Member of the FPA and the APA, and Secretary Robert Gately.

In their web site, President Randy Dey states a credo for the FPA as being dedicated to the advancement of the profession with continuing education, impeccable ethics, professional standardization and superior services.

The association web site at www.floridapolygraph.org provides for an online membership application, an application for Post Conviction Certification (must meet same requirements as put forward by the APA) and an application as a Certified Polygraphist, a web site membership directory (and application) and an application for their Len Umanoff Memorial Scholarship.

The FPA currently boasts 268 members from the private, law enforcement and government fields of membership. The approximate breakdown includes 70 private, 93 law enforcement and 5 government.

The current officers include President Randy Dey from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in Tampa, FL (RandyDey@FDLE.state.fl.us); Vice President - Public Colonel Arnold Lanier of the Hardee County Sheriff’s Office in Wauchula, FL (Alanier@HardeeSO.com); Vice President-Private, Dr. Richard Poe of Largo, FL (dropoeandassoc@ix.Netcom.com); Secretary Chief Scott A. Gooding of the Broward County Sheriff’s Office in Lauderdale-By-The Sea, FL (Scott_Gooding@sheriff.org); and Treasurer Mr. John Thorpe from DeBary, FL (ltthorpe@iag.net).

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The FPA maintains at least seven standing committees; including an Archives...
Committee; a Constitution Committee, a Grievance Committee, a Legislative Committee, a Membership Committee and a Scholarship Committee. Twice each year, in either May or June, they sponsor their Summer Seminar and in November or December, their Winter Seminar. For each Seminar, they select hosts for their Summer and Winter Seminars. This past year, the host for the summer seminar was Lou Criscella in Fort Lauderdale, FL and Wade Moss for the Winter Seminar in Mount Dora, FL. They have recently announced their 2006 Summer Seminar site in Tampa, FL. In addition, they maintain a connection with the Randall Jones School of Continuing Studies as a source for planning, approving and maintaining member records of their respective educational accomplishments. They hold a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors in February of each year and as required, a meeting of BOD at each seminar. The FPA is incorporated in the State of Florida.

As of this writing, the status of polygraph admissibility in the State of Florida provides for the admissibility on prior court approved stipulation only.

There is no current licensing law in the state. However, the FPA constantly monitors the activities of both members and non-members, and through a peer process, works to install and maintain acceptable standards of all examiners. They stand ready to offer training to member and non-members alike in order to achieve this goal.

The state maintains a controlled post conviction sex offender testing program requiring the sentenced offender to submit to a polygraph examination, paid by the offender, every six months or as ordered less frequently by the treating psychologists.

Some of the current or recent polygraph initiatives have included the creation of the Certified Polygraphist (CP) Program. This program was developed as a means of documenting an examiner’s credentials. In order to obtain “CP” status, an examiner must first complete the “Randall Jones School of Continuing Studies”. The school consists of six seminars covering continuing education in the areas of physiology, psychology, chart interpretation, test question construction, pharmacology, legal aspects, etc. Additionally, to maintain the “CP” status, an examiner must attend four seminars in the next four years and the FPA offers two seminars per year.

The FPA also offers the Leonard Umanoff Scholarship Award annually. The program was started to encourage higher education. The members raise money to offer college scholarships to children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of our members. They must apply and the awards are based on grades, extra curricular activities and need.

As might be expected, the FPA regularly deals with issues pertaining to alternative detection of deception devices. They have dealt with these with support of the APA and its efforts. They will not accept for membership those who utilize any voice stress or similar devices.

The officers serve for two-year terms and many rank and file members actively pursue involvement in the various committees sponsored by the FPA.

The FPA is pleased to extend invitations to any qualified polygraph examiner to join their association and take advantage of their training initiatives and camaraderie. Currently they are exploring, as have other state associations, the possibility of one of their upcoming training seminars being a joint seminar with another close by state. Most immediately, they will have or will be extended an invitation to all southern state examiners to attend their December 2006 seminar in Destin, Florida. The host hotel will be the Sandestin Hilton Golf and Spa Resort. Interested parties are invited to view the upcoming plans at the FPA web site at www.floridapolygraph.org.
Military Suspect Agrees to Polygraph Examination
IRENE, SD — Two U.S. Army soldiers have been accused of assaulting two civilians. Now, soldier Kyle C. Dennis, 23, has admitted his role in the assault — and he’s agreed to submit to a polygraph test for his accusation that Luke Hoffman, 21, was his accomplice. Dennis has agreed to admit to two counts of third-degree burglary, accessory to aggravated assault and attempted theft — and could get as much as 30 years in prison. Dennis is due to be sentenced Feb. 14 and the prosecutor will likely ask for no more than 20 years jail time. Hoffman, formerly of Shawano, Wis., has pleaded not guilty and is scheduled to stand trial starting Jan. 9. Hoffman and Dennis were both members of the same unit at Fort Riley, Kan. They were arrested Sept. 19.


Government Personnel in Panama to be Trained in Polygraph
PANAMA - Government personnel in Panama will soon be getting a crash-course in administering polygraph tests, thanks to the U.S. State Department. The department has begun an initiative to train and certify Panamanian officials so they become proficient in “advanced interrogation” techniques. The training will be carried out by private contractors under the U.S. State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. According to a bid request submitted Dec. 1, the selected firm will be responsible for acquiring the polygraph equipment and providing Spanish-language polygraph training in Panama. The training also includes intensive study of physiology, technical computerized instrumentation, questions instructions and scoring techniques. It will be administered using the U.S. Dept. of Defense format "and curriculum organized by the International Association of Polygraphers,” it continues.


Witnesses to 1976 Homicide to Take Polygraph Examinations
MICHIGAN - Two supposed witnesses to a 1976 stabbing death have recanted their testimony and one now has agreed to take a polygraph test. That’s according to Terry Young, 59, a Detroit native who was convicted that year of the first-degree murder of James Elaun, 27. Now Young, who was sentenced to serve life in prison for the March, 1975 murder, has begun being retried. Circuit Judge Chad Schmucker has ruled he will allow at least one of the witnesses to take the stand at the retrial. Schmucker will hold another pretrial hearing Jan. 20. Authorities will try to locate the second witness and the original investigator before then.


Defense Argues for Polygraph Monitoring of Client
SAN DIEGO, Ca. – Douglas Badger has a 20-year history of kidnapping and assault. The 63-year-old, known for his picking up and sexually assaulting male hitchhikers, has been tried, convicted and sentenced twice to 10-year terms. And since getting out of prison in 2001, he has been incarcerated in a mental hospital. But now his defense lawyers are arguing that by monitoring Badger with polygraph tests, he can be released into society to live on his own. Badger wants Superior Court Judge David Gill to release him from Atascadero State Hospital on an outpatient basis, under close supervision. His attorney, Richard Gates says authorities could use
polygraph tests to ensure Badger was not committing more crimes. However, prosecutor Kristen Spieler said experts would testify that the tests are no longer reliable for Badger because he’s fooled polygraphers in the past, and if he is able to continue to do so, he could remain a threat. Gill ruled the results of previous lie detector tests given to Badger are inadmissible in his upcoming trial. After Badger’s term in the mental hospital ended Nov. 9, Gill ruled Badger was still a danger to the public and ordered him returned to Atascadero for two years. Officials at Atascadero are recommending that Badger be released back into San Diego, where he committed some of his crimes. Gates said Badger told him that going through treatment at Atascadero was the best thing that ever happened to him. He said he used the treatment he was given and is now reformed.

