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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

INFORMATION

We need your help to assure that the **2008-2009** Edition of the Membership Directory is the most current, complete and accurate directory possible. Please take a few moments to review and make any corrections necessary to update your listing. Your assistance in helping us keep our membership directory as accurate as possible is very much appreciated. Kindly return the form even if no corrections are necessary.

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Editor's Corner

Donald J. Krapohl

As was announced in the previous edition of the *APA Magazine*, Dr. Tim Weber stepped down as APA Editor-in-Chief in August. The APA Board established an ad hoc committee to vet the applicants to replace him, and at the Board meeting in August I was approved as the new Editor. I look forward to serving the Association in this new capacity. I will need a lot of help from the membership to further improve upon our publications, and I hope that I can count on you to do your part.

To make the *Magazine* more informative and useful, it will need to include helpful and interesting articles. We begin this edition with contributions from Dr. Lou Rovner, who will help us better understand scientific issues related to our profession, and Marty Oelrich will keep us up to date on ASTM. Future issues of the *APA Magazine* will include legal perspectives from our General Counsel, Gordon Vaughan. We will also publish Tech Talk on various topics, and Vickie Murphy will continue her recipe column, A Taste of Diversity.

Returning now to the earlier point about asking you to do your part, this is an invitation to all APA members to send articles for publication. Every polygraph examiner who has been in the field more than a few months has learned something worthy of sharing with her or his colleagues, so consider this an invitation to send in short pieces for publication. The preferred method of submission is to send it electronically to my APA address: Editor@polygraph.org. We will also accept paper manuscripts (PO Box 10411, Ft. Jackson, SC 29207). Regardless of the medium, we urge you to help keep this publication lively, interesting, and useful.

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10 New Members	2009 Seminar Fee (\$350.00) <i>Waived</i>
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8 New Members	50% of 2009 Seminar Fee (\$175.00) <i>Waived</i>
7 New Members	\$ 100.00 off of your 2009 Seminar Fee
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MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT (pertains to Membership recruits only)

5 New Members	2009 Dues Waived (\$ 150.00)
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Session I - January 12 - March 6, 2009

Session II - April 6 - May 29, 2009

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In Memoriam

With great sadness we, the South African Professional Polygraph Association (SAPPA), a divisional member of the American Polygraph Association, report the recent tragic passing away of two of our members.

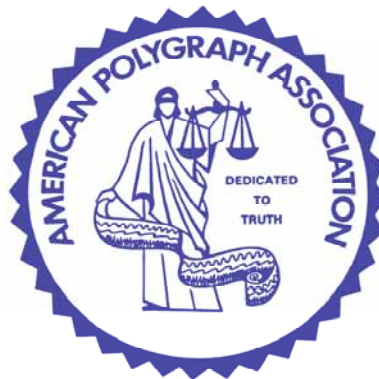
Fanie Voges

A successful, self trained examiner of many years before completing formal training, Fanie was the first President of the SAPPA, an extremely strong supporter of quality polygraph and gladly shared his knowledge and experiences with others to assist them in improving their skills. Within the South African polygraph profession, he was a true leader and a driving force in the establishment of the SAPPA, so that those we serve would be better served. After twice serving as President of SAPPA, Fanie continued to lead and serve by bringing new talent into the profession and assisting with their development of becoming truly professional examiners. We know of no other examiner that was so passionate about the profession. While our profession has sustained the loss of one understood by many as one of the best, the greater loss has been suffered by Fanie's wife and children. May Fanie and his family be in our prayers.

Victoria Petzer

Vicky was without a doubt one of the brightest stars appearing on the horizon. She joined the industry and SAPPA more than a year ago. Upon entering the profession, she quickly established herself as a most knowledgeable examiner and one who was not willing to compromise the quality of the testing process. Within a short time, she was training and educating others to increase the quality of their testing and their decisions. While the polygraph profession and its serviced clients in South Africa have sustained the loss, Vicky's family have suffered the greater loss. May Vicky and her family be in our prayers.

To those of us that remain to mourn the untimely loss of our colleagues, let us all reflect on how fragile life is and use these sad events as an inspiration to live life righteous and fully so that we may enter eternal life with anticipation and joy, not fear and regret.



WHAT CAN THE APA DO FOR YOU? 2008-2009

Vickie T. Murphy-Carr, APA Secretary (secretary@polygraph.org)

The American Polygraph Association (www.polygraph.org), established in 1966, is the largest polygraph association consisting of examiners in the private, law enforcement, and government fields. The APA continues to be the leading professional association of its kind, establishing standards of ethical practices, techniques, instrumentation, research, and advanced training and continuing educational programs. The APA has over 2,500 members, who are required to maintain the highest standards of moral, ethical and professional conduct and they are further required to discharge their duties with complete impartiality, dignity and respect. Members recognize that their primary responsibility is to the person being examined, and are forbidden to allow considerations of race, religion, politics, union activity, or economic status to play any part in their examinations, and they are pledged to issue an objective and unbiased opinion and to protect the confidentiality of the examination.

