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**Polygraph Reveals Marine's Involvement in Iraqi Death**

SAN DIEGO – A third Marine has now been charged with murder and dereliction of duty in a case which centers on claims that in 2004 a Marine squad opened fire on a group of unarmed detainees during heavy fighting in Fallujeh, Iraq. Sgt. Ryan Weemer brought this incident to light during a polygraph examination he received as part of his pre-employment processing to the Secret Service. Investigators say that during the polygraph interview, which included questions about whether he had involvement in a wrongful death, Weemer described the killings. The other two Marines implicated in this incident are Sgt. Jermaine Nelson and squad leader Jose Nazario Jr. Weemer and Nelson will face court-martial by the military. Nazario, who has completed military service, will face charges in federal court.

Internet – “Marine Charged With Murder in Iraqi Death,” CBS News; March 18, 2008

**Cocktail Waitress Exposes Attempted Blackmail Plot**

MEMPHIS, Tennessee – An investigation into the alleged blackmail plot against Memphis Mayor Willie Herenton by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has now come to a close. According to Gwendolyn Smith, a secret group of power brokers wanted to involve her in a scheme designed to politically embarrass the mayor. Smith, a former cocktail waitress, was recruited to entice the mayor into a sexual encounter which would be videotaped and then released to the public during his mayoral election campaign later this year. Smith subsequently reported the intentions of these power brokers to the authorities. During the course of the investigation, Smith was administered a polygraph examination, in which she showed no signs of deception.

Internet – “Gwendolyn Smith Took Lie Detector Test, Latest Info Reveals,” The Daily News; Apr. 01, 2008

**Sex Offender Admits to Assaulting Child After Failing Polygraph**

DODDRIDGE COUNTY, West Virginia - According to the Sheriff's department, on April 2nd, convicted sex offender David James Todd, was arrested for two counts of first degree sexual assault. Todd had been previously convicted for sexual assault in 1992 and had served 12 and one-half years of that sentence in prison. Sources say Todd admitted to abusing an 8-year-old boy after failing a polygraph test. Authorities will continue their investigation of Todd, and there may be more alleged victims and charges.

Internet -- “Officials Say Sex Offender Strikes Again,” WTAP News, Apr 3, 2008 (WTAP.com)

**Hand-held Lie Detector to be used in the War on Terror**

FORT JACKSON, South Carolina – The Pentagon announced that they will be issuing hand-held portable lie-detector devices to U.S. Army soldiers in Afghanistan. The device known as PCASS (Preliminary Credibility Assessment Screening System), works by recording skin resistance through two electrodes attached to the hand, and pulse rate through a pulse oximeter clipped to the fingertip. The data from the oximeter and electrodes are then interpreted by the PCASS. A small screen on the device then provides the operator with a result: red-“deceptive”, green-“not deceptive”, or yellow-“inconclusive.” The device was developed in response to a memo from HUMINT collectors. Critics of PCASS claim that use of the device may actually put American lives at risk if soldiers put too much trust in the device. They cite three Pentagon-funded studies which were conducted on U.S. citizens. In the studies, the PCASS had an accuracy rate of only 62 to 79 percent when “Inconclusives” were counted as errors, though the accuracies were 80 to 92 percent when the “Inconclusives” were excluded. Representatives from the Department of Defense Academy for Credible Assessment (DACA) recognize that while the PCASS accuracy rate is significantly less than that of a polygraph, it is still significantly higher than the
method currently being used -- “gut intuition.” They assert that when used properly and strictly as a triage device for initial assessments, the PCASS will be a very valuable tool in the war on terror.

Internet – “New Anti-Terror Weapon: Hand-held Lie-Detector” MSNBC; Apr. 09, 2008 (MSNBC.COM)

**Classified Information Leak Leads to Investigation and Firing of CIA Officer**

WASHINGTON, DC – On April 20th, CIA Officer Mary McCarthy was fired for leaking classified information to Washington Post reporter Dana Priest. According to intelligence sources, McCarthy failed a polygraph examination prior to her being fired. She is now under investigation by the Justice Department. According to officials, the Washington Post article significantly damaged relations between the U.S. and allied intelligence agencies and severely compromised national security. Following the leak, CIA Director Porter Goss, ordered an internal investigation on leaks of classified information. It was during this investigation that McCarthy was identified as a suspect, interviewed, and subsequently fired.

Internet – “CIA officer fired after admitting leak.” NBC News; Apr. 21, 2008 (MSNBC.com)

**Polygraph Used to Help Rule Out Suspects in Bank Robbery**

PHILIPPINES – The investigation continues into the robbery of a Rizal Commercial Banking Corp (RCBC) branch in Cabuyao, Laguna that left all witnesses dead. Authorities say the 10 victims, including the security guard and bank vice-president, were shot execution style during the robbery. As part of the investigation, two other bank security guards, Joel de la Cruz and Regidor Sampooan, were administered polygraph tests. Both guards were cleared as suspects after passing the polygraph exams and testing negative for powder burns.

Internet – “No cops involved in RCBC killings,” Philippines Today; May 23, 2008 (www.philippinestoday.com)

**Missing Woman’s Husband Takes Polygraph Exam**

PORTLAND, Oregon – Heather Mallory was last seen arguing with her husband, Brian Cole, at their apartment on March 8th. She has not been heard from since. The investigation into the disappearance of Mallory, prompted police to administer a polygraph examination to her husband. On May 30, Cole told reporters that detectives had conducted a polygraph examination asking him if he killed his wife or knew her whereabouts. Cole also told reporters that he failed the examination, but had not officially been named as a suspect in the case. When asked, he claimed he did not know why he had failed. The investigation is ongoing.