Source: Internet — Lie detector tests not allowed in sexual predator’s trial. The San Diego Union Tribune, Monday, Dec. 1, 2005

Suspicious Passes Polygraph, Husband Charged with Murder of Wife

ARKANSAS - Ten years after Kimberly Pate was shot dead in a chain restaurant parking lot, police are charging her husband with her brutal murder. Police now say it was Jaramie Pate, 34, who shot his wife five times in the Little Caesar's restaurant in Bryant, Ark., where 22-year-old Kimberly worked as an assistant manager. Investigators said the charge was made after “new evidence developed” after they began working on the case again recently. When he met with a reporter nearly five years ago, Jaramie Pate said he suspected his wife had spent her final hours with a man she had met the previous week. But investigators said they met with the man Jaramie Pate was talking about and administered a polygraph, which the man passed. Local, state and county investigators had passed the case around over the past 10 years before it made it back into Benton police hands six months ago and Detective Jimmy Long began working on it. The arrest, he said, resulted from “a new set of eyes on an old case.”


Plea Deal for FBI Asset Includes Polygraph Testing

LOS ANGELES, Ca. — She was recruited by the FBI, sent on spying missions and was paid a total of $1.7 million by the agency for information she gathered under the code-name, “Parlor Maid.” But in early January, Katrina Leung, 51, pleaded guilty to making a false statement to the FBI and filing a false tax return. The charges were the lesser of those Leung originally faced when a year ago the FBI discovered she was engaged in an affair with her FBI handler, James J. Smith. At that point, the government believed Leung to be a Chinese double agent. But the entire case nearly collapsed early this year when the judge threw out the charges and rebuked prosecutors for “deliberate misconduct” for keeping the defense from contacting Smith as they prepared for Leung’s trial. Leung has already spent three months in jail and 18 months in home detention. The plea deal provided for no more time in custody, three years of probation, 100 hours of community service and a $10,000 fine and government debriefings, including use of polygraph devices.


DNA Test Arranged for Inmate who was Put to Death in 1992

RICHMOND, Va. – Virginia Gov. Mark R. Warner has arranged DNA testing that could prove whether or not a man sent to the electric chair in 1992 was actually innocent. Should the tests show Roger K. Coleman didn’t actually rape and murder his sister-in-law in 1981, it would be the first scientifically-proven case of an innocent person being killed by the state. A jury decided Coleman was guilty in 1982 for the murder of Wanda McCoy, 19, who was raped, stabbed and nearly beheaded in the coal-mining town of Grundy, Va. Coleman failed a lie detector test hours before his execution and DNA tests in 1990 placed Coleman within the two percent of the population who could have produced semen found at the crime scene. Additional blood typing put Coleman within a group consisting of 0.2 percent of the population. However,
Coleman's lawyers contend the tests were misinterpreted, and several advocacy groups, four newspapers and even Pope John Paul II tried to block the death sentence. Still, the courts rejected undertaking further tests and the decision was left to Warner — a potential Democratic presidential contender for 2008 — since 2002. Warner said he ordered the tests because of technological advances that could provide a level of forensic certainty not available in the 1980s.

Source — Internet: “DNA to decide if innocent man was executed.” Associated Press, Jan. 5, 2006.

**Polygraph Results Admitted into Indiana Courtroom**

INDIANA - The incriminating results of two polygraph tests were allowed in an Indiana courtroom last month as evidence against a man charged with triple homicide. Convicted felon Charles Boney, 36, faces murder and conspiracy charges for the triple murder of Kimberly Camm, 35, and her two children, Bradley, 7, and Jill, 5. Also charged is David Camm, a former Indiana state trooper and the husband of Kimberly and father of the two children. Camm was convicted of the murders in 2002, but a higher court overturned the sentence in 2004 and he was later charged again. If convicted, both men could face life in prison without the possibility of parole. In mid-January, private polygraph examiner Robert Ennis, of Shelby County, Ky., testified that Boney failed two polygraph tests last Feb. 17 and 18. Ennis said Boney showed deception in answering three questions, dealing with his being at the crime scene and having shot the family. The trial judge has told the jury it will be decided later what weight to give Ennis’ testimony.


**Alaskan Bill Sponsored whereby Sex Offenders would be Released Based on Polygraph Results**

ALASKA - An Alaskan state senator has sponsored a bill to extend prison sentences for sex offenders. But the bill would also release those serving if they do well on polygraph examinations. Senator Con Bunde, R-Anchorage, says Alaska’s treatment program for sex offenders isn’t working and that the state’s only tool to reduce the crimes is longer jail time. According to the Associated press, the bill appears to have support from both Democrats and Republicans. While Bunde acknowledged longer sentences would cost taxpayers more, he maintained it is worth the money and said it appears to be the single working solution. Alaska has one of the highest rates for sex crimes in the nation. Bunde and others have voiced concern that Alaska may be considered a safe-haven for sex offenders, partly due to the state’s minimal use of polygraph tests. Polygraph tests should be used to protect parolees from self-incrimination, some police and lawmakers say. The goal is to verify that sex offender treatment is working and highlight risky behavior.


**Suspect Confesses to False Claim**

ST. PETERS, Mo. – Having failed a polygraph test and having been confronted by police about inconsistencies in his statements, a maintenance worker has admitted to lying to police about being stabbed. The man, who was not identified, had said an assistant had flicked off the lights, come at him in a basement and stabbed him. But when police tried to reenact the event, they found it virtually impossible to cross the cluttered, pitch-black basement as the man had described. In addition, the man failed a polygraph test. Police did not elaborate on the tests’ findings. Yet, confronted with police findings, the man recanted and confessed to stabbing himself. He said he was at first only going to cut himself a little, but then slipped and drove the three-inch knife in all the way. Hearing and investigating false claims costs police departments much time and
money and police were considering filing charges against the man for filing a false claim.


Troubled Past of Police Officer Revealed by Polygraph
MONMOUTH, Me. - Beatrice Ware changed her life for the better, but because of what a polygraph revealed about her past, it may be regressing again. A troubled, alcoholic 20-something who hung with the wrong crowd and committed crimes, she was haunted by her unhappy childhood and sexual assault. But she changed her life by going back to school, and eventually becoming a police officer in Monmouth, Maine. She had to take a polygraph as part of joining the force, and despite the crimes it revealed in her past, officers decided to give her a chance. But the department was troubled internally when she joined, and recently, Monmouth selectmen launched a probe that revealed the results of Ware’s polygraph. Now, she faces a choice that her fellow officers say is unfair: quit the force or have the polygraph results revealed if she tries to fight. Her fight is ongoing as selectmen continue to decide what to do about the department.