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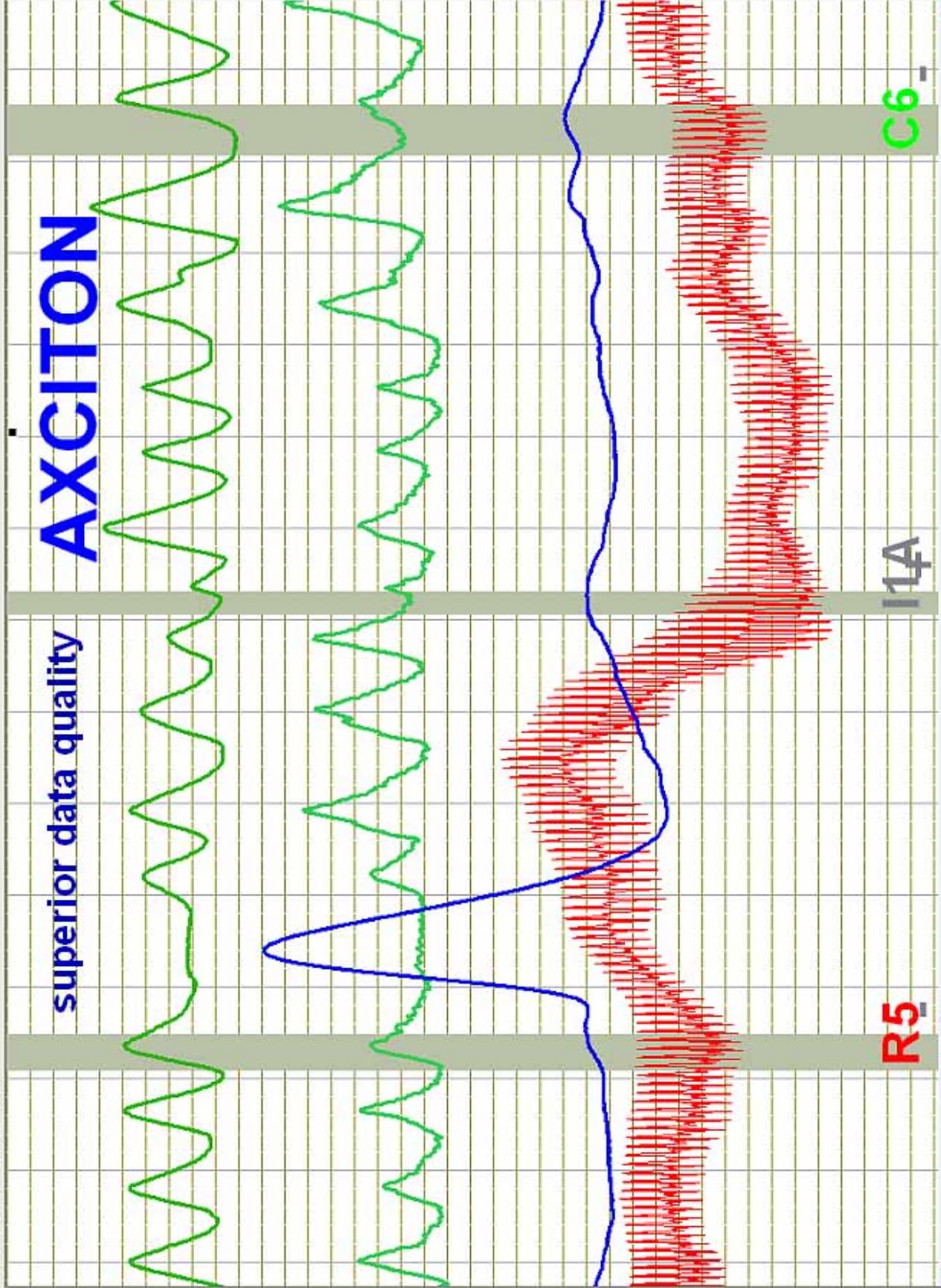
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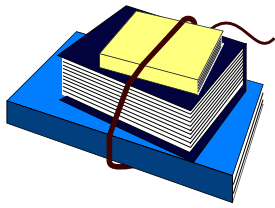
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May 11 - July 3, 2009
September 21 - November 13, 2009

PCSOT

December 15 - 19, 2008
May 4 - 8, 2009
November 16 - 20, 2009

Advanced PCSOT

September 16 - 18, 2009

Forensic Assessment Interviewing & Interrogation Techniques (FAINT)

November 3 - 7, 2008
January 19 - 23, 2009
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Backster School of Lie Detection

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November 3 - 7, 2008

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January 6 - April 8, 2009
April 28 - July 29, 2009
August 18 - November 19, 2009

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Advanced Courses

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November 24 - December 6, 2008
Técnicas de Entrevista e Interrogatorio
December 9 - 21, 2008

Maryland Institute of Criminal Justice

January 12 - March 6, 2009
September 21 - November 13, 2009

PCSOT

November 10 - 14, 2008
March 9 - 13, 2009

Interview-Interrogation Course

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February 9 - 10, 2009
May 11 - 12, 2009

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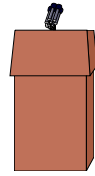
Advanced Training

Polygraph Update & Chart Analysis
November 10 - 14, 2008
Advanced Polygraph Techniques
November 17 - 21, 2008
Applicant Testing
December 1 - 5, 2008
Interview & Interrogation
December 8 - 12, 2008

“Deceivers are the most dangerous members of society. They trifle with the best affections of our nature, and violate the most sacred obligations.”