Internet -- Husband of missing Portland woman failed lie detector test.” KGW News; May 30, 2008 (KGW.com)

**Polygraph Clears Judge of Racist Memo**

TEXARKANA, Arkanas -- A Miller County judge who was under investigation for allegedly writing a racist memo has been cleared of the charges. Judge Roy McNatt who was accused of authoring the memo in 2005, consented to a polygraph examination. According to prosecutors, McNatt passed the examination, clearing him of writing or distributing the memo. It is possible that federal authorities may be involved in further investigation because the fact that the memo surfaced during a political campaign may constitute voter fraud.

Internet -- County Judge Passes Polygraph in Miller Co. Memo Flap,” KATV News; May 10, 2008 (katv.com)
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It has been several years since “http://www.antipolygraph.org” first appeared on the world-wide-web. From almost any perspective, this site has had a real affect on the polygraph community and has unquestionably affected how we do our business. As the name implies, antipolygraph.org is antagonistic to the forensic assessment of credibility in its design and stated purpose, but has it truly been as damaging to our profession as its founders intended? As a polygraph examiner, instructor, and researcher for nearly twenty years, and as a current officer of the American Polygraph Association (APA), I would like to take a moment to discuss what I believe to be the true effects that the website has had on the APA, the international polygraph community, and to polygraph as a scientific pursuit.

I would like to begin by stating the purpose of this article is not to attack this website or its founder, Mr. George W. Maschke, in any way, but to explore as objectively as possible, the actual results of Maschke’s efforts and the state of affairs in the polygraph community as things stand now.

To best appreciate the effects of antipolygraph.org, one must understand how Maschke became so hostile towards the use of polygraph in the first place. According to his website, in May of 1995, Maschke, a reserve U.S. Army intelligence Captain and Arabic speaker, was administered a pre-employment polygraph examination by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The FBI polygraph examiner ultimately determined he was deceptive to the relevant test questions and conducted a post-test interview in an attempt to resolve the outcome of the test. Apparently for Maschke, the information gleaned from his polygraph examination and interview ultimately resulted in his disqualification for employment with the FBI.

Undeterred, Maschke, underwent polygraph examinations with other agencies, aggressively continuing his attempts to gain access/employment. However, in the end, it seems those examinations also did not go particularly well. Unfortunately for Maschke, the Army’s Central Clearance Facility later revoked his security clearance which in turn caused him to be ineligible for promotion from captain to major which finally led to his discharge from the U.S. Army Reserve. During this time, Maschke launched several unsuccessful appeals of the results of his various polygraph examinations, while concurrently studying all he could find on polygraph theories, operations, procedures, and applications.

Maschke eventually moved to the Netherlands and acquired employment with an international commission formed to work closely with representatives of the Iranian government to process civil claims against the Iranians. Maschke continues to live and work in the Netherlands, in this capacity, and it is from this place that he first created and now manages his anti-polygraph website.

Over the years, Maschke has worked diligently from his home in the Netherlands to collect and post to his website any and all materials he could obtain addressing polygraph methods and applications. He has acquired and posted open source materials and aggressively pursued more sensitive polygraph information through the use of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), materials gained in civil court cases, as well as myriad of other more creative means. Over time, Maschke’s website became a comprehensive repository of polygraph information and is utilized today by many as a source for polygraph research data. In fact, I regularly direct examiners requesting federal polygraph training materials to Maschke’s website, to preclude them having to go through the arduous FOIA process. The federal training materials found on Maschke’s website, though
not generally current, are reasonably helpful.

Of course, Maschke uses his website as far more than a simple repository for information. A cursory review of his main page reveals Maschke uses his presence on the internet in a wide variety of ways. An example would be an online petition Maschke initiated about five years ago to implore the President of the United States to halt the use of polygraph screening in the federal pre-employment process. I believe that to date, Maschke has received a total of 1280 signatures from individuals who appear to agree that polygraph screening is not a good idea. Interesting though, when one “does the math” the following reality begins to emerge.

Maschke claims to receive hundreds of thousands of “hits” a year to his website and I personally believe this number is probably accurate. Accordingly, I would conclude that 1280 signatures collected over several years actually represent a ridiculously small percent of visitors to Maschke’s website. Therefore, the lack of greater numbers of signatures certainly suggests to me that the general population does not as a whole opt into the belief that polygraph screening should in fact be abolished. Of course this is very reassuring to those of us involved in this important work and once again shows that level of assistance to the polygraph profession that Maschke has in fact provided.

As an additional note, Maschke has addressed his petition of the past several years to President George Bush. I am afraid Maschke will have to either change the addressee in a few months, or submit the petition “as is” before our current president leaves office. Of course, since most petitions that reach government officials at the national level require hundreds of thousands or even millions of signatures before they are taken seriously, I am not optimistic Maschke’s petition will receive any significant attention.