Polygraph used in Case of Missing 10-Year-Old
LAKEWOOD, Wash. - The parents of missing 10-year-old Adre’Anna Jackson say they have nothing to hide and have taken polygraph tests to prove it. The Washington girl who has been missing since Jan. 2, and who disappeared after heading to school on a snow day when classes were cancelled. The girl’s mother and stepfather took the lie detector tests in January. Police say her mother, Yvette Gervaise passed and her stepfather, Jon Federicci’s tests came back inconclusive. Investigators are also looking for hair and fiber evidence on a Dumpster near a boat launch at a nearby lake. It’s the same place a boat was recovered earlier this month. In another part of the investigation, police confiscated a sample of Adre’Anna’s and Federicci’s underwear for DNA testing.


Polygraph Results used to Support Fishing Record
FLORIDA - Having caught, landed and kept a world-record smallmouth bass, the fish was still the one that almost got away. But despite a 50-year-old dispute over its size, David Haye’s 11-pound, 15-ounce bass is back where it belongs — in the record books, thanks to old documents and polygraph tests. On July 8, 1955, Hayes caught the fish at Dale Hollow Lake on the Tennessee-Kentucky line. It was the heaviest smallmouth of his life — 27 inches long and 212/3 inches in girth — and also the largest recorded ever. Field & Stream magazine, kept freshwater records and recognized the record. It later transferred those records to the present International Game Fish Association in 1978, when that organization took over freshwater records. But Raymond Barlow, whom Hayes apparently had a feud with regarding a marina, had submitted an affidavit to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Aug. 17, 1955 charging Hayes had stuffed three pounds of metal into the fish’s stomach to make it a record. The IGFA for one reason or another never knew about the charge until 40 years later when it was uncovered. But recent documentation, including polygraph results supplied to the IGFA, convinced them Hayes’ fish was genuine and untampered with.


DNA Test and Polygraph Results Help to Set Innocent Man Free
COLUMBUS, Oh. - Having set in jail for nearly eight years, DNA evidence from a cigarette butt set Clarence Elkins free
in December. Charges against the 42-year-old inmate that he raped and murdered his mother-in-law were dropped and Elkins was sent home. Having been convicted of the rape and murder of Judith Johnson, 58, Elkins was found stabbed and drowned in Pennsylvania. Investigators wanted to know what the Baltimore lawyer knew about the disappearance of some $36,000. But before the tests could be undertaken, Luna, 38 was found stabbed and drowned in Pennsylvania. The looming tests are now believed by some investigators to be a key clue into Luna’s death, according to an article by the Washington Post. Some say he may have taken his own life in light of the upcoming polygraphs. The FBI has gone no further than to say that there is a possibility that Luna committed suicide, but that they are also considering the possibility it was a random act of violence or premeditated murder. On Dec. 4, 2003, Luna’s body was found face down in a shallow stream in Lancaster County, near the Pennsylvania Turnpike. He had suffered 36 stab wounds, most of them superficial. An autopsy determined he drowned. His blood-spattered car was idling nearby. The Post has reported that three shrink-wrapped stacks of $20 bills from a bank robbery case that Luna helped prosecute in 2002 disappeared. In the weeks before his death, Luna postponed his polygraph examination at least once, citing his workload, the newspaper said.


Failed Drug Tests and Polygraph Result in Loss of Peace Officer Status
TUCSON, Az. - An 18-year county sherriff’s department veteran in Arizona had his peace officer status revoked after failing drug tests and a polygraph. Isiah Permelia Jr., 49, maintains he has never taken illegal drugs and doesn’t know why he tested positive several times. He had previously undertaken drug tests and come up clean. Permelia — a member of the Fugitive Investigative Strike Team — reported to Tucson Occupational Medicine on Nov. 16, 2004 where urine and hair samples were taken. His urine tested negative, the document says. But his hair sample showed that he had used cocaine. After the results were accepted and an investigation was initiated, Permelia was given a polygraph test. The polygraph
results indicated that Permelia was deceptive on all drug-related questions. Despite the finding of cocaine residue in his personal vehicle, Permelia has maintained his innocence.


Prosecutors Consider Use of Polygraph Test

WOODBURY, Cn. - Investigators found approximately 29,400 images of child pornography on police officer Terrence Langin’s home computer. The 52-year-old Woodbury, Conn. officer now faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted of child pornography in the first degree. Earlier this month, prosecutors were considering asking Langin to take a polygraph test before bond is set for his release. It was not clear why the state’s attorney’s office wanted Langin to take a lie-detector test. Langin was suspended without pay from the town of Woodbury, but his wife of 21 years and his 17-year-old son continue to receive medical benefits from the town. Prosecutors say Langin could face additional charges.


Polygraph Results Reveal False Claims of Terrorist Membership

BUFFALO, NY - An Iranian citizen says he was lying when he told authorities in Buffalo, N.Y. that he was a terrorist. And a polygraph test proves he was lying, according to his lawyer. Abbas Gandomani, 42, told federal agents on Oct. 11 that he was a terrorist who had taken part in the assassination of a high-ranking Iranian official. But he has since recanted those statements and his attorney and a federal prosecutor are now discussing a potential plea deal. Agents said Gandomani told them four times that he was a former member of an Iranian terrorist group and that he had driven a getaway motorcycle after the assassination of a high-ranking official of Iran. A polygraph test showed that Gandomani was lying about being a terrorist, said his federal public defender, Kimberly Schechter. Schechter and a federal prosecutor are currently attempting to negotiate a plea deal.


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Dear Poly PCSOT

I would like to make a recommendation to all the examiners in the APA who are doing PCSOT testing. I have found over time that if we define what the prohibited contact with juveniles is we eliminate potential excuses that we get from an examinee. I am attaching an article I wrote and if you would publish it I think it will help other examiners who might be having the types of problems I once had.

Chris Ballard, Polygraph Examiner

The Three Second Rule

In PCSOT testing, our primary objective is making certain the Sex Offender (SO) is not reoffending. A secondary objective is to determine that the SO is not having prohibited or unsupervised contact with juveniles or past victims, a situation that would allow him to reoffend. While SO’s conditions of probation or parole vary, most SOs are prohibited from unsupervised contact with juveniles.

Because of this court-ordered condition, one important issue the polygraph examiner faces is the ambiguity of the words unsupervised contact. Without a clear definition, the SO is left to make his own definition, and that is clearly not in the community’s best interest. Therefore, the members of the Triangle of Treatment (Probation Officer, Polygraph Examiner and Treatment Provider) need to agree on one concise, pragmatic definition of being alone.

Does one second alone in a room with a juvenile constitute a probation violation when the supervising adult has walked into another room? Are five or ten seconds alone considered too long? What can a SO do in 30 seconds to a one-year-old who is still not verbal and unable to communicate the sexual abuse?