- George Crabbe (1754 - 1832)

Upcoming Seminars



AMERICAN POLYGRAPH ASSOCIATION CONTINUING EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS. Make plans now to attend the 2008 Continuing Educational Seminars:

Co-sponsor Virginia Polygraph Association, November 6-7, 2008, Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel, Virginia Beach, Virginia. An 8-hour advanced PCSOT training session will be offered on November 5th, 2008 at the Wyndham Hotel, Virginia Beach.

For additional information or to register, please see registration forms on pages 13 and 15 of this issue, or call the APA National Office at 1-800-272-8037.

THE AMERICAN POLYGRAPH ASSOCIATION will hold its 44th Annual Seminar/Workshop on **August 2-7, 2009** at the **Sheraton Music Hotel in Nashville, TN**. Details and registration forms are on pages 16-17 of this issue.


The Alabama Association of Polygraph Examiners announces its Annual Seminar to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in **Orange Beach, Alabama** on **October 20 - 23, 2008**. Registration fee is \$175. A special room rate of \$74.95 + tax is available at the Hilton Garden Inn for conference attendees, by calling 1-888-644-5866 or 1-800-445-8667. Reservations must be made by October 4th. For more information, contact Jimmie Flanagan at (251) 680-5995 or (251) 747-2774.

The Tri-State Polygraph Seminar (Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska) will be held **November 5 - 7, 2008** at the Branson Landing Convention Center in Branson, Missouri. Room accommodations are at the Hilton Landing Hotel at the special room rate of \$109 per night. **You must make your reservations by October 2, 2008**, and indicate you are with the Tri-State Polygraph Association. Conference registration fee is \$125 until October 2nd. **Registration fees received after October 2, 2008 will be \$150. Please mail registration fees to Judy Gentry, Treasurer, Missouri Polygraph Association, P.O. Box 1772, Cape Girardeau, MO, 63702-1772.**

The National Polygraph Association will hold its 2009 Seminar and Business Meeting on **January 26-28, 2009** at the **Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada**. Reservations can be made at the hotel by calling 1-800-643-3454. A special hotel rate is available for those booking by 12/24/08 (must mention National Polygraph Association).

Seminar speakers will include Mr. Chip Morgan, Mr. Barry Cushman, Mr. Raymond Nelson, and Dr. Charles Honts. The cost for the seminar is \$125 (advance)/\$150 (at the door) for members, and \$200 (advance)/\$250 (at the door) for non-members. More information is available by contacting Gary Davis at 785-828-3248 or e-mailing the NPA at nationalpolygraph@yahoo.com.

LPI and Asociacion Colombiana de Profesionales en Poligrafia (ACPP)

The Asociacion Colombiana the Profesionales en Poligrafia, sponsored by the Latinamerican Polygraph Institute, will offer its II Annual Seminar **November 21-22, 2008 in Bogota, Colombia**. The topic will be "Application and Compliance with APA Standards of Practice." 

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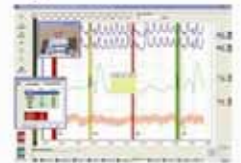
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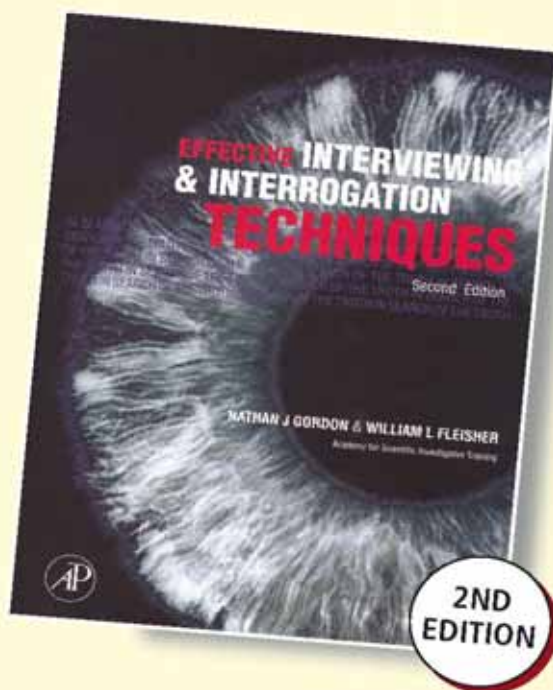
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The Court of Last Resort

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For those of you who were present at the APA Annual Banquet and stayed to listen to our Keynote Speaker, F. Lee Bailey, many questions arose afterward when he suggested the APA should revive the old “Court of Last Resort.” (COLR). Many of the younger examiners in the crowd would be totally unaware of the organization unless you would have inadvertently read about it somewhere. APA’s involvement was not the actual organization to which Mr. Bailey referred, but we were involved in an extension of the COLR with what was then the APA Case review Committee.