Maschke has also used his website to encourage/persuade individuals into participating in an prolonged class action federal lawsuit that he was convinced would result in a court imposed ban on pre-employment polygraph testing by federal law enforcement agencies. I understand each of the plaintiffs, to include those prodded by Maschke, paid many thousands of dollars to retain a high profile Washington D.C. lawyer to bring the suit. Unfortunately for the plaintiffs, the court sided with the right of federal law enforcement to administer polygraph examinations to their applicants. This not only vindicated the practices of federal law enforcement agencies, but by extension provided significant precedent for local law enforcement as well. As a federal polygraph examiner, I appreciate each and every dollar these people paid, for their investment helped establish the legal precedent codifying the government’s express right to utilize this critical screening tool.

Perhaps the most significant unintended affect of Maschke’s efforts against the polygraph community lies in the considerable advances which have been made in the field of polygraph countermeasure awareness, detection, and mitigation. When I attended polygraph school back in 1987, examiners were taught very little about countermeasures, except to be assured that we would “know them when we saw them.” The research and study Maschke conducted when writing his e-book, “The Lie Behind the Lie Detector” established that this belief was in fact a misconception, that certain specific measures could be taken by a polygraph examinee that could potentially mislead the unsuspecting polygraph examiner to the wrong diagnosis.

The attention Maschke has helped to focus on the countermeasure issue has had the very positive effect of inspiring the polygraph profession to aggressively tackle this concern. Countermeasures research is ongoing, examiners are being actively retrained, and new countermeasure sensors continue to be developed and fielded. As a result, significant numbers of examinees have been caught attempting to employ these tactics and individuals choosing to apply the advice provided on Maschke’s website have been dealt with consistent with the policies of the agencies concerned. Therefore, by having alerted polygraph examiners to action, Maschke has in reality provided a great service to the polygraph community.

The preceding does cause me to reflect on what I believe to be the only real harm Maschke and his website have done and that is the damage he and others have inflicted on the very people he purports to help. The “help” Maschke provides has in fact caused second and third order effects that have been both dire and in some cases, life changing. Maschke may not fully understand the destruction he has wrought by his advice to both deceptive and truthful examinees to attempt to manipulate their polygraph results.

In the case of the deceptive, there is clearly no harm done, for they are predictably caught, and in the case of screening examinations, immediately eliminated by most agencies from consideration for employment.

The real harm in my opinion is to the
truthful/innocent examinee, for before the days of websites such as Maschke’s, these examinees would have cooperated in the polygraph process and in the vast majority of cases, accurately determined to be truthful. Furthermore, if the examinee were an applicant for employment, he/she would have likely gone on to begin their desired career of government/law enforcement service.

Unfortunately some truthful examinees have now bought into Maschke’s claim that they need to employ his manipulations in order to “ensure” passage of their polygraph examination. These followers have suffered very unfortunate consequences; for once caught, they are normally eliminated from consideration for employment. This poignant outcome is not just a unmitigated disaster for the examinee that has probably just had their life’s dream torn away, but is also a significant loss for the testing agency who otherwise might have gained a well qualified employee. Therefore, it is critically important that every polygraph examiner ensure the people they test are made well aware of the potential pitfalls of following advice that Maschke and others so casually provide.

In conclusion, it is clear to me that all the hard work, long hours, and money invested by Maschke, his backers, and friends in their efforts to dismantle our noble profession, have by all measures actually helped polygraph to expand at a most impressive rate. In fact, contrary to eight years of prophecy by Maschke and his followers foretelling the rapid and certain death of polygraph, the use of polygraph around the world has actually increased considerably. For example, membership in the American Polygraph Association has risen from 2043 to 2820. That is an increase of 38%, astounding! Additionally, the number of federal agencies using polygraph in either screening or specific issue testing has risen from 21 to 27, with others poised to come on line shortly. Furthermore, though I don’t have the numbers to substantiate it, I believe the use of polygraph by non-federal law enforcement agencies has also grown considerably.

During this same time frame, the use of polygraph in sex offender maintenance programs has exploded as therapists have discovered the immense utility of the polygraph process in assessing the credibility of their clients. Lastly, a growing number of democratic governments around the world have learned the value of polygraph testing in criminal, counterintelligence, and counterterrorism efforts. If the ever increasing numbers of foreign applications to the APA are any indication, these nations are aggressively pursuing operational development of major polygraph programs within their jurisdictions.

So next time you click on the anti polygraph website and read the promises of a bloody demise of polygraph at the hand of Maschke and his followers, keep in mind the old Mark Twain quip, “The news of my death has been greatly exaggerated,” and pause to consider the real news that by almost every measure, the polygraph community has flourished, and may actually owe George Maschke a debt of sorts for the many positive outcomes his efforts have brought us.

Polygraph in the News

Internet – Polygraph calls former police cadet’s credibility into question,” WRAL News; May 5, 2008 (WRAL.com)

Dog Groomer Passes Polygraph; Wants Results Admitted in Trial

BLOOMINGTON, Illinois – Denise Read, a dog groomer accused with attempting to poison a competitor’s dogs, wants a jury to hear the results of a polygraph examination she took in connection to these charges. Tim Bowling, owner of Canine Design, told police that last September he witnessed Read throwing a bag of meat over the fence into an exercise yard outside his business. According to his report, two of his dogs became ill after eating the meat and were treated by a veterinarian. Read denies the allegations and claims that Bowling is actually responsible for poisoning the meat in an effort to eliminate her as a competitor. On April 28th, Read was administered two polygraph examinations that included 14 questions pertaining to the case. Read’s attorney reports that she passed the polygraph test. Her attorneys are now attempting to bring these test results into trial.