Because of this gray area, I developed the Three Second Rule; and it has worked well for me. The SO is told that anything more than three seconds alone (e.g. on the phone, in a room, yard, house, car, boat, public place, public restroom, park, swimming pool) is prohibited and considered being alone with a minor. Examples are given to the SO such as: You are in a room watching TV with a juvenile and your adult supervisor. (i.e., someone approved by his therapist who knows of his offense and understands he cannot be alone with minors) If the adult supervisor leaves the room, at this point you (the offender) have three seconds beginning when the adult supervisor has walked over the threshold of the door to exit that room. You are to remove yourself from the room immediately. You may not finish watching the TV program, continue reading your book, or help the child straighten up his toys. In the absence of this rule, the offender will make statements and excuses such as: “my wife went to the rest room and was only gone three minutes”; “my wife just went into the kitchen to fix a meal”; “when I entered the restroom in the store, there was a juvenile already present”; “while driving with my friend and his juvenile daughter, he stopped at the convenience store briefly, leaving me and the child alone in the car”. The triangle of treatment’s solution is: “You have three seconds to depart the vehicle.” My point is: No Excuses Period.
You will save yourself a tremendous amount of aggravation if it is handled in this way; and the SO who is diligently trying to follow the rules has a clear guideline to follow and knows unequivocally what is expected of him. He will then have the choice of either removing himself from the situation, or deliberately exceeding the rule. He will know if he has crossed the line, and he will remember that when the Probation Officer, Treatment Provider or Polygraph Examiner asks, “Have you had any prohibited contact with a juvenile? Have you exceeded the Three Second Rule?” When you review the actual test questions with the SO, the question is clear, “Since your last test until today, have you been alone with a juvenile?” The most critical aspect of the Three Second Rule is not necessarily the concept, but that the therapist and the PO have sanctions for breaking it. Without the fear of punishment, our examinations are next to impossible.

Another application of the Three Second Rule is to assess the SO’s improper sexual fantasies. SOs are not supposed to have sexual fantasies or masturbation fantasies of juveniles or past victims. They are to use whatever method their therapist indicates to stop these fantasies. One method is the utilization of smelling ammonia (the olfactory aversion technique). The SO is to use this technique at the onset of the improper sexual fantasy. What some offenders will do is masturbate to orgasm while entertaining the improper sexual fantasy, then they use their ammonia or other technique after the fact. Sometimes they use the ammonia much later and rationalize that they have done what the therapist requested.

Insert the Three Second Rule to control and eliminate improper fantasies of past victims or potential future victims, or improper sexual masturbation fantasies, and the offender has no way out but the truth. In the pre-test interview, the examiner asks the question, “Have you had an improper sexual fantasy or improper masturbation fantasy of a minor for more than three seconds?” Answer: “Yes” or “No.” (Aversive Conditioning Tapes and other specific fantasy homework assignments do not violate the Three Second Rule.) As we all know, we do not test on fantasies or thoughts, we can only use the SO’s answers as self-reported behaviors. However, the day may come when we employ POT examinations, in addition to the initial ZCT or MGQT, to test the validity of their answers. Then the therapist could use polygraph results to assist in risk assessment, to quantify the number of improper fantasies, and to watch trends over time.

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Dear Chris

Thank you for your article and I can see where this would be very beneficial to our examiners. I too think that if we give an examinee an inch he/she can stretch it into a mile or so, you have found a way to stop them dead in their tracks.

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Some Interesting Notes in History
Billy H. Thompson

The following data are excerpts published by the “International Society For the Detection of Deception,” in their news bulletin as indicated:

August 1948: First edition inviting members. The Society was formally incorporated at Bismarck, ND on 12/30/47.

September 1948. The US Air Force purchased its first polygraph instrument with Major William Wiltberger, former Director of the Police School, San Diego, CA giving an initial demonstration...... 44 applications for membership received.....Sergeant William Morse, a recent graduate of the Keeler Institute assigned to the Scientific Investigations Laboratory, Carlisle Barracks, PA......First application from US Armed Forces received - Major Harold G. Creyts, Chief, CI Section, MP School, Carlisle Barracks, PA....

October 1948: India Police to use polygraph with Puttappa Shivabasppa having graduated from the Keeler Institute.... 40 additional applications for membership received.....First woman polygraph operator joins, Mrs. Jane D. A. Wilson of Madison, WI...Helpful hint - a member suggested using scotch tape to secure the instrument pens when taking the machine on a trip...Society becomes truly International with members in Germany, Japan, Philippines and India.

November 1948: Society reaches 92 members.....Hint: Member suggests placing a small shelf on the back of the subject chair for keeping the attachments when not in use....Another member suggests putting hooks on the back of the chair to hang them.....

December 1948: Interesting case from the US Army involved the Kronberg Jewel Case. During heavy bombing of Germany in 1944, the Hesse family decided to put the family jewels in a safe place, which was to bury them in the basement of Kronberg Castle near Frankfort. The Castle was not bombed and was taken over by the Americans as a rest center. In the fall of 1945 a GI who was looking for hidden treasure as related by servants, found a hollow sounding space in the basement floor. He broke the cement, dug down a short distance where he found a lead lined wooden box. Inside were packages, each carefully wrapped and labeled.

Opening some of the packages he could not believe his eyes for they contained the Hess jewels consisting of bracelets, tiaras, diadems, rings, pins, watches, etc. set with diamonds, rubies, emeralds, pearls and other precious stones. The stunned GI called the OIC, Capt. Kathleen Nash. She ordered them taken to her room where all traces of them disappeared. Nash wanted her friend Col. Jack Durant to see the jewels. He called his assistant Maj. David F. Watson, and the three of them decided to keep the jewels for themselves.

To shorten the story the Prince came to get some of the jewels for the Princess to wear at her wedding but found them missing and an investigation was started by Army CID. Nash and Durant were on terminal leave and they were recalled to duty. Capt. Nash did not comply and was found with her husband at the La Salle Hotel in Chicago and was taken into custody by the MP on June 3, 1946. Nash, who had married Col. Jack Durant, was given a polygraph test by Leonarde Keeler and confessed implicating her then-husband Capt. Jack Durant and Maj. Watson. Some of the jewels she had hidden at her sister’s home in Hudson, WI were recovered by CID. Col. Jack Durant was brought in for interrogation and agreed to

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The Value of Polygraph Research

People have been doing scientific polygraph research ever since Harvard psychologist William Marston published his first lie detection experiment in 1917. Since then, thousands of experimental reports and articles have been published that show us the strengths and weaknesses of polygraph testing, as well as its potential.

The major theories and techniques of polygraph testing have developed over time, and are associated with names such as Larson, Keeler, Reid and Backster. Each of these men made important theoretical contributions to our field. Their insights and ideas have played important parts in the evolution of polygraphy.

Whenever a new and promising idea comes along, it is important to take a long, hard, objective look at it to see exactly how good it is. That long, hard, objective look is what we call research. Webster defines research as “studious inquiry or examination; especially: investigation or experimentation aimed at the discovery and interpretation of facts, revision of accepted theories or laws in the light of new facts, or practical application of such new or revised theories or laws.”

What does that definition mean to you and me as working examiners? In a very practical sense, polygraph research tells us how good we can be, and what we have to do to be that good.