In the early 1950’s, the COLR was developed by Erle Stanley Gardner, the author famous for the Perry Mason novels (and subsequent television series) as well as the hugely popular Bertha Cool and Donald Lam private detective novels which he wrote under the “pen name” of A.A. Fair. After becoming involved in a case reported in the Justice Denied magazine that ultimately saved an innocent man from execution and, eventually, resulted in the man’s release from prison, Mr. Gardner decided to formalize a group of professional investigators to review cases of indigent individuals convicted of capital offenses who were claiming innocence and had exhausted all of their appeals.

He included Dr. Lemoyne Snyder and Dr. Leonarde Keeler as well as a various of persons with forensic science, scientific investigation, and criminalistics specialties as part of this group which became known as the “Court of Last Resort.” Mr. Gardner would have the person claiming innocence polygraphed early in the process and sometimes as the first step so that thousands of dollars weren’t spent unleashing an investigation and finding eventually that the person was lying about their involvement in the crime for which they were convicted.


The organization was utilized several times and were able to establish that some persons had been wrongly-convicted. There were not a great number of these wrongly-convicted person simply because the police mostly identify and convict the right perpetrator. As a result of the successes of the group, a television series that was appropriately named, “The Court of Last Resort,” was produced in the late 1950’s and lasted for a year. I recall watching the show when I was about 10 years old, but, of course, had no idea, then, that I was destined for a career in as a professional polygraphist.

Mr. Gardner retired from the organization in the early 1960’s and the funding of the organization eventually died, and the COLR died along with it. As a result of this, the American Polygraph Association assumed a similar, but much lesser, role by establishing the Case Review Committee (CRC), which was a group of members that were willing travel to prisons to provide testing, at no cost, to persons who claimed wrongful conviction in capital murder cases (cases of a lesser degree of severity may have been included; however, I do not recall this happening). In some cases, APA would provide expense coverage when long distances and lodging were required, especially when the examinations may have required several days of testing.

When I joined APA in 1972 and attended my 1st Annual Seminar in Miami Beach, Mr. Bailey was a presenter then and discussed the Case Review Committee which motivated me to join the committee at that time. I did several tests over the years for the CRC, until it was disbanded. I cannot recall when the committee was actually dropped, but I believe that it was dropped because of the lack of activity (and, probably, the early advent of the “Let’s Sue Everybody For Everything Bad That Happens To Us Or For Things That Happen To Us We Don’t Like – Even If It Is Our Own Fault Era”).

We re-established a similar committee within the Pennsylvania Polygraph Examiners’ Association in the 1990’s (as did – and might still do – some other state associations), but we did not have the funds necessary to do the examinations without travel expense and some cases involved necessary travel expenses to be paid for the Member Examiners.

I have accepted the task requested by the APA Board to analyze and re-establish the Case Review Committee if the Membership and Board believe that the committee is warranted, and that we have enough experienced Members who are willing to volunteer their time (and sometimes expenses) to conduct these examinations.

If you are one of the Members who have an interest in participating, please indicate so by either calling me at 717-780-2513 (College Office) or 717-861-9432 (PG School Office) and/or e-mailing me at: lietestec@aol.com (please be certain to indicate in the Subject box that your e-mail concerns the Case Review Committee – as opposed to “No Subject” – so that I do not delete the e-mail because I don’t recognize who is sending it). 

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The Commercial Court in Zageb, Croatia and the Supreme Commercial Court of the Republic of Croatia ruled in favor of James Allan Matte in a lawsuit filed by Matte against the Ministry of Interior of Croatia and its polygraph examiner Romeo Vrecko for plagiarizing a chapter from Matte’s textbook *The Art and Science of the Polygraph Technique*. The verdict was appealed and the appellate court agreed with the original verdict. The defendants’ debt incurred as a result of the court’s verdict which includes interest and proceeding costs was nearly 50,000KN. (Submitted by James Allen Matte, Aug 24)

Physiology & Behavior, the official peer-reviewed journal of the International Behavioral Neuroscience Society has announced acceptance of a field validation study on the Quadri-Track Zone Comparison Technique conducted by Daniel Mangan, Thomas Armitage and Gregory Adams. The paper represents a replication and validation of the Quadri-Track ZCT. The announcement can be found at: http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=ArticleURL&_udi=B6T0P-4S1C2PB-1&_user=10&_origUdi=B6T0P-4HTCW0C-1&_fmt=high&_coverDate=03%2F10%2F2008&_rdoc=1&_orig=article&_acct=C000050221&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=10&md5=4bbeaa9f86eae228e18ee072356b8741 (Submitted by James Allen Matte, Aug 24)

At the August meeting of the APA Board of Director's meeting the following motion was approved: To waive the annual 2009 dues of APA members serving the nation's war on terrorism overseas in imminent danger zones for a minimum of 120 days within the preceding 12 months, if so requested, applied for, or approved at the President's discretion.



