

Ohio Chief Probation Officers Association
General Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2006
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Presentation from ODRC

Representation by the ODRC included: Assistant Director Terry Collins, Superintendent of the Adult Parole Authority Sara Andrews, and Legislative Liaison Scott Nelly. Assistant Director Collins stated that he plans to maintain communication with our organization. He indicated he understands we have a tough job to do, especially with tight budgets.

Handouts were distributed related to the OMNIBUS package proposed by ODRC. There are some legislators that have expressed interest in sponsoring the bill.

Issue related to supervision fees in the Omnibus package will not affect our current county system. However it allows counties that have state probation supervision to keep the supervision fees in their area instead of the fee going to the ODRC.

The OMNIBUS package is intended to expand resources of Judges to increase diversions from prison and save prison beds for serious offenders. It is also intended to address collateral sanctions that limit the offender's ability to succeed in the community.

It includes administrative cleanup language to allow increase in efficiency.

Scott Neely indicated the language of the bill is currently being drafted. There is no bill number yet. The goal is to have something passed this year. ODRC is meeting with interested parties to get feedback. If there are questions or comments related to the OMNIBUS package, contact Sara Andrews or Scott Neely at 752-1105.

Supreme Court Training

Presented by, Margaret Allen, Program Manager for Court Personnel Education and Christopher Steel, Family Law Education Manager from the Ohio Supreme Court Handouts were distributed on courses for court personnel to be offered in 2006.

Margaret Allen thanked the planning committee members who helped develop the week long New Probation Officers Training. The first training was offered in December and went well. Some adjustments are being made to improve the training.

Kory Halter Kochera thanked Margaret Allen for the assistance that has been provided through the Judicial College and for addressing the needs of OCPOA.

Business Meeting

Call to Order/Minutes

President Nick Cindric called the meeting to order and introduced the Officers.

President Cindric asked for feedback from yesterdays training provided by Scott Warrick. Most felt it was very good. Please let us know if you have interest in other training.

President Cindric asked members to review the minutes distributed from the November 17, 2005 meeting. A motion was made by Kelly Miller to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mike Creamer. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Treasure Michael Kochera submitted the Treasurer's report for November 2005, December 2005, and January 2006. A suggestion was made to specifically list the checking account. There was a question about the OCPOA Retreat as to who attended.

The Officers, Board and Committee Chairs were invited to attend. President Cindric stated he felt that it was money well spent in developing a direction for the organization. Lynn DeTray made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Pete Dragar seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

Report from Board of Trustees Meeting

President Cindric announced that Jeremy Radcliff will be OCPOA's representative on the Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections Board (OJACC). Jeremy asked members to notify him if there are issues that they would like addressed at OJACC. OJACC meets every other month to address issues related to Community Corrections. OJACC is sponsoring a retreat with OCPOA, OCCA, and CorJus. Representatives have agreed to attend the retreat to work together on community corrections issues and be supportive of each other in community corrections. OCPOA contributed \$300 to the cost of the retreat.

The Super Meeting sponsored by the Judicial College will be held October 10th through 12th 2007. The OCPOA will participate as we have in the past. The OCPOA business meeting will be held in conjunction with the Super Meeting. The Super Meeting brings together all areas of court personnel including Clerks, Court Administrators, OCPOA, Bailiffs association, etc.

The Executive Board agreed to increase the training fee as a result of the increase in expenditures related to training. \$50.00 of the current \$100.00 fee goes to pay APPA membership leaving \$50 for OCPOA. The fee will be increased to \$150.00, which includes training and lunch. The last increase in membership fees was 1994.

By-Laws

Copies of the proposed by-laws were e-mailed to members and copies were made available at the meeting. Only paid members from 2005 may vote on the by-laws. President Cindric identified the changes to the by-laws. One such change was defining membership in the organization. Languages related to CBCF and CCA directors was removed from the membership section. CBCF will no longer be included in membership in an effort to better identify who we serve as an association. CCA directors are included in membership as the language already includes those agencies that provide probation services. The intent was to narrow those that our association serves to agencies providing non-residential probation services, as residential agencies are represented by other associations. The objectives of the association were also clarified and a Preamble and Mission Statement were created.

Motion by Katy McPherson to approve the by-laws as submitted. Second by Gary Yates. All in favor. None opposed. There was an objection stated from Diane Wilson, concerning the removal of the CBCF membership.

Committee Reports

Line Officer Training.

Kim Switzer stated that Michael Creamer will coordinate moderators for workshops. Please notify him if you can moderate.

Nomination forms will go out soon for the George Farmer award. Please take the time to nominate staff.

The Line Officers Training will be held June 15 and 16th at the Marriott North.

Brochures will go out soon.

Membership Committee.

There were many issues that came up at the OCPOA Retreat related to membership. There will be more information to come. The website is being updated. There will be a test site members can go to give feedback.

Legislative Committee Report

Michael Creamer presented the legislative committee report. The full Legislative Report will be e-mailed to members.

Training Committee

Please contact Jeremy Radcliff or Cheryl Gerwig if you have any suggestions for future training.

There was a suggestion to have the Judicial College present on effective policy writing.

Finance Committee

Michael Kochera reported that a budget was prepared for the Line Officers Training.

APPA

The next Summer Institute will be held in Chicago, IL in July of 2006.

APPA offers regional training on Evidence Based Practices. Gary Yates asked if there is interest in bringing the training to Ohio. The training would be limited to 30 people.

Gary Yates will have Cheryl Taylor send out an e-mail to get a commitment from people around the state so we can bring the presenters directly here instead of advertising nationally.

Gary Yates reported that APPA has a program starting in Ohio, to offer insurance coverage at a reduced rate for members. There will be a presentation at the CCA Director's Meeting today.

CCA Committee

Juli Tice reported that the CCA meeting will be held at 12:30pm today.

The next OCPOA General meeting will be held on May 19, 2006.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
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