Some Research Evaluates Theories

Scientists often do experiments in order to see if a theory is worthwhile. When a theory is in its early stages, it may not be much more than an interesting idea. At that point, no one really knows whether it has any real value. The best way to evaluate a fledgling theory is to test it in an objective and unbiased experimental setting. For example, when the theory behind the Control/Comparison Question Test (CQT) was first proposed, the only way to see if it really worked was to study it under experimental conditions. And it was important that people other than John Reid (the man who developed the CQT theory) performed the research, since they didn’t have a personal stake in the outcome. Many scientists have tested the CQT and found it to be extraordinarily accurate, thereby validating Reid’s theory.

Some Research Evaluates Techniques

Research doesn’t justify everything that you and I might do in our polygraph suites. It simply identifies the best test formats, question types, instrumentation and scoring systems, and lets us know how good they can really be. For example, many published experiments have shown that the Zone of Comparison Test (ZCT) can be 96% accurate, meaning that when a DI or NDI decision is made, those decisions are right 96% of the time. Does that mean that whenever you or I do a ZCT, we can claim that our tests are 96% accurate?
Not necessarily. We can claim that level of accuracy if we do everything exactly the way that the researchers did, including the pretest interview, question formulation and sequencing, numerical scoring technique, etc. If we change anything, we can’t use those studies to support our own accuracy.

Conversely, if research shows that a given testing technique is not particularly accurate, it is hard to make the argument that it’s better than that when you use it.

How Polygraph Research Benefits You and Me

Reading and understanding scientific experiments (known as the research literature) moves us from opinion to fact. It allows us to pick and choose from many different techniques and approaches, and to identify the very best way to conduct a polygraph test. And once we’re able to do that, there are several practical benefits that accrue to us:

1) Knowing the polygraph research literature makes us better at our jobs

Using the most valid technique in a given situation leads to higher overall accuracy. The most valid technique might not be what we learned in the polygraph school we attended. But if we’re serious about doing the best job we can do, the research might tell us that it’s time for a change.

2) Knowing the polygraph research literature makes us better expert witnesses

Courts are impressed with experts who base their opinions on objective, scientific research. When you’re testifying at a trial or hearing, being able to support your opinion with information that has been produced by DoDPI scientists or university professors makes you a more credible expert witness.

3) Knowing the polygraph research literature makes us more successful in the private sector

Most people, including attorneys and other potential clients, aren’t aware that serious scientists have been doing polygraph research for decades. They don’t know that much of that research has been published in some of the most prestigious scientific journals. Once they realize that a research literature exists, and that they can rely on you to inform them about it, you become a more valuable asset to them.

My Goal For This Column

It is often difficult to read and understand scientific research, because it is written specifically for an audience that is trained in experimental methodology, statistics and other topics that put the rest of us to sleep. In future issues of Truth, I will summarize the findings of some recent and past polygraph research studies in everyday language, so that it is accessible to many more people. A working knowledge of the polygraph research literature will make all of us better, and more successful, examiners.
Some Interesting Notes in History

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take a polygraph test. He was not told his wife confessed. He was given peak of tension regarding the location of the jewels and responded to some of them being buried in Virginia and Wisconsin. He refused to take additional tests; however, his interrogation continued. He asked and made several phone calls saying that it “looked good” and they could probably get some of the jewels back. Later that same evening he led CID to the Illinois Central Train Station where jewels were recovered from a locker with the key hidden above a light fixture over a public telephone booth. The jewels were loose stones removed from larger pieces of the Hesse family jewels that had been broken up and the jewels removed. Captain Nash Durant and Col. Durant were returned to Europe for Courts Marshal with Nash Durant sentenced to 5 years and Col. Durant sentenced to 15 years. Maj. Watson was also convicted by Court Marshal and was given three years. The bulk of the jewels were recovered at Hudson, WI and Chicago. Some were found in Ireland, where they had been sent by Maj. Watson, and some in California, Virginia and Washington, DC. An unknown number were never recovered and are still missing. A case involved the theft of six Army 45 caliber automatic pistols was solved after a polygraph by WO C. N. Joseph. The name of the perp was withheld and four weapons were initially recovered but two had been sold to an “unknown man.” After a polygraph test the perp confessed the “unknown man” was in fact his father. It was also noted that this individual also confessed after he joined the Army he has stolen an automobile in NY and attempted to steal three diamond rings.....

Watch for more to come from the MICJ library!

The contributor is the Director of the MICJ polygraph school and retired from Army CID in 1971. He is a 1962 graduate of the US Army MP Polygraph School and was a certified examiner both in the USAF OSI and Army CID. He served as department chair of the criminal justice program at a local community college for 28 years following his military service.

Research Studies Available

The APA has a compendium of research studies available on the validity and reliability of polygraph testing. The 80 research projects listed, published since 1980, involved 6,380 polygraph examinations or sets of charts from examinations. Researchers conducted 12 studies of the validity of field examinations, following 2,174 field examinations, providing an average accuracy of 98%. Researchers conducted 11 studies involving the reliability of independent analyses of 1,609 sets of charts from field examinations confirmed by independent evidence, providing an average accuracy of 92%. Researchers conducted 41 studies involving the accuracy of 1,787 laboratory simulations of polygraph examinations, producing an average accuracy of 80%. Researchers conducted 16 studies involving the reliability of independent analyses of 810 sets of charts from laboratory simulations producing an average accuracy of 81%. Tables list the authors and years of the research projects, which are identified fully in the References Cited. Surveys and novel methods of testing are also mentioned.

Spiral-bound copies of this article may be purchased for $25.00 postpaid from the American Polygraph Association National Office.
From the President’s Desk

As your president, I have tried to stay active with several committees, but our BOD is working overtime getting the work done.

Our APA accredited schools are doing a great job and I am so proud to see the improvements that they make with each inspection. Training is becoming notably similar from east to west. Our schools are collectively teaching the same material which obviously has a positive effect on standardization of examiner performance.

Continuing education seminars are breaking out all over. We now have them literally from one end of the country to the other. We have commitments far into next year for even more new joint APA regional seminars around the country with similar interests in several countries.

The APA Research Center was again approved for continued operation and has been provided funding by the APA for its operation. Dr Frank Horvath has agreed to continue on as Director of the program. Michigan State will remain the host facility for 2006.

Mr. Ron Searcy has taken over as the APA Web Master. Moving information down the information highway is a complicated task. If we have a glitch or two in the next month it is due to this transition, please be patient with us. If you find an error on our website or need to update information appearing there contact Vicky at secretary@polygraph.org. She’ll get to it as quickly as possible.

At our January BOD meeting we tackled several conflicts that existed between categories of membership created when we eliminated the “Intern” member category. We researched this by addressing the verbiage in our Bi-Laws that contained confusing or conflicting language regarding entry level membership and issues regarding upgrading from entry level membership. We believe we have the issue rectified and everything should be fairly straightforward with a lot less confusion.

At our 2005 seminar the membership spoke clearly about hiring a public relations firm to promote professional polygraph and bolster the professional image of the APA. We got off to a slow start. With so much money at stake there was a lot to consider before making such a large decision. Your BOD was very thoughtful and judicious about moving forward until all the pros and cons could be weighed. This was not an easy decision to make and I applaud every member of the BOD for their input and the serious manner in which they approached this task. At the January meeting the BOD voted overwhelmingly to choose Webb PR as our public relations agency. This past week I met with Mr. Webb, the owner of Webb PR, Heather Halpape, our Webb PR account representative, and Dr. Jim Earle our APA Vice President, Private and APA PR General Chair in Colorado to discuss our strategy. We hope to show you evidence of success within a few months. Getting started is a slow process but this project is currently underway and off to a good start.