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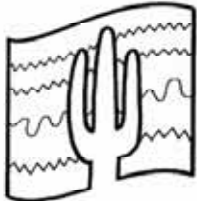
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Convicted child molester seeks clemency after polygraph supports victim's recantation

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August 6, 2008 – "Carpitcher asks Kaine for pardon," *The Roanoke Times* (Roanoke.com)

Police department applicant admits to crimes during polygraph screening

SAN BERNARDINO, California –

During the course of a pre-employment polygraph examination with the San Bernardino County Police Department, Travis Shaffer admitted to committing multiple felonies. Shaffer admitted to stealing a generator from his former employer, to carrying a handgun in his car and to buying and selling illegal drugs. Shaffer was not only denied employment at the department, but deputies subsequently sought warrants and searched Shaffer's residence for evidence. Shaffer was not arrested following the search because deputies failed to find the drugs he had reported. The generator was recovered, but Shaffer's former employer did not press charges. Shaffer and his roommate may still face charges of possession of illegal firearms. A sheriff's department spokesperson said he believed Shaffer readily admitted to the crimes in order to clear his conscience so he could pass the polygraph exam and gain employment.

10 August, 2008 – "Truth Sinks Attempt for Job," *The Sun* (sbsun.com)

Tennessee man admits to murder after failing polygraph exam

JACKSON, Tennessee - Jimmie Stiddom is in jail after being charged with the shooting death of Ronald Perkins. Stiddom's daughter had previously been arrested on the same charge. During the course of the investigation Stiddom denied

involvement in Perkins' death. However, after failing a polygraph exam, Stiddom admitted that after his daughter had shot Perkins and he then fired a final shot into his head. Stiddom also signed a written confession. According to Stiddom's daughter, Perkins had sexually assaulted her last year and had continued to harass her. She claimed she lured Perkins into her home so her husband could beat him up, but ended up shooting him instead. No charges have been filed against her husband.

18 August, 2008 – "Chester Co. Man Charged with Murder," *The Jackson Sun* (jacksonsun.com)

Ciudad Juarez Mayor fires hundreds of cops

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico - Due to growing reports and suspicions that Juarez police officers were involved in organized crime and drug trafficking, Mayor Jose Reyes ordered an investigation of approximately 1500 of the city's police force. The officers underwent polygraph, psychological, and drug testing. Authorities revealed that at least 400 of the officers failed testing and were subsequently fired. Military forces will be sent to Juarez to patrol the border town and take over the duties of the fired police officers. Officials blame internal corruption for the city's drug violence that has resulted in over 900 murders so far this year.

4 September, 2008 – “Hundred of Juarez, Mexico Cops Fired,” *Texas Cable News* (TXCN.com)

Missouri man fails polygraph – admits to writing threatening letters

KIRKSVILLE, Missouri - Lonnie Sutton, a 33-year-old Missouri man has been sentenced to 18 months in prison for sending letters to the police threatening to kill several officers and threatening to “destroy” an Adair County Associate Circuit Court Judge. In another letter he wrote that he would like to “just shoot out the front tires on a school bus and pick off the kiddies one by one.” Investigators connected Sutton to the letters through fingerprints. Sutton underwent and failed polygraph testing. He then admitted to writing the threatening letters.

5 September, 2008 – “Man who sent threatening letters sentenced,” *KTVO News* (ktvo.com)

Charges dropped against Pennsylvania man

South Pymatuning Township, Pennsylvania — In April of 2008, 24-year-old Eric Splitstone was charged with attacking 23-year-old Erin Biser outside her home in South Pymatuning. According to Biser, she returned home late from work one night when Splitstone met her outside her residence and attacked her with a box cutter. She claimed he cut her arm and stole her purse during the attack. Splitstone denied the allegations saying he had been home with his wife all night. He claimed that Biser had named him as the attacker to get back at him for punching her boyfriend during an altercation earlier that year. Splitstone underwent and

passed a polygraph supporting his claims that he had no involvement in the attack on Biser. Biser agreed to undergo polygraph testing in June, but according to examiner notes, she became angry and walked out of the session. She did not return for any further testing. Prosecutors have not revealed why charges were dropped against Splitstone or whether the test results influenced their decision.

11 September, 2008 – “Charges against Splitstone in South Py attack dropped,” *The Herald* (sharonherald.com)


American National cleared of terrorism suspicion

Mumbai, India – American Kenneth Haywood, living in India, has been cleared of involvement in the July 26th serial blasts in Ahmedabad which killed dozens of people and injured hundreds more. Minutes before the blasts began, an e-mail message was sent by the Indian Mujahideen warning of the attacks. Investigators traced the message to Haywood’s Internet Protocol address. Haywood was detained by officials and subjected to polygraph testing and brain-mapping. According to officials, Haywood passed the testing. Additionally, forensic reports state that none of the Haywood’s computers seized by investigators were used to send the terror warning message. It is suspected that his WiFi network had been hacked to send the e-mail. The Haywood family subsequently left India, reportedly to take a vacation.

19 August, 2008 – “Kenneth Haywood slips out of country from New Delhi Airport,” *Daily News & Analysis* (dnaindia.com)

Britain to begin use of Post-Conviction Sex Offender Testing

The British Government announcement yesterday that they will be conducting a three-year pilot study to test the use of polygraphs on sex offenders released on probation. The study will help determine how probation officers and police will monitor sex offenders living in the community. This large scale study was prompted by a smaller pilot conducted earlier in a limited area of the country. In the first study, participation was on a voluntary basis, but it still showed that nearly 80 percent of polygraph exams prompted admissions from offenders. In this new study, polygraph exams will be a requirement for an offender’s release. Ministers have changed the laws to allow the tests to be mandatory in these circumstances. Law enforcement officials are hopeful that this study will lead to wide-spread use of post-conviction sex offender testing throughout England and Wales. Polygraph test results, however, remain inadmissible in British Courts.

