

**.dcoOhio Chief Probation Officers Association**  
**General Meeting**  
**February 16, 2007**  
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**Call to Order**

President Switzer opened the meeting and asked the board members to introduce themselves. President Switzer asked members to contact her with issues they would like addressed at meetings.

**Meeting Schedule**

President Switzer reported that the next meeting date will be May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2007. As addressed at previous meetings, there will be two substantial trainings a year, instead of four smaller trainings, to allow additional resources to be devoted to these trainings.

Terry Curry, from the University of Michigan, will provide supervisory training at the May 2007 meeting. Flyers will be developed and mailed out with additional information.

CCA Director's meetings will still be held quarterly on Friday afternoon the day of the OCPOA membership meeting.

The October 2007 meeting will be held in conjunction with the Supreme Court Super Meeting.

**Line Officers Training Institute**

President Switzer reported that the Line Officer Training Institute will be held June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott North. This training will include skill based items that probation officers can take back to improve their job performance.

**Meeting Minutes**

There was a motion by Michael Creamer to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2006 meeting. The motion was seconded by Gary Yates. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasure Vince Polito distributed Treasurer's Reports for November 2006, December 2006, Year End 2006 and January 2007. There was a motion by Dan Wallis to approve the Treasurer's Reports. The motion was seconded by Pete Drager. The Treasurer's Reports were accepted as submitted.

Vince Polito distributed a proposed budget. Gary Yates made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Gayle Dittmer. The proposed budget was approved as submitted.

**Membership**

A membership list was distributed. If you are not on the list and paid your fee, please contact Cheryl Taylor. President Switzer indicated that training invoices are available for those who have not paid membership.

**Board Meeting Report by Kim Switzer**

Pete Hoose is representing OCPOA on the APPA committee reviewing ideal caseload size. There has been no resolution at this point.

President Switzer informed members that the board voted to have another board retreat to follow up on identified goals and identify new goals.

Past president, George Harper passed away in December. The board member voted to contribute \$100.00 to a charity of the family's choice. George Harper was very active at the time of Senate Bill 2.

### **Sentencing Commission**

Gary Yates reported on the Sentencing Commission Meeting, including the prosecutor's request to increase sanctions for F1s and F2s.

### **OJACC Collaborative**

A handout was distributed that was created by the DRC staff and the OJACC Collaborative. This handout contains agreed upon costs for prison and community sanctions. The purpose of creating this document was to develop common language for speaking with legislators and other stakeholders about the benefits of community corrections. The follow-up meeting with DRC to discuss their response to the Resource Needs Report for Community Corrections created by the collaborative has not yet occurred. The CCA representatives on the OJACC Collaborative are Vince Polito, Gary Yates, Dan Peterca and Gayle Dittmer

### **OCPOA Website.**

The OCPOA website domain lapsed and is now being used by someone else. Efforts made to get it back were unsuccessful. The new website will be ocpoa.net and will be up soon with updated information.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Interstate Compact presented by Harry Hageman**

The Interstate Compact Commission will meet with vendors for development of the tracking system for interstate compact. Once selected it should be built with in two months.

#### **CCA Committee**

President Switzer announced that Kory Halter Kochera and Gayle Dittmer will co-chair the CCA Committee. Please contact them with any CCA issues. The CCA Director's meeting will be held following the business meeting.

#### **Advisory Committee on Mental Illness and the Courts presented by Gayle Dittmer**

The Supreme Court held a conference for Judges to address the changing role of a Judge. Issues such as Specialty Courts were addressed. The Judges present developed an action plan to present to the Judicial Conference to possibly change regulations to clarify the issue of Judges playing a role in specialty courts.

The TSIG plan for Ohio was approved and the planning committee will move on to the next phase

The Probation and Treatment Sub-committee continues to work on curriculum for the advanced mental health training for probation/supervision staff.

#### **Supreme Court Training Committee presented by Juli Tice**

The next New Probation Officer Training is scheduled for the weeks of August 13<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007.

The Supreme Court is also sponsoring a Train the Trainer session by Robert Thornton. Names of probation officers recommend for the training were passed on to the Supreme Court.

**APPA Report presented by Gary Yates.**

The APPA Winter Conference was held this week in Atlanta. 900 participants attended. The 2007 Summer Conference will be held in Philadelphia in July.

APPA is developing a Branding Committee. The purpose of this committee is to develop initiatives to improve public relations and recruiting for probation through media campaigns. APPA requested a contribution from Ohio for this initiative. The OCPOA board determined that OCPOA will not contribute at this time, but may consider contributing at a later time.

At the last OCPOA meeting Gary Yates informed members that there will be an opening on the APPA Board this year, as Gary will be stepping down as regional representative for Ohio. Members of the Board of Directors are required to attend one meeting annually, help maintain membership and bring training to the region. Contact Gary if you are interested in serving on the board.

**Membership**

No report

**Line Officers Training Institute presented by Juli Tice**

The committee is in the process of finalizing presenters. If members have suggestions notify Juli Tice or President Switzer. Michael Creamer will organize moderators. He will send out an e-mail to request volunteers to moderate sessions. Michael expressed appreciation for those that assisted last year.

**Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Technology presented by Walt Wheeler**

This committee will soon become a Commission on Technology. There has not been much activity since the last report.

**Training Committee**

Cheryl Gerwig will send an e-mail asking for topics members would like to see addressed in training sessions.

**Legislative Report presented by Michael Creamer**

The Legislative Report will be sent out by e-mail with supplemental information once the General Assembly reconvenes.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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