The seminar is shaping up nicely. Can you believe it? This year we are going to have four sessions going at the same time on a couple of the days. Are one of the members that can remember when there was only one presentation going on at a time, things have certainly changed haven’t they? This seminar should be as exciting as a three ring circus...in Vegas...

The seminar schedule is in an early draft. We are working on getting the most popular instructors available for all those lectures you asked for. We already have about twice as many speakers as we can use so it’s now a matter of times and opportunities. This is also where it gets difficult to make the schedules work out right. I promise you that you’ll get more than your money’s worth so plan on coming to Vegas. On top of everything else you might get lucky.

I’m not going to steal Roy’s thunder by leaking the names of a few of the guests we are trying to attract, but I think you will be pleased with the folks we are trying to bring in.

I was contacted by several foreign APA members regarding publications they weren’t getting. We are working on the problem. I learned that the APA has not changed the rate that we send publications outside of the U.S. so the problem isn’t something we can easily fix. Any foreign members with a recommended solution may email me at president@polygraph.org with any reasonable suggestions to correct this problem. We want you to get your publications because we realize our publications are an important means for us to stay in touch.

At the invitation of AAPP’s president Bruce Robertson, I will be in attendance at their Seminar

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Jim Earle  
Vice President,  
Private

I am pleased to inform you that two weeks ago in Las Vegas the APA Board of Directors met, voted and approved the hiring of Webb PR – a public relations firm. Friday, February 3, 2006, President O’Malley, Pete Webb, Heather Halpape, the Webb PR account executive for APA) and I met to begin the process of developing a public relations plan of action, addressing priorities, issues and position statements.

The preliminary efforts of our Public Relation program are numerous:

a. Webb PR is designing a media outreach to print, internet, TV and radio media
b. Webb PR is designing a media press kit
c. Webb PR will act as a clearinghouse for all media inquiries and events
d. Webb PR is developing a media link on the APA web site which will include: position statements, goals, purposes, glossary of polygraph terms, and identifying Webb PR for media inquiries
e. Webb PR has instituted a program of daily media monitoring concerning trends, issues and news stories relevant to polygraph
f. Meetings with Webb PR will be held on a monthly basis to direct, facilitate and monitor the progress of our PR program

Three objectives to be addressed in the first six months are:

a. Developing a media kit which will be linked to the APA web site.
b. Developing a professional B roll video. This is a pre-produced video that can be provided to television media for use in broadcast stories.
c. Webb PR has begun preliminary steps to develop and implement a training seminar entitled “Understanding the Polygraph”. This seminar is targeted for the film and television industry for May/June 2006.

In order to accomplish these goals and to enhance the utilization of a PR program it is vital that our membership keep myself, President O’Malley, and PR Committee Chair Bill Tiegen appraised of any positive or impactful results, issues, developments or problems that arise so that we may be proactive in positioning the APA in a professional and favorable light with the media. It is imperative that communication between the membership and the PR committee is ongoing so that Webb PR can provide timely and meaningful efforts on our behalf. I will inform you as the program develops and is implemented. I welcome your input, information and contributions that will ensure that our PR program is successful. Please contact me by e-mail at: vpolygraph@aol.com

Sincerely,
James H. Earle, Ph. D.

Mike Gougler  
Vice President,  
Law Enforcement

Our January 2006 Board meeting was a resounding success. Many issues were resolved. I am happy to report that the Awards Committee was extremely successful. We were able to create the Cleve Backster Award, modify the Bennett Award to include Robbie Bennett as an honoree, retire the J.J. Heger Award, and change the David L. Motsinger Award to the David L. Motsinger Horizon Award. The Horizon award will honor an examiner with less than 10 years experience. Look for the new wording for these awards on our website. Please send your nominations to me as soon as possible. We have many outstanding members; please take the time to nominate a deserving individual. Remember that the awards have special meaning; they are not intended to recognize individuals who clear cases through confessions or those involved in a single high profile investigation.

The sub-committee on Law Enforcement applicant screening presented a thorough product. President O’Malley instructed board members to review the product and send recommendations to me by March 31, 2006. These recommendations will then be forwarded to committee members to guide the project for completion by the July 2006 Board of Directors meeting. This effort will be coordinated with members of the Standards of Practice Committee to ensure consistency.

The Standards of Practice Committee has received the support of the Board to undertake a major re-
write of our Standards of Practice. The committee completed an interim project, but really got involved and wanted a more comprehensive product. I appreciate their willingness to tackle this major effort. A special thanks to Don Krapohl for his coordination of the interim work project. Other committee members working for Chairman Eric Holden are Dick Kiefer and Bill Teigen.

The Board also voted to increase the terms of the President and all Vice-Presidents to two-year terms. The current VP's will not have their terms extended, but all those elected in 2006 will serve two-year terms.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Together we can make a difference.

Truth through Integrity,
Mike

Vickie Murphy
Secretary

Minutes
All Minutes have been completed and were previously forwarded to each Board member.

APA Website - www.polygraph.org
The APA website has successfully made the transition between Webmasters, from Ralph Hilliard, to Ron Searcy (rgsearcy@newrealmsmedia.com). I’d like to take this opportunity to thank Ralph for his past service, and to officially welcome Ron aboard. Thanks also go out to Skip Webb for helping to make this a smooth transition. Neither Managing or Webmastering a site the size of the APA’s is an easy task, so I am working with Ron to update our site, as well as discussing and relaying ideas for new designs to better meet our growing needs. More information will be available at the January Board meeting and I will be requesting funds for this needed project.

Legislation Committee
Each new year starts with a bang, so it is only fitting that each new year starts off with new legislation. The following is a summary of four such proposed legislation received to date:

1. 2006 South Dakota H.B. 1046 – a NEW SECTION to read as follows: No insurer may request or require any insured to submit to a polygraph examination.
2. 2006 Indiana H.B. 1061 - That would affect interrogation of a public safety officer.
3. 2005 New York H.B. 9250 – Relates to sex offenders with requirements for in person registry, prohibits employment or volunteering in youth organizations, authorizes polygraph usage, and directs an establishment of door-to-door notification of residents of a sex offender within 1000 feet.
4. 2005 Alaska S.B. 218 – Relates to periodic polygraph exams for sex offenders released on probation or parole and to sentencing for sex offenders and habitual criminals.

As proposed legislation is received by General Counsel, Gordon Vaughan, it is then forwarded by me to state contacts. If your state needs APA assistance regarding such legislation, please let us know.

State Advisory Board
Once again, it’s time to start thinking about our state association meeting in July. Presidents should be sure to RSVP to have representation of their state at our meeting. Please take the time to check the website to make sure your state association contact information is updated, as well as make sure your annual association seminar is posted at our site.