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Maryland State Trooper Receives Child Protection Award

United States Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey commemorated National Missing Children's Day in a ceremony on May 21st, 2008 that honored law enforcement officers and citizens from across the country for their commitment to recovering missing children and combating child exploitation.

During the ceremony Attorney General Mukasey presented Trooper First Class Becky North, of the Maryland State Police, with the Child Protection Award for her tenacity in investigating a child abuse case.

In September of 2006, TFC Becky North began investigating a sexual child abuse case in coordination with the Talbot County Department of Social Services. The investigation quickly spread from one victim to five victims. Additionally, during the course of the investigation it was discovered that the crimes had spanned over three counties and dated as far back as 1973.

It was also determined that crimes against five of the children had been committed in Talbot and Dorchester Counties in Maryland. Additionally, TFC North later discovered that two additional crimes had occurred in Carroll County in Maryland, prior to the suspect moving to his most recent address in Talbot County, Maryland.

The investigation revealed five identified victims ranging in age at the time of the abuse from seven years to 15 years of age. However, various other information discovered throughout the investigation revealed the suspect to have attempted sexual abuse of children as young as three years of age. It was also determined that, in addition to the main suspect, two of his male associates were also charged and later convicted of similar crimes to some of the same victims.

The primary suspect in this case is a 49 year old male who victimized his own daughter, grandchildren and grandchildren’s friends while under his supervision. The suspect has previously spent time in jail as a result of a conviction on prior sex abuse charges in 1982 and again in 1988. Following the outcome of this case, several other victims who wished to remain anonymous contacted TFC North extending their thanks and advising her of years of sexual abuse at the hands of the primary suspect.

The investigation continued throughout the first half of the year 2007. After several search warrants on the suspect's residence, computers, and vehicles, the suspect was charged with over 100 various charges including Rape, Sex Offenses 2nd, 3rd, and 4th degree, Perverted Practices, Assault, Sexual Abuse of a Minor, Continuing Course of Conduct in the Sexual Abuse of a Minor, Sodomy and Incest.

In the summer of 2007, the suspect confessed and plead guilty. He received 99 years in the Department of Corrections for his crimes against children.

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PCSOT Committee Convenes in Austin

On May 29-30 11 members of the PCSOT committee met in Austin, Texas, to consolidate a draft of a PCSOT Model Policy. The PCSOT Model Policy is the product of months and hundreds of hours of work by the Committee members who had been meeting electronically to craft the document. Michael Gougler (APA President Elect, Committee General Chair) arranged for the group to meet at the facilities of the Texas Department of Public Safety at no charge. In attendance were: Rick Holden, Chair (Texas), Elizabeth Freitas, Vice Chair (Hawaii), Rob Lundell (Oregon), Barry Woodgate (Minnesota), Jeff Jenks (Colorado), Wes Burns (Arizona), Wade Moss (Florida), John Swartz (Texas), David Thornton Ph.D. (Wisconsin), and Jim Adams (California). The APA Board was represented by President Elect Michael Gougler, who participated in the discussion and provided logistical support, and Chairman Donald Krapohl who assisted on research and procedural issues. The finalized PCSOT Model Policy will be presented to the APA Board for consideration and formal approval in August.
Greetings everyone. I hope that by the time you read this you will be packing for the APA 43rd annual seminar. Because of the publication cycle this may be my last opportunity to address you as President before the 2008 APA seminar. I have enjoyed serving you over this last year. Your board has worked so hard on fulfilling the objectives in the strategic plan and as of this writing I am of the firm belief that we will have accomplished all of the 2007/2008 goals set.

I have seen what Roy Ortiz has done with this year’s seminar and I am excited that there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Please look in this particular issue of the APA Magazine for the latest schedule of events. In addition, you are also invited to check out our APA webpage at www.polygraph.org for the latest posting of the schedule. As changes are made Vickie will immediately update the site, so check often. Roy and his committee have really done a good job pulling this off and I encourage all of you to let him know how much you appreciate him when you see him. Roy, thanks for your hard work.

As President I was invited to attend the AAPP this year in Florida, but as luck would have it, I broke my foot. Due to the break, my doctor advised that I should not travel and therefore APA President Elect Mike Gougler attended on my behalf. I want to thank Don Imbordino and the AAPP for the invitation and I am certain that the seminar was a great success. I have asked Mike to reciprocate the invitation to their newly elected President, Toby McSwain. Congratulations Toby, and best of luck in your new position.

As most of you should know by now the elections are complete. Boy, what a challenge that was. Don Krapohl, the committee chair learned some valuable lessons from this first run so I think that next year it will be much smoother. I also want to thank Dr. Frank Horvath for taking the time and effort to publish in our last magazine the processes that occurred with the elections. I think all of you now understand the hard work that went into making that committee work. For those who have not seen the results, here are those who will be sworn into office at the Annual Banquet in August for the 2008-2009 term:

- President - Mike Gougler
- President Elect - Dan Sosnowski
- VP Government - Keith Gaines
- VP Law Enforcement - Pam Shaw
- VP Private - Chuck Slupski
- Director One - Don Weinstein
- Director Two - Barry Cushman
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- Treasurer - Chad Russell
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Leaving the Board at the end of this term will be Nate Gordon and Roy Ortiz. To both of them I want to publicly express my appreciation for their service to me and the APA over the years as Board members. Often times they were both behind the scenes working issues on behalf of our Association and they will be missed. I also have to say goodbye and thanks to Don Krapohl, Chairman of the Board who will also be leaving at the end of this term. Don worked extra hard trying to keep me out of trouble and still find time to serve as our Chairman. Thanks Don. To everyone else who sat around the table with me this last year, thank you for your support and your tireless efforts on the multitude of issues we overcame. Lastly, thanks to our members who entrusted me as your President. I know that I made some decisions that upset some of you while at the same time some of those decisions made others of you happy. However, every decision was made with the aim of benefitting the APA and our profession. Thank you.