20 September, 2008 – “Sex offenders face lie-detector tests to assess their risk to the public,” *TimeOnline* (timesonline.co.uk) 

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ASTM UPDATE

Marty Oelrich

Standardization: The Basics

Throughout the past several years, standardization has been a recurring topic of discussion in the field of Psychophysiological Detection of Deception (PDD). However, many individuals avoid participating in the development due to lack of interest or the perceived volatility associated with the process. Subsequently, most PDD examiners have little contact with standards development.

Although the process of standards development is important, it is often insignificant to consumers of standards. Rather, the importance lies within the knowledge of what standards exist, how they are interpreted and what implications are associated with compliance to published standards. Therefore, this article will provide a basic foundation for future articles about ASTM Committee E52 on Forensic Psychophysiology standards.

What is a Standard? A standard is a “published document that sets out specifications and procedures designed to ensure that a material, product, method, or service meets its purpose and consistently performs to its intended use (IEEE Standards Association, 2008).” The development of standards is a progressive process which combines knowledge through empirical evidence, based upon research and consensus, among consumers, producers and other interested parties.

What is the Importance of Standards? Standards provide professional guidelines that signify professional development. The development of standards protects consumers and demonstrates consistency among PDD examiners. Further, standards can be viewed as guidelines for ethical conduct by professionals.

How Should I Interpret Standards? Basic terminology represents inherent importance when considering the interpretation and understanding of standards. Terms such as “should” and “shall” are imperative in delineating our determination of suggestions (i.e. should) versus imperatives or absolutes (i.e. shall or must). Subsequently, standards are comprised of both suggestions and imperatives. Further, standards are based upon empirical evidence or consensus, when empirical evidence does not exist. Lastly, standards should demonstrate sound terminology, that allows for minimal or no interpretation. The resulting standard should enable consumers and producers to maintain a clear and concise understanding of the standard, which should in turn, represent and allow for uniformity and consistency.

The understanding of standards is a basic necessity, when determining the implication a standard may have. Standards dictate how PDD examinations are conducted, who conducts them, and professional conduct. Therefore, it is more imperative to know what standards exist. In future articles, the following basic information regarding Committee E52 is offered.

What is the Scope of Committee E52? The scope of ASTM International Committee E52 on Forensic Psychophysiology is “the development of standards for research, polygraph instrumentation,

quality control, examiner education and training, and ethics for Forensic Psychophysiology using the polygraph (ASTM International, 2008).”

What Standards has Committee E52 Developed? Committee E52 currently has jurisdiction over 15 standards. Current standards relate to research, terminology, instrumentation, screening examinations, testing of sex offenders in treatment, probation or other similar programs, quality control, minimum training required for PDD examiners, etc.

If you have any questions regarding ASTM International Committee E52 or suggestions for future articles regarding Committee E52 standards, feel free to contact Marty Oelrich by email at martyoelrich@hotmail.com.

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How to sign-up with the Online Membership Roster AND Private Member Site

Vickie T. Murphy-Carr, Secretary

Go to the website. Click on “create new account” (located underneath log-in & password).

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Log-in with your user id and generated password. Click on “my account” menu, on the left of your screen.

You'll see a form come up with your information. At the top of the form, click on “edit.” This is where you change your password. Scroll down to “password.” Type in your new password, and then retype your password. (Remember, your password will be case sensitive.)

Scroll down to the bottom of the form and click on “submit.” You've now changed your password and you can log-in with your user id and new password.



Research Review

Louis Rovner, Ph.D.

Nonexclusive Comparison Questions Lead to Higher Accuracy

Common sense, however it tries, cannot avoid being surprised from time to time.

- Bertrand Russell

In the 14th and 15th centuries, just about everybody believed that the earth was flat. It just made sense - you could actually see the edge of the world if you looked out to the horizon. The greatest thinkers of the day agreed that it was flat and teachers all taught their students this “obvious” fact. Then, in 1492, Christopher Columbus showed the world that common sense wasn’t always right. Similar scenarios have been repeated again and again throughout the ages. It’s what we call progress.

Many of the things that we believe and take for granted, in both our personal and professional lives, are the result of what we were taught when we were younger. For many people, the first things that we learn make the most lasting impressions. And it is these lasting impressions, particularly when they are shared by others, that we call *common sense*.

Much of the time, common sense is just that. Most people believe something because, well, everybody else does. However, sometimes we’re wrong when we form opinions or make decisions based only on common sense. And there are times when someone challenges the conventional wisdom, shows us that it’s not so wise, and makes part of our lives better and more productive.