Viva Las Vegas!
The APA Board of Directors has just returned from the Las Vegas Hilton after having our semi-annual meeting. The meeting rooms are great and there should be plenty of room for attendees in every workshop. The accommodations are nice and there are some great restaurants in the hotel. The only drawback that I saw was the fact that the hotel is not on the strip itself. However, the new monorail has a stop at the hotel and the train can get you very close to the hotels on the strip. There are some nice restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.

The tentative schedule for workshops has been established and I believe that attendees will have a difficult time deciding which workshops to attend. For those examiners who are PCSOT trained or those that are interested in this field, there will be some informative workshops conducted. Examiners who have received a certificate for PCSOT exams will also have an opportunity to receive Continuing Education hours that are needed to maintain their certification. The PCSOT Committee will be conducting an updated audit of the required Continuing Education requirements. Please do not jeopardize your professional status by failing to comply with this requirement. Keep in mind some states and treatment providers require examiners to stay current with established standards. If you haven’t met this requirement or haven’t furnished the necessary proof to the National Office, you may be in violation of those mandated state requirements.

At the recent board meeting, it was the consensus that examiners who are conducting PCSOT exams will need at least 15 of those 30 hours to be in a related field that deals specifically with PCSOT issues.

The PCSOT Committee as well as the APA Board of Directors is looking at the minimum age of an individual that can and/or should be tested. We are currently researching state laws that may already restrict the use of polygraph on individuals who are below a certain age. If your state has this type of requirement already on the books, please contact me.

The Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) conference will be held in Chicago from September 27-30, 2006. The APA will have a booth at that conference in order to better establish a working relationship with their fine organization. An examiner who attends any part of that conference will be eligible to use those hours of training as part of their CEU’s for PCSOT requirements.

I would personally welcome any suggestions or ideas that members have that would benefit this association. Please contact me via my e-mail address at SOS4911@AOL.COM.

I look forward to serving this association and its members as long as the membership feels that I can contribute something to this organization. I thank you for this opportunity in order to serve the members of the APA.
It’s time again for a Report of the “happenings” from a Director’s perspective. Things have been exceptionally busy the past couple of months with starting a new Continuing Education year, working on a new Standard Operating Policy for Continuing Ed and the Board Meeting with all the work involved.

Continuing Education Committee Report
As we get into February, I, along with some of the Continuing Education (CE) Committee, have started the ball rolling for several CE Regional Seminars. Plans are in the formulation stage for Mississippi in May, Texas in September, and Virginia in November. We already have some well-qualified volunteers to instruct and are excited to be off to a good start. Suggestions and/or ideas are still welcome for the year; so contact me with any info.

I have also volunteered to work on some guidelines for CE Regional Seminar Instructors so I may be calling on some members for assistance.

I did manage to submit to President O’Malley a proposed budget for the CE Committee this year and a recommended SOP for the Committee. We were also able to effect a bylaw change eliminating the maximum number of members on a committee to better facilitate needed members on particular committees.

The Board Meeting in January went exceptionally well with a tremendous number of accomplishments from all present.

I feel good about reporting to you that the facility in Las Vegas is quite impressive with excellent meeting rooms, hotel rooms and amenities. Ms. Robbie has done her usual great job with Director Roy Ortriz’s (and others’) help in making arrangements which promise to make our 2006 Seminar the best one yet.

I am also working on the “Annual, Unofficial, APA Seminar Motorcycle Ride” for Las Vegas this year. While in Las Vegas in January, I met with the people at the Las Vegas Harley Davidson Dealership on S. Eastern Avenue. Sam Zenkner has quoted us a rental rate of $125.00 per 24 hours, for a big twin (Road King, Electra Glide, Fatboy, etc.) including helmet and rainsuit. Bike Insurance is $15.00, Bike, driver, and passenger liability is $29.00. All charges are plus 7.75% tax. As is customary, a $1000 credit card deposit is required along with a motorcycle license. The minimum age for rentals is $25.00. If you’re not bringing your own bike and want to participate in the ride you may want to call and make reservations. The number is 702-431-8500, ask for Sam in Rentals and tell her you are with the American Polygraph Association and request the 125.00 rate. We are planning to take a dinner ride on Tuesday night during the Seminar leaving the Hotel at 5PM and riding approximately 85 miles including Red Rock Canyon or about 130 miles including the Valley of Fire. This is still in the planning stage and will be a guided ride. Just remember to make reservations early if you want to rent a bike.

Don’t Forget
Deadline for APA Annual Membership Dues is March 31, 2006. Non-payment of dues results in suspension and loss of publications.
Board of Directors’ Reports

Roy Ortiz
Director

Less than five months are you registered?

By the time this article is printed, there will be less than five months to the 41st annual APA seminar/workshop in Las Vegas. The last board of director’s meeting, January 27-28, was very similar to being under house arrest. It was non-stop business matters for nine hours a day. APA members should know that the board members take their assignments to heart.

APA members that pre-register for the seminar will receive their handout material/binder and will not be subject to the shortages caused by late registration. Members that register late will receive a "CD" of the handout material. This new procedure will help ensure that all pre-registered members receive their material. Please verify with your agency that your registration was paid in advance. In order to make registration easier, please use only one last name. Additionally, the hotel rooms reserved for the APA will no doubt be gone quickly.

As the 2006 Seminar Program Chairperson, I am tasked with securing speakers with presentations that fulfill the interests of APA members. In addition to APA members, speaking at the seminar, there will be (currently scheduled to speak) an agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a researcher from Oklahoma University, mental health professionals, several staff members of the Department of Defense Polygraph Institute, and a well known author.

Topics (subject to change): New technology, testing principles, research, verbal analysis, chart analysis, question formulation, interviewing and interrogation, false confessions, exam documentation, mental health and polygraph, physiology, and Daubert.

The word “volunteers” best describes what makes the APA function. Volunteers with computer/PowerPoint skills are being solicited to assist each seminar speaker. Every day of the seminar, Monday-Friday, at least ten volunteers will be needed. Our “tech” volunteers will be asked to assist the speaker with computer connections and audio-video trouble shooting. The last presentation of the day will require packing and securing the Power Point projector.

Security Issues

The majority of the seminar presentations contain confidential information that requires a constant state of vigilance to prevent outsiders and the general public from entering the classrooms. Volunteers are being sought to act as “Sergeant of Arms” for each classroom.

Entry into the classrooms will require the proper the APA seminar identification name tag.

Professional standards

The dress code for seminar classes is casual, but not shorts, sandals, baseball cap, or tank top. A sports coat/slacks or suit and tie for the men and the ladies something semi-formal for the annual APA Awards banquet. Yes, the dress code is voluntary, but strongly recommended.

I believe out of respect to our speakers and the polygraph profession, it is not too much to ask.

International Members by Director Roy Ortiz

During the first full day of the APA seminar/workshop in Las Vegas (Monday) there will be a session for International members to discuss their issues and questions. This will be the first time, this is being scheduled at an APA seminar. Usually there are three classrooms for “Private Industry” examiners, Government examiners and Law Enforcement examiners.