In closing, I hope to see all of you at this year’s seminar and it has been an honor to have served you. I am sure your new board will continue the advancement of our Association.
Greetings from Texas:

The annual seminar is upon us. I hope to see everyone in Indianapolis.

Congratulations to new board members, Chuck Slupski, Barry Cushman, and Elmer Criswell. Also, congratulations to those re-elected, Dan Sosnowski, Pam Shaw, Chad Russell, and Keith Gaines.

I would like to thank Roy Ortiz and Nate Gordon for their service to the APA. Great job over the years and Godspeed.

The PCSOT committee is moving forward and meeting the benchmarks that were established.

A meeting was held in Austin, May 29th and 30th. I am confident that a protocol will be presented to the Board of Directors at the annual seminar. Much hard work has been invested by the committee that includes nightly chat rooms. Great job and thanks for your diligent effort.

As I prepare for the presidency, I extend an invitation to all members who want to serve on APA committees. Please become involved. There is plenty of work to go around.

I would like to advise the membership that I retired from the Texas Department of Public Safety on May 31, 2008. I have enjoyed a rewarding career and look forward to new challenges.

We have had significant changes in the APA election process and I solicit your input to ensure you are satisfied with the process.

If you have any recommendations that would enhance the APA, please bring them to my attention. I look forward to advancing the APA and the profession during my term in office.

Keith H. Gaines
Vice President, Government

Thanks to all who nominated members for the myriad of APA awards available to our membership. Nominations are now closed. The awards committee will begin analyzing each nomination package in June and we will undoubtedly have a fine list of deserving recipients to congratulate at the annual seminar.

The Seminar committee has prepared an outstanding conference for all of us and I look forward to seeing each of you in Indianapolis. As I have said previously, the venue is truly first class with everything one would need or want either located conveniently in the hotel complex or very close by. I am sure you will find the quality of the material to be presented continues to be relevant, timely, and worth the trip.

While at the conference, make sure to take a good look around. Our association is now more international in its make up then ever. This only serves to reinforce what most of us already know. The practice of polygraph is growing in places I for one would have never expected. The utility of criminal investigative, counterintelligence, pre-employment screening, and maintenance polygraph testing is being proven more and more everywhere one might look and I mean everywhere.

As a final note, I have published an article in this issue regarding what I believe to be the actual effects of the existence of anti-polygraph websites on the polygraph community and the effects of the material they disseminate on the efficacy of the examinations we conduct. Please take a few minutes to read it and let me know your thoughts. This is an important issue to everyone who practices in this field. Whether your examinees are criminal suspects, sex offenders, or applicants for employment, you can bet they have been exposed to the material provided on these websites and it is imperative we are all prepared to deal with any potential outcomes.

Once again, thanks to one and all for their continued support and we will see you in Indianapolis!
Nate Gordon  
Vice President, Private

First, I would like to congratulate the newly elected officers. There are several new members to the Board that should make valuable contributions to the direction our organization and profession is headed.

I have been contacted by several members concerned with our government’s decision to issue lie detectors for field interviews in Afghanistan and Iraq, known as PCASS. This hand held device consists of an EDA and Plethysmograph, and lights up green to indicate a truthful response, red a deceptive one, and yellow for an inconclusive one. The unit was tested and found to be in the 70% range of accuracy. The logic behind issuing the device was that it was more accurate than a field interviewer's "gut" opinion, and more accurate than voice stress devices. I understand the utility of this device and believe that field interviewers will be able to ascertain more information with it. In war, information saves lives! While this is true, I have concerns that too much faith in a device like this may also result in loss of life. Hopefully those using it will be properly trained and have a clear understanding of its limitations.

The force behind the CVSA, Charles Humble, admits in a television interview there is no research supporting the accuracy of the CVSA and that his Doctorate degree in Psychology was issued by a theology correspondence school located in the same office building as his, after 40 hours of study! Every study from DoDPI (now DACA) indicates the accuracy of CVSA is below 50 percent. Yet, the CVSA continues to strive; is being used by our troops in harms' way, and as a result, will be given an award on national television for the role it is playing to fight terrorism. Incredible!

I believe that the APA has to refocus our public relations efforts. The membership strongly voted in support of this in the past, and unfortunately the leadership at that time spent a great deal of money with very little return. The 2006 Board, in my opinion, wisely stopped any further loss of money being spent on the existing programs, however, very little was done to re-investigate how to better pursue our public relation efforts. I think if we do not become more aggressive in this pursuit we will be facing our own moment of truth, and like the TV show of the same name, I do not think it would be very good.

Pam Shaw  
Vice President, Law Enforcement

Hello from Kentucky. I would like to take a moment and thank the membership for re-electing me as the Vice-President for Law Enforcement for a second term. I have fully enjoyed serving during this first term, and now that the bulk of my orienting response has subsided, I am encouraged, better prepared and better equipped to continue on and press forward in accomplishing the goals of our organization.

