

Ohio Chief Probation Officers Association
General Meeting
May 18, 2007
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Vice President Juli Tice called the meeting to order and asked those in attendance to introduce themselves.

Juli Tice indicated that President Kim Switzer is experiencing some medical issues. If members have had difficulty reaching Kim, please contact Juli.

The next OCPOA Meeting is scheduled for October 11-12, 2007, in conjunction with Supreme Court Super Meeting.

Line Officers Training Institute

Juli Tice indicated that preparation for the Line Officer Training is going well. There are currently over 100 registrants. The cut off for room reservations is May 30, 2007. Overflow rooms are available at Homewood Suites. Thanks to those who signed up to moderate workshops.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the February 16, 2007 General Membership Meeting were e-mailed and available at the meeting today. There was a motion by Kelly Miller to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Michael Creamer. All in favor. None opposed. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Vince Polito distributed the Treasurer's reports for February 2007 and March 2007. There was a motion by Michael Creamer to approve the Treasurer's Reports as submitted. The motion was seconded by Judy Thrasher. All in favor. None opposed. The Treasurer's reports were approved as submitted.

Past President Nick Cindrick asked Vince to thank the membership for the gift certificate in appreciation of his service as president of OCPOA.

If you have paid your fees but are not on the membership list please contact Cheryl Taylor.

Board Meeting Report

Juli Tice announced that APPA has asked state associations to contribute to a branding initiative that involves a media campaign to advertise and promote probation. This initiative can also be used for recruiting potential employees. The board is considering contributing to this project.

Handouts were made available concerning the proposed Omnibus legislation being considered.

The Website is up and running (ocpoa.net). The board approved the payment of \$500.00 for website redesign, maintenance changes for one year and domain registration for five years.

The Board also agreed to contribute \$1,000 for a summit for Judges across the state on evidence-based practices. OJACC began working with the Supreme Court Judicial Conference and Judicial College and asked related organizations if they wished to cosponsor the event. OJACC and OCCA are also contributing the event.

Sentencing Commission

Gary Yates reported on new sex offender legislation and the possible implications of the new Adam Walsh Act.

The Prosecutors Association continues to pursue the issue of increasing sanctions for first and second-degree felonies.

Committee Reports

Interstate Compact

Vince Polito reported that the National Commission on Interstate Compact is working with a company to develop a web-based application. This application should be available in approximately one year.

CCA

The CCA Directors Meeting is scheduled for 1:00 pm today.

Advisory Committee on Mental Illness in the Courts

Gayle Dittmer reported that the curriculum for the intensive mental health training for probation staff is nearly complete. The training is planned for the spring of 2008.

Supreme Court Training Committee

Juli Tice reported that the next New Probation Officer Training is scheduled for August, September and October.

The annual meeting of the Supreme Court Training Committee is scheduled for next week. They will be planning for future training. Please forward any training suggestions to Juli or Kory.

There has been discussion about offering college credits for courses toward a bachelor's or master's degree.

The Supreme Court Super Meeting will be held in October. The Supreme Court will send out flyers for registration. OCPOA is required to fill a block of rooms for the Super Meeting. When making reservations for the hotel please specify affiliation with OCPOA. The room cost is \$95.00.

APPA

Gary Yates indicated that election ballots for the APPA Board will be distributed to all paid members. Please contact Gary if you are interested in running for regional representative.

The 32nd Annual APPA Conference will be held in downtown Philadelphia in July. In 2008 the Summer Conference will be in Las Vegas and the Winter Conference will be held in Phoenix.

Membership Committee

No report

Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Technology

Walt Wheeler reported that the Ohio Courts Network will be developed over the next year. In June of 2009 it should be possible to connect all courts state wide as a link to case management tools across the state. The committee also developed standards for e-filing and e-signatures. These standards are available on the Supreme Court's website.

Training Committee

Cheryl Gerwig reported that the training presented by Terry Curry yesterday was very well received. Please forward any training contact to Cheryl on trainings or trainers you would like to see in the future.

Legislative Committee by Michael Creamer

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

Vince Polito added that efforts are still being made to add probation officers to substitute HB 9, which prohibits the release of personal information for correctional employees. Probation officers were included at one point but then taken out.

New Business

Members were informed that NIC offers periodic weeklong training for new Chief Probation Officers. Additional information concerning this training is available on the NIC website. Some OCPOA members have attended the training and found it very worthwhile.

If members are not receiving e-mail from Cheryl Taylor, please contact her to check the e-mail address she has listed.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

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