When we were in polygraph school, most of us were taught to construct exclusive, time-barred control/comparison questions. And that made perfect sense. For example, if we were testing a subject who was suspected of robbing a bank two months before the test, we would write control questions that excluded the past two months, such as, “Before last year, did you ever take something that didn’t belong to you?” By saying “Before last year...” we exclude the period of time during which the robbery was committed. Since thinking of the robbery itself will probably produce a physiological response in the guilty examinee, the time bar takes it out of the control question, and thus avoids a false negative outcome.

Frankly, this all makes perfect sense, and that’s exactly why most examiners have always used time bars on our control questions. However, a recently published research study shows us that comparison questions that don’t have time bars (nonexclusive CQs) actually lead to much greater overall accuracy in both ZCT and MGQT formats.

Frank Horvath, a past President of APA, and John Palmatier recently published the results of an experiment that took an objective look at the accuracy of control question tests that used either exclusive CQs (control questions with time bars) or nonexclusive CQs (control questions without time bars). The use of time bars has been around for decades, but there has been research over the years that has demonstrated that using them does not necessarily lead to greater accuracy. Horvath and Palmatier decided that it was time to take a closer look at this issue.

In a beautifully designed laboratory study, the authors divided 120 subjects into two groups. Each of the people in one of the groups committed a prearranged theft, and all of the people in the other group were innocent of that theft. All subjects were given a ZCT or an MGQT. However, half of the subjects in each group were asked exclusive CQs, while the rest were asked nonexclusive CQs.

After all 120 tests had been run, the polygraph charts were sent to another examiner with over 25 years of experience. He scored each chart without knowing whether the subject was guilty or innocent, or whether the subject had been asked exclusive or nonexclusive CQs.

The results were startling. *The overall accuracy of tests using nonexclusive CQs was substantially higher than the tests that contained exclusive CQs.* The difference was most striking for innocent subjects. The accuracy rate for innocent people who had been asked exclusive CQs was only 45%. When nonexclusive CQs were used, that rate was more than twice as high (91%). In addition, the test outcomes of guilty subjects were also more accurate when nonexclusive CQs were asked (85% vs. 80%).

So, once again, we see an example of the progress that science brings to us. What once made common sense in our profession has now been demonstrated to be a flawed and, hopefully, obsolete idea. As professionals, we must do all that we can to assure the highest likelihood of accuracy in every test that we run. As such, we should now abandon the now outdated idea of time bars and use nonexclusive control/comparison questions whenever we run a test using a ZCT or MGQT format.

Resources

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Seeing Is Believing

Created by APA member Ronen Segev in 2006, this work of art is now placed in the Israeli Polygraph School. The sculpture represents the idea “Believe your charts” and is made of a big heavy metal chain. The metal chain stands in unexpected way and resembles a snake with three polygraph tongues” (channels).

The sculpture reminds us of the first documented act of *seeing* and *believing* in the unexpected: “So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake...” (Exodus 7:10).

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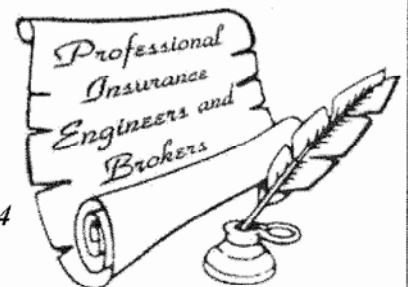
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President's Message

Michael Gougler

Fellow Professionals,

The first 60 days in office have been fast, furious, and enjoyable. It is an honor and privilege to serve as your president. The committee chairs have aggressively approached their objectives. I issued several directives during the August 23rd Board meeting. We will be evaluating all committees, their responsibilities, as well as the job descriptions and responsibilities of all board members. President-elect Sosnowski has been tasked with updating the job descriptions as well as evaluating the operational effectiveness of the committees. I expect a written report to be completed for my review by the January 2009 meeting.

Your PCSOT committee is actively engaged in chat room conversations in an attempt to finalize the protocol by the January 2009 deadline. Pam Shaw is the general chair. Don Weinstein is on the mend and I would like to thank Bill Teigen for co-chairing the Ethics and Grievance Committee until Don W. fully recovers. Robbie Bennett and Keith Gaines are building a "Seminar to Remember" for Nashville. We anticipate more spouse and member extra-curricular activities to turn the seminar into an event. Please watch the *Magazine* for details and sign up early so that we have enough participation for the events to succeed.

Barry Cushman has been tasked with re-writing and updating the school accreditation manual. School Directors are encouraged to become involved, as you have to operate under these standards.

For a list of all committees and their chairs, please consult the website.

Thanks to Vickie Murphy for all her hard work on the website. Members!!! Please sign up for the "members only" site as soon as possible. I would like to encourage all members to become involved in our association; it is very rewarding. In closing, I would like to thank the membership for their warm response to my speech at the banquet. It was heartwarming to feel your support as I began my year in office.

Thank you,

Mike

Board of Directors' Reports

Dan Sosnowski
President-Elect

The Annual Conference is now history and I hope that those members who were able to attend enjoyed the training that was available. The committee assignments have been made and each board member is now actively working on their respective assignments. Each General Chair has been asked to review the Operational Procedures for their committee. President Gougler would like to ensure that the existing Operational

Procedures reflect the issues that are current to this organization.