Also, I send my congratulations to all those newly elected and/or re-elected to the board!

Upon first becoming a member of the board, I was tasked with establishing the year's webinar schedule and ensuring that the membership had ample opportunity for continuing education. This was also ensured via the APA co-hosting training seminars with various state associations. The co-hosted seminars have gone very well, however, webinar attendance has been lacking to say the least. With the exception of one webinar, there have only been the occasional one or two members who have expressed interest in a webinar in any given month. In light of such dismal attendance, the concept of the webinar as a viable means for continuing education needs to be revisited. As I take this issue before the board, I would ask for your feedback, suggestions or concerns. Is this something that you would like to see the APA continue? Is there another continuing education venue you would like to see the APA utilize instead?

The Standards of Practice committee is continuing to gather information and sketch out a quality control process to be made available to the membership as needed or wanted. The committee is looking for volunteers to serve the membership as quality control reviewers. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity, please contact me.

Lastly, I know there has been great concern and discussion amongst the membership regarding the universal voting process and the status of the fair elections committee. The board realizes that the first administration of this process was not ideal or perfect. I anticipate that there will be detailed and in depth discussion of this process at the annual meeting, but why wait to make your voice heard? Please pass along your thoughts and concerns.
Thank you again for granting me the opportunity to continue to serve you, the APA, and the polygraph profession!

**Dan Sosnowski**  
**Director**

The first mail-in vote in the history of the APA has been accomplished. I believe that by making this opportunity available to each member is an important step in making this organization even stronger. I would like to thank each and every member who took advantage of this opportunity. For those members who did not take advantage of this opportunity, I would hope that they would consider doing so next year. I am looking forward to working with Mike Gougler as well as the other board members in this upcoming year. I would also like to congratulate Mike on his recent retirement from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Thanks to all of those members who voted for me for the position of President-Elect. I hope that I can continue to provide the leadership necessary for an organization such as ours. I don’t have all of the answers and will need the input of members. I would also like to congratulate all of the other individuals who were also elected in this historic vote.

Our organization still has issues which affect the entire membership even though members are not involved in certain types of testing. Those areas are the ones that deal with media testing as well as PCSOT. I plan to introduce changes to the existing standard which deal with media testing at the next meeting. I also know that the PCSOT Committee has been working on language and ideas which will spell out a general consensus that everyone should be able to work with. As the current General Chair of the PCSOT Committee, I have the opportunity to double check the final exams that are administered across the country. I am concerned that there are varying degrees of beliefs and philosophies being taught. We need to arrive at a point where everyone is teaching the same ideas and formats for testing. Examiners conducting PCSOT exams need to listen to some of the input and research which deals with working with sex offenders. That information will come from the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, (ATSA). Those are the individuals who understand how these offenders process and provided the proper treatment for those individuals.

Once the PCSOT Committee has finalized their input for the Model Policy and any needed changes for the Standards of Practice, the goal is still to have all of the approved PCSOT instructors meet to agree to a common goal regarding the teaching aspects of PCSOT.

I would also like to thank all of those members who took the time to send me e-mails of support while I was in Baghdad. It was great to hear from folks back home. I look forward to seeing those of you who will attend the APA Annual Conference which will be held in Indianapolis.

Again, it has been a privilege to serve this fine organization for the past number of years and hope that I can continue to contribute to the APA in future years. 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**

**Donald J. Krapohl**  
**Chairman of the Board**

**Report of the Fair Elections Committee**

With the conclusion of the 2008 election the responsibilities of the Fair Elections Committee are completed. I would like to thank those who volunteered to serve: Lynn Marcy, Ray Ham, Jan Niederhofer, Dick Keifer, Shirley Sturm, Ed Gelb, Rick Holden and Walt Atwood. We collectively owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Frank Horvath for inspiring the newly expanded democratic process of universal voting, along with his work with the Past Presidents to select the candidates, his participation in the drafting of the Fair Elections Committee Standard Operating Procedures, and for helping to count the ballots. The National Office played a crucial role in the process by developing the ballot packets you received, for managing the incoming returns, and for conducting an independent verification count of the ballots. My personal thanks to everyone involved for making this a smooth process, and to the more than 800 members who availed themselves of this opportunity to select the APA leadership. Congratulations to the winning candidates, and a word of praise to everyone for a very clean and courteous campaign.

The final count has been completed and the results ratified by the APA Board. The winners of the election were:
From the Board

President Elect: Dan Sosnowski
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These candidates will not take office for the 2008-2009 term until they are sworn in at the banquet at the National Seminar in August. At that time the current President Elect Michael Gougler will become the APA President, and the current APA President Donnie Dutton will assume the office of Chair. Remaining for the second year of their two-year term will be APA Secretary Vickie Murphy-Carr and Director Donald Weinstein. There are also three who serve on the Board in an appointed and ex officio capacity. They are: National Office Manager Robbie Bennett, APA General Counsel Gordon Vaughan, and APA Editor-in-Chief Dr. Tim Weber.

