

**Ohio Chief Probation Officers Association**  
**General Meeting**  
**May 9, 2008**  
**ocpoa.net**

President Switzer called the meeting to order.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Nomination Committee**

President Switzer asked members to contact Joni Bretz or President Switzer with board nominations. Elections will be held at the December 2008 meeting. Nominations should be submitted by end of November.

**Resolution**

Mike Smith provided a follow-up on Probation Officer David Poling who died in the line of duty May 22, 2007. David Poling's wife received federal funds for an officer killed in the line of duty. The State of Ohio has the same type of funding for police officers, but does not include probation officers. The OCPOA Board asked Gary to review the statute and develop a proposed resolution recommending a change in legislation to include probation officers. Representative Evans has indicated interest in sponsoring the bill. Once the bill is assigned a number in the House, the board is asking that members contact representatives in their area to support the bill. An e-mail will be sent out with further information once the bill is assigned a number.

Gayle Dittmer will send to President Switzer information on how to contact legislators for distribution.

**Meeting dates for 2008**

President Switzer announced that the next meeting will be held August 22, 2008. At the meeting there will be a presentation of the Ohio Court Network, which creates a network repository of all court records and other related information. There will also be time set aside for a round table discussion. President Switzer will send out an e-mail asking for suggestions on topics for the round table discussion.

At the December 2008 meeting, a panel of unique programs in Ohio will be presented. If there is a type of program you would like to hear about, please contact President Switzer. In the afternoon, there will be a presentation on pharmacology.

If you are interested in hearing from any vendors, please contact President Switzer.

**Committee Participation**

Please contact President Switzer if interested in serving on a committee. President Switzer will put together a description of the committees with a list of who serves on the committee. Please consider participation for those who attend meetings.

### **Recognition of Vince Polito**

President Switzer and Gary Yates recognized Vince Polito for his commitment to the OCPOA in light of his scheduled retirement on July 31, 2008. Vince served 32 years with the Cuyahoga County Probation Department and provided leadership on the state and local level. Vince served as president of OCPOA for two terms, one of which was a four year term. Vince was instrumental in the development of the OCPOA Line Officer Training.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS- Juli Tice**

Juli Tice asked committee chairs to submit a written report for next meeting to save time due to the scheduled presentation and the roundtable discussion.

### **Line Officers Training**

Juli Tice announced that the planning for the 2008 Line Officers Training, scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, is going well. The training will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel and sleeping rooms are filled at that hotel. The overflow hotel is the Holiday Inn Express. A DJ will provide entertainment on Thursday night of the training. Michael Creamer distributed a sign up sheet to moderate sessions.

President Switzer asked members to submit nominations for the George Farmer award. The OCPOA award winner will be nominated for the APPA award. The deadline for nominations is May 14, 2008.

### **CCA Committee**

The CCA Directors meeting will be held at 1:00 pm following the OCPOA meeting.

### **ACMIC**

Gayle Dittmer reported that the Intensive Mental Health Training developed by the Probation/Treatment Subcommittee of ACMIC was held March 13, 14, 2008 in Columbus and was very well received. Plans are to offer another training in September 2008 at a different location.

### **Supreme Court Training**

Juli Tice reported that a planning meeting for 2009 Supreme Court training was held May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. If there are issues you would like to see addressed through training, contact Juli Tice or Kory Halter-Kochera. New probation officer training will be held again in 2009.

Kris Steele from the Supreme Court suggested ethics training for probation officers. He indicated that if OCPOA approved a code of ethics, the Supreme Court will provided training.

### **APPA Committee**

Gary Yates reported that the APPA Summer Institute will be held in August 2008 in Las Vegas. The 2009 Institute will be held in Myrtle Beach

### **Supreme Court Technology Committee**

President Switzer reported that the Technology Committee is no longer meeting. The committee prepared recommendations which are posted on the Supreme Court's website.

### **Membership**

President Switzer reported that Kristen Plieninger is looking into a possible software package to manage the OPCOA membership list. Further information on the software package will be reported on at the August meeting.

### **Interstate Compact**

Vince Polito reported that the computer tracking system for Interstate Compact should be available in October 2008. Please visit [www.interstatecompact.org](http://www.interstatecompact.org) for more information.

### **Approval of Minutes**

President Switzer asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2008 meeting. Mike Smith made a motion to accept the minutes. Michael Creamer seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. The minutes were approved as submitted.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Vince Polito presented the Treasurer's Report for January through April 2008. Michael Creamer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jacquelyn Jackson seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

A membership list was distributed. If you paid membership but are not listed on the report, please notify Vince Polito or Cheryl Taylor.

### **Legislative Report**

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by  
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