Several International members have expressed interest in having interpreters available during classroom presentations to translate. In order for this to occur, please e-mail me as soon as possible. Members would be required to pay an extra fee for this service. Please coordinate between each other in your associations/country, and determine how many members would be interested and what language. The deadline for this will be the same as the seminar registration deadline.

There will be a luncheon for International members on Tuesday at the APA seminar. If you plan to attend please have your name and e-mail address typed out and several business cards to exchange. This would be a great opportunity to exchange agency “pins”.

Your association seminar schedules can be printed in the APA newsletter. Please mail/e-mail far in advance. Additionally, International Members are encouraged to submit articles for the APA newsletter.
Board of Directors’ Reports

Don Weinstein
Director

I hope all of our members and their families had the best possible holiday season and are looking forward to greater opportunities and successes as we enter yet another new year. I have not yet had the opportunity to draft another physiology article, but I will in the near future. If there is some topic in the area of physiology that I can assist you in researching, please contact me at directorthree@polygraph.org, and I will do what I can. The goal here, as I may have said before, but bears repeating, is for us to have a solid understanding of one of the foundational disciplines of our profession. I have a genuine interest in physiology and am amazed that every time I “dig into the books”, I learn something. If I can use this information to assist our members, it is particularly satisfying.

As most of you know, your Board of Directors held their latest meeting at the Las Vegas Hilton last month. While not one of the largest in Las Vegas I can attest that it is plenty big enough to accommodate us and allow for a tremendously successful 41st annual seminar and workshop. It boasts 2,941 guestrooms and it is interesting to note that Las Vegas is home to 17 of the 20 world’s largest resorts hotels. The Las Vegas Hilton is number 14, as far as the numbers of rooms are concerned, on the list provided by Charlyn Keating Chisholm, a travel writer who appears on the Internet. While the hotel is situated at the end of “The Strip”, Las Vegas has a tremendous monorail system and the Las Vegas Hilton has a station on the hotel premises. I am told that Las Vegas expects to have an extension to the McCarran Airport by the time we arrive there. For those who are required to travel on state, local or government per diem, you will be pleased to learn that the standard per diem rate is the same price government per diem, you will be pleased to learn that the standard per diem rate is the same price charged by the hotel. Hopefully, this negates having to scramble for rooms at a particular rate. There are 15 dining options, including a personal favorite, The Benihana Village, which while a chain restaurant, has unique Japanese styling, complete with tepanyake grills where your food is cooked right in front of you. And of course the ever present casinos. Let me qualify that, huge casinos. If you are a Hilton Honors Program member, Silver, Gold, or higher level, again if you are so inclined, they will waive the $20.00 fee for use of the fitness center.

According to an available web site (http://taxi.state.nv.us/FaresFees.htm) the “permissible” taxi fare from the airport to the hotel (which is about 4 miles away) is $12.60. There are probably additional fees for additional passengers and/or luggage, so be prepared for this. I did note that on the referenced web site, they note that taxi drivers are not permitted to accept credit cards from passengers.

I feel obligated to advise you though that I found Verizon Wireless connectivity of my cell phone to be less than desirable. It seems that somehow electronic signals are blocked from coming in or leaving and I had to walk outside the hotel for my phone to work. I plan on complaining to Verizon and whoever else will listen to resolve this potential problem before our seminar. I cannot speak for the other systems, but you might want to confirm availability of a signal on your cell phones from your wireless company. I know a lot of people in our profession depend on this connectivity, so a lot of voices may very well get these companies working on the problem. All in all, I think you will enjoy the hotel and Robbie and your Seminar Chairs have worked hard to ensure a rewarding educational and professional experience.

As I expect you already know, your board, by majority vote, selected to engage the services of the Peter Webb Public Relations firm out of Colorado for the public relations firm to head up our public relations initiative that those at the San Antonio business meeting expressed a desire to pursue. I still urge each of you to be individual public relations ambassadors to our organization and profession and maintain contact with Dr. James Earle as the General Chair of the Public Relations to assist where you can. If, in your part of the country (or world), you become aware of a situation that warrants public relations exposure, contact Dr. Earle and provide him with that information. Now that we have engaged this initiative, we must use it to its fullest advantage, and a lot of that is up to you.

I am pleased to advise you that I have been able to secure the services of a Fox News analyst to both speak at one of our lecture sessions at the seminar as well as being our banquet speaker. Ms. Aphrodite Jones, who most recently spoke at the Florida Polygraph Association, is an author of true crime novels and is particularly knowledgeable of crimes where polygraph was involved in the investigative process. She is quite familiar with the criminal cases against Michael Jackson, Scott Peterson, and Robert...

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Blake. This should be a “don’t miss” event for your plans at the seminar.

I should note that insofar as classrooms are concerned, most, if not all of the classrooms being provided to you are, in a word, immense. I am not sure I have seen rooms as big as these and the instructor who likes to move around the room during his lecture will definitely get a workout! We have so many talented speakers and interesting topics, we have even identified an additional room on at least one of the days to accommodate those who wish to share their expertise with their colleagues.

In addition, we plan on having a researcher, Shane Connelly from Oklahoma University as a guest speaker addressing the issue of behavior in matters of truth and deception. There are numerous other speakers, all of which will make it difficult for you to choose the one you want to hear, but one thing for sure, whatever your selection, you will not be disappointed. As soon as it is “dressed out”, the schedule will be published…in fact it might be published in this edition of the Magazine.

I assisted Mike Gougler in developing the qualifying language for our newest award, the David Mottsinger Horizon Award, particularly recognizing the accomplishments and dedication to the profession of our newest members of the profession of the detection of deception. I am certain that the specific language will be forthcoming and I encourage you to get your nominations in for this and all of the awards.

On another note, with the assistance of your Editor in Chief, Dr. Stu Senter and, on this occasion, members of the Florida Polygraph Association, I have authored a “new” article for our Magazine. This edition will be entitled “Focus on the Florida Polygraph Association”. The idea here is to familiarize as many members as possible with the structure and activities of a variety of state associations around the country and the world. I expect this to grow and include other associations, schools and significant people in our profession. Drop me an email if you have any particular ideas about future articles you wish to see. I do not expect to be the only author for this project, so expect authoring from my colleagues on the board and any of you as members. Should you wish to enter the world of journalism, submit a proposal to Dr. Stu.

I look forward to seeing many of you as continuing acquaintances and colleagues or meeting those new to our profession at either our Las Vegas extravaganza, in July, for the federal government folks, the Federal Interagency Polygraph Seminar in Virginia during May, or at the seminar of our sister organization, the American Police Polygraph Association in Portland, Maine, the “stomping grounds” of my adolescence, during April. All of these propose excellent opportunities for the advancement of your education in credibility assessment and specifically, the detection of deception which has taken on a much more significant meaning.

Las Vegas Spot . . .

Fremont Street

Visitors to the Fremont Street Experience enjoy an exciting pedestrian promenade in the neon center of downtown Las Vegas. Five city blocks covered with a $17 million canopy. Once the sun has set, visitors can peer upward to experience more than 12.5 million synchronized LED modules offering high-resolution images and special effects - all synched to a lively sound-tract fed through a state-of-the-art 550,000-watt, concert-quality sound system.
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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