The FEC Standard Operating Procedure is before the Board. The Magazine closed before it was deliberated and voted. In essence, the proposed SOP would use volunteers from among the Past Presidents to recruit and select candidates for office. Members could also appear on the ballot if they obtain a sufficient number of signatures from voting APA members. The SOP would give deadlines for accomplishing the many tasks required to complete the election process. The final version of the SOP will appear in the next APA Magazine.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions for improving the electoral process, please send them to me at APAkrapohl@aol.com. Again, congratulations to the incoming Board.

Vickie T. Murphy-Carr
Secretary

What's New with the APA and the Net?

No news is usually good news and I am happy to report that as we move into the final stage of Phase III of the website development, I definitely have good news to report! Our Webmaster who is steady behind the scenes, Keith Mosher, has done an amazing job with new features and he is still in the process of moving all the content from the old core to the new core system. Not only that, but he has joined forces with Kenny Silanskas for more technical support and both have gone over and beyond the call of duty to provide a whole bunch of features that I didn’t even know existed.

The APA website will become completely internationally capable. Once launched, ALL members will have to re-register with the new core system. This might sound bad at first, but we have total international integration built into this core system. Our international members will not only be able to register properly, but they will also be able to INSTANLY convert the APA website into the language of their choice. Most major languages are supported, (Spanish, French, German, etc.), and this language conversion is instant and happens with the push of a single button! Gone will be the days where these members have trouble signing up because of the required “state” field, or lack of space for listing their phone numbers.

Probably the biggest feature is the fact that I will NOT ONLY have total control over the existing content of the web site as your Website Manager, but I will be able to create new content at any time, without the need for a Webmaster, all by myself (now that’s scary!) with a few clicks of the mouse. I will be able to add a whole new page, a whole new section, a whole new link in any menu, a new image to any page, a new forum for people to chat in, and, literally have TOTAL control of this site from my control panel. It might take a while for me to “master” all the intricacies, but there will be an amazing amount of control within the new core system. As this feature is perfected, I will be able to add configured User roles. For instance, I can add Editor access so that the Editor can directly post “Polygraph In the News” articles. Membership Chair can be assigned control of signing up members online and providing access to the private member site. Our Editor can post the Magazine directly. A Fair Elections Committee member can control electronic voting. The list of potentials can grow as the APA continues to grow and this separation of user roles and responsibilities will lead to greater productivity.

I will now have Member control like never before (even scarier!) and will be able to approve online and for the private site on a mass basis, instead of the current method of one at a time. Member sign up will be easier, and, if you forget your password, it is set up with a new feature for password retrieval! Your web team is working on an Excel sheet with current members that are signed up, so that no one gets lost in the shuffle and I'll be able to do future tracking, including membership renewal.
Members can create user profiles with their fields of interest, skill sets, etc. They can also upload a photo of themselves if they choose and link to their respective websites, emails, etc. Also, each member gets a personalized contact form which people can then use to contact them directly from the website.

We will have features at a glance for inclusion in our newsletters and news feeds for most of the content on our website. Members will be able to add our news feed to their favorite newsreaders. With new Service Link inclusions, users can add an article from each page. This can also strengthen our Search Engine visibility by letting members distribute the links to content in their favorite social networking platform. We can have Newsletters by Subject to create various newsletters of different types. For example, you might have a Site Newsletter for general information or a specialty newsletter about Testing in Law Enforcement that may be written by one of your members. Members can opt in or opt out of whatever they choose. New member links will eliminate having to publish email addresses and, in turn, will seriously reduce the amount of Spam received by them. I’ll also have the capability of activating forums where members can address issues and concerns.

Mass polling will become a possibility. Not only can this feature assist the Fair Elections Committee for future elections and voting, but I will also be able to send out questions for immediate member feedback.

Our new site will have its own APA merchandise store for every item that the APA sells. From challenge coins, to reprints, to logo merchandise, to dues renewal, you’ll be able to have one stop shopping, utilizing a secure PayPal account. With assistance of new core content, our management framework is quite robust and there are a host of options that will be available. We’re included recurring billing and automatic dues renewal. We’ll also have instant inventory control of every item sold and every item available. Our faithful Office Manager, Robbie Bennett, won’t have to go through boxes to do a piece by piece count. The store is also very scalable, so as we grow, we will be able to add new features and functionality.

Last, but not least, the APA Kid’s Room has been completed by current Applicant and prospective new member, Elizabeth “Liz” Martin, and will be added to the new site when launched. Liz was looking for a research project for her independent study requirements for graduation from MICJ. I happened to have some ideas right up her alley once I found out that she designs and manages several websites AND that her mother used to be a graphic artist for Walt Disney! A special thanks also goes out to Nate Gordon, for sending me some of the historical features and pics to help get us started, and to Billy Thompson, for allowing me the right to post it at the APA site. Our new Kid’s Room will be a wonderful addition to the APA website, so be sure to check it out. It’s a great starting point and I’m sure you’ll be pleased with this addition.

My official deadline for completion of Phase III development is to have everything completed by the upcoming seminar in Indianapolis. Our Webmaster is running well ahead of schedule, and if all goes well, he’s hoping the launch will take place within the next couple of weeks. That gives us plenty of time to work through any bugs, although Keith assures me that the days of error messages will become a thing of the past with our new system! He’ll be walking me through the new management system over the next couple of weeks, so that I can get the hang of things. After all the current content is moved and integrated into the new core system, we’ll be going through page by page and he’ll be beautifying the website, tweaking here and there, and adding his pizzazz to spruce things up.

