

**Ohio Chief Probation Officers Association**  
**General Meeting**  
**February 15, 2008**  
**ocpoa.net**

President Switzer called the meeting to order.

**Presentation**

Erin Rosen, from the Attorney General's Office, provided an update on requirements of the Adam Walsh Act.

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Rosen at 614-644-0733 or [erosen@ag.state.oh.us](mailto:erosen@ag.state.oh.us)

**President Report by President Switzer**

President Switzer asked board members to introduce themselves.

**Follow up from Board Retreat**

President Switzer reported that many of the items identified in the OCPOA Board Retreat have been completed. One item still outstanding is exploring the issue of OCPOA hiring an Executive Director. Gary Yates will chair this committee. If interested in participating in this committee, please contact Gary Yates or President Switzer.

The board will also continue to work on the issue of improving communication with members.

**Corrected meeting dates for 2008**

A post card was mailed out and distributed at the meeting with corrected meeting dates. The corrected dates are as follows: May 8, and 9, 2008, August 22, 2008, and December 4, and 5, 2008

**Website**

President Switzer asked members to review the OCPOA website (ocpoa.net) and contact her with suggestions for additional information for the website. Plans are in the works for a members only section on the website.

**Training Committee**

The topic for the May OCPOA Meeting is "Community Corrections Marketing Strategies". This training will address developing a positive image for agencies and strategies to ensure your agency's message is heard. Plans are in the works for possible entertainment for the May meeting to network and get to know members. There will also be a hospitality suite at the May meeting. Additional information on this training will be distributed.

**Supreme Court Technology Committee.**

OCPOA is in need of a representative for the Supreme Court Technology Committee. Meetings are held approximately 6 times a year in Columbus. Please contact President Switzer if interested in serving on this committee.

**Juvenile Representative**

President Switzer indicated the OCPOA Board is in need of a new Juvenile Court representative. Please contact President Switzer or Deanna Whalen if interested in this position.

## **Nominating Committee**

President Switzer announced that Joni Bretz will chair the OCPOA Board Nominating Committee. Please contact Joni Bretz if you are a member in good standing and are interested in serving on the board or would like to nominate a member for a position on the board

## **Committee Reports Juli Tice**

### **Line Officers Training**

Juli Tice announced that the 2008 Line Officers Training is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Topics and presenters are being finalized. Please forward any possible workshop suggestions to Juli Tice.

The opening speaker will be Judge Gregory Frost.

Flyers for Line Officers Training will be distributed in March or April.

### **CCA Committee**

Linda Janes reported that when Director Collins learned DRC would receive a budget cut, he tried early on to insulate community corrections from the cuts. However, when he learned the cut to DRC would be \$78 million, this did not appear possible and state funded programs were informed there would be a cut of 2.5% to the three community corrections line items (CCA, CBCF, Halfway House).

Linda Janes reported that, in reevaluating this matter, Director Collins met with the governor last evening and a decision was made not to reduce budgets for community corrections programs in 2008 and efforts will be made not to reduce community corrections line items in 2009. This was accomplished because Director Collins realizes that community corrections plays a vital role in criminal justice and in reducing the prison population.

Programs will be asked to identify cost savings initiatives and find ways to increase diversions with current funds. We need to show fiscal responsibility. A review will be completed of those programs that are returning money at the end of the fiscal year to possibly move those funds to agencies that can use it to create more diversions. Efforts will also be made to develop funding ranges for CCA programs to close the gap in cost per diversion and manage funds better.

The CCA Directors meeting will be held at 1:00 pm to discuss this matter further.

### **Advisory Committee on Mental Illness and the Courts (ACMIC)**

Gayle Dittmer announced that the Probation and Treatment sub committee of ACMIC has completed curriculum for the Intensive Mental Health Training as a follow up to the basic training offered several years ago. The training is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Columbus. It is planned that the training will then be offered regionally. Training brochures were distributed.

### **Supreme Court Training Committee**

Juli Tice indicated she could be contacted after February 28, 2008 for dates on the New PO Training offered in cooperation with the Supreme Court Training Committee.

### **APPA Committee**

Gary Yates reported that the APPA Winter Institute was held in Phoenix February 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>. 1,500 attending the training, 40 of which were from Ohio.

Gary Yates reported that OCPOA contributed \$1,000 for the APPA branding initiative designed to bring the concept of Community Corrections/Probation more in the public eye. The APPA Board has begun working on this issue.

Gary Yates reported that the Ohio region remains the largest in APPA membership. Gary Yates reported that APPA developed a position statement on caseload size which will be posted on the OCPOA website. In addition, there is information on the APPA website concerning a study, funded by BJA, titled "Conditions of Supervision and Workload Allocation Study". This study is currently underway. Also listed on the APPA website is a paper authored by Mario Paparozzi and Brian Pain which included caseload allocation.

### **Legislative Report**

Michael Creamer presented an extensive legislative report. A detailed report will be e-mailed to members.

### **Approval of Minutes**

President Switzer asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2007 meeting. A motion was made by Michael Creamer to accept the minutes from the December 14, 2007 meeting. Kelly Miller seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Vince Polito presented the December Treasurer's Report and the 2007 Year End Report. There was a motion by Gayle Dittmer to approve accept the Treasurer's Reports as submitted. Mike Smith seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Reports were accepted as submitted

Treasurer Polito presented an analysis of the 2007 budget and reported that the goals of the budget were met. Treasurer Polito also presented a proposed 2008 Budget. Gary Yates made a motion to accept the proposed budget as submitted. Mike Smith seconded the motion. The proposed 2008 budget was accepted as submitted.

If you are not receiving correspondence from OCPOA, please contact President Switzer

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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