We’re planning on making the final switch for our new site on a Friday so that impact to daily business is minimal. Once we’ve made the switch, look for directions to sign up again. As much a pain as it may be, it will be well worth the extra effort for your future interaction through our new features on the website.

As always, a website is always considered a working document. With that said, our Webmaster has already started looking ahead with visions of our future with a host of ideas and for Phase IV development.

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By now most APA members have seen or heard the media reports regarding the introduction of a new credibility assessment tool for use in the Department of Defense. The device is called the Preliminary Credibility Assessment Screening System (PCASS). Public attention was focused on PCASS after an MSNBC investigative report appeared on their website on April 9th. Since that time the technology has appeared in several venues. There was even a mention of it in Jay Leno’s comedy monolog.

Reactions to the PCASS from APA members who have seen the media reports have been decidedly mixed. My e-mail box includes messages from members wanting to know how to buy the device, and very agitated missives warning of the imminent downfall of polygraphy. Others are from the merely curious. To reach the widest number of APA members at the same time I am taking advantage of the APA Magazine to carry this message.

What is this PCASS, and why is it generating so much attention? Before describing the device itself, it might help to understand how and why it came to be. In 2004 the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (USDJ), Dr. Stephen Cambone, was faced with reports of invalid technologies being used by soldiers in the field. The problem was partly rooted in that there were not enough polygraph examiners to meet the needs for force protection. Vendors of alternatives to the polygraph saw an opening to sell their devices to the government, and had skirted the issue of validity with aggressive marketing. In response Dr. Cambone issued a memorandum which specified that technologies used for credibility assessment had to satisfy three conditions: independent validity research, field vetting, and reports of lessons learned. The effect of his memo was to remove the invalid technologies from the field. In 2005 the Counterintelligence Field Activity (CIFA) was tasked by a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense with developing a tool for rapid screening. The tool had to be valid, have short training requirements, be portable, and be easy to use. CIFA funded the development of the PCASS, and the prototype was delivered in late 2005. In early 2006 the devices were sent to the Defense Academy for Credibility Assessment (DACA) with instructions to conduct the necessary validity studies, and develop a training plan.

After a great amount of work by many at DACA, two studies were completed using a realistic scenario that entailed the planting of a bomb on Ft. Jackson. Included in the scenario, and unknown to the subjects beforehand, were detonations of simulated ordnance at the site where the subjects had placed the authentic-appearing bomb just after they departed the site. In the two DACA studies PCASS decision accuracy averaged 80%, excluding inconclusives. A third study was contracted through the Battelle Memorial Institute, which found decision accuracy to be 92% without inconclusives. Across the three studies the inconclusive rate averaged 19%.

PCASS was taken to Iraq and Qatar in the spring of 2007 to do the field vetting and to produce the report of lessons learned. Based on the favorable...
research, and the feedback from the field vetting, the USDI approved the use of the PCASS within the DoD last October, with certain restrictions. Among the restrictions was that the PCASS was to be used only for testing non-US persons of interest for intelligence and security purposes. There are a few other candidate technologies under investigation that may one day find niche applications, however the polygraph and the PCASS are the only credibility assessment technologies currently approved for use by the Department of Defense.

The PCASS was developed specifically as a screening tool. That is, it was designed to help soldiers prioritize or pare down to manageable numbers the individuals they had to interview, polygraph, or to commit additional processing resources. Its algorithm is risk-averse: it is better at detecting deception than it is at detecting truthfulness. This was intentional, as the PCASS was envisioned as one of the earliest steps in a successive-hurdles model (Meehl and Rosen, 1955.) It can't be used as a standalone technology. Like the polygraph it can conduct the first stage of screening, but it does not have the polygraph's capacity for follow-up testing. This is one reason it is not authorized as a standalone device. It is also important to note that the PCASS is not available to anyone except the US Government.

Though the PCASS has been compared to the polygraph, there are a number of important differences. First, the PCASS records only two channels of physiological data: electrodermal and vasomotor activity. The sensors are the standard EDA plates and Ag/AgCl pads and the photoplethysmograph. They are connected through a DAS to a Ranger Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) which holds the PCASS operating software and the algorithm. The testing protocol begins with a largely scripted interview, followed by PCASS testing. Templates reside in the operating software that determine the order of the test questions. The PCASS operator taps the screen of the PDA to bring up each question. Each test is a single chart lasting about 11 minutes and covers two relevant questions. When data collection is complete the algorithm is activated. Results appear on the screen in text with either a green, red, yellow or white background. The green screen corresponds with a decision of NSR, red with SPR, yellow with inconclusive, and white signifies that the data were insufficient. The entire PCASS exam runs about 45 minutes.

To those who might want to buy the PCASS, or work in police departments that are interested in buying one, please remember that they are unavailable to anyone outside of the US Government. Don't even call. Besides, the PCASS is not appropriate for law enforcement missions since it is only suited to winnowing down large numbers of potential suspects to a smaller number of potential suspects (i.e., to shrink the pool from 30 suspects to 8 or so suspects). Though useful to our soldiers, this hardly fits the needs of most police departments. The polygraph can find the one person who did the crime, a capability against which the PCASS cannot compete. For those who fear that the sky is falling on polygraphy, let not your heart be troubled. As the news media has accurately reported, the PCASS is no substitute for the polygraph. However, if you are still concerned, the best defense against the PCASS assuming the role of the polygraph is to bring about polygraph licensing and standards in your state as soon as possible.

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