By time this issue reaches the members, it will be close to Thanksgiving. As many of you know, I have been in Iraq for a number of months and have had much time to reflect on things that I am thankful for. Many of us have taken things for granted and I have come to realize that we all need to be more cognizant of some of the things that have been "given" to us.

I am thankful for my family and friends. I am thankful that I have been given the

opportunity to learn polygraph nearly 30 years ago. Over those years, I have seen the polygraph profession experience some interesting times. I have lived and tested in the early 1980's and was there when EPPA took effect. I saw first hand and experienced the turbulent times of EPPA and what the act did to a number of examiners and the profession. However, like the mythical bird "The Phoenix," the polygraph profession rose from the ashes of gloom and doom. The polygraph profession is alive and well but it is up to all of us to keep it that way. Over the years, we have seen the introduction of computerized polygraph systems which many examiners believed would not survive. We have seen the use of polygraph shift from a tool used for pre-employment screening to a tool used to monitor the behaviors of convicted sex offenders.

Obviously, our profession still has its critics and skeptics who constantly attack the use of polygraph as a valuable tool for government and law enforcement screening. We as members need to address the issues and concerns of our detractors in order to make our profession stronger and better.

In closing, I would like to thank all those members who have supported me over the years that I have been on the Board of Directors. I am thankful to be a member of this fine organization and the opportunities that have been bestowed on me.

I would personally welcome any suggestions or ideas that members have that would benefit this association. Please contact me via my e-mail address at SOS4911@AOL.COM.

Donnie W. Dutton
Chairman of the Board

APA Elections

As everyone knows, leaders in the APA are now selected by universal vote. Members can seek APA candidacy for elective office by one of two methods. The primary method is to apply directly to the Fair Elections Committee, which is composed of Past Presidents. The application should include a résumé, a 500-word statement regarding the member's platform, and a cover letter. The application packet should be sent via the APA National Office who will forward it to the Immediate Past President, who this year is me.

The Fair Elections Committee will review all of the applications, and select two for each

elective office that come due that year. A second method involves submitting a petition with 25 bona fide APA members signatures to the APA National Office.

The offices available in 2009 are listed below. All are one-year terms except the Director position.

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Vice President Law Enforcement
Vice President Private
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Director

To assist members interested in running for office, below are the critical dates in the electoral process.

December 1st: Final day for members who wish to be placed on the ballot by petition.

January 15th: Deadline for the Fair Elections Committee to consider and choose the candidates for the ballot.

February 1st: APA Board must approve decisions of the Fair Elections Committee.

February 5th: Final day for candidates to submit a 500-word letter in support of his or her candidacy for inclusion in the mail ballot envelope sent to APA voters.

February 15th: Last day to send ballots to APA voters.

March 16th: All votes sent back to the National Office must have been postmarked by this date.

April 30th: All votes must be tallied, and the results submitted to the APA Board by this date.

June 1st: Deadline for the APA Board of Directors to certify the election results.

The results along with the vote tallies will be posted on the APA website, and placed in the next issue of the *APA Magazine*.

Every effort has been expended to ensure the election process is fair, transparent, and open. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at chairman@polygraph.org.

Keith H. Gaines
Vice President, Government

In response to the sacrifices made by APA members whose duties have placed them in harm's way, the Board of Directors has voted to re-authorize for 2009 the waiver of membership dues for certain APA members directly involved in the War on Terror. Specifically, I have been directed to publish the following policy:

"To waive the annual 2009 dues of APA members serving the nations war on terrorism overseas in imminent danger zones for a minimum of 120 days within the preceding 12 months, if so requested, applied for, or approved at the President's discretion."

If you do fall into this group, please contact any board member for this consideration. You have clearly earned it.

As occurs every year, the APA Board of Directors stayed behind an extra day after the Indianapolis conference to complete a great deal of work on resolution of several association issues and to begin to map out our plans for the coming year. Committee Chair assignments were also made and as a result, I have again been assigned to awards committee as well as the 2009 Conference Committee for the 2009 APA Seminar/Workshop in Nashville, Tennessee.

To that end, I am going try a number of ideas that I believe will help to make the conference significantly more rewarding for all members. For these ideas, I will require the input of everyone out there. The input I need is as follows:

1. Please provide me with any ideas you have for seminar topics and/or speakers. Additionally, if you would like to present on a topic of interest, please let me know as soon as you can with topical material and supporting data.
2. Let me know what sort of activities you would like to see planned for members and their families. I have already received a request for an APA Golf Outing on the Saturday before the seminar begins. I am currently looking into this to ascertain feasibility.
3. While on this subject, I wanted to let you

all know that my desire is to provide many more options than the one or two activities for the week. I am hoping to provide multiple options that members and their families can pick and choose from. More to follow on this.

Bottom line is that the conference committee is going to work extra hard to make sure the 2009 Nashville conference will go down as the most successful and exciting ever.

One final note: As chair of the awards committee, I have once again been charged to collect nominations for highly deserving APA members for the various annual awards we offer. This year I heard of a few complaints from members who questioned some of the award choices. It is interesting to note that most of the complaints came from members who never put anyone in for an award. In short, if you want to have a real effect on the choices for these prestigious awards, then nominate someone. The process is easy. Send me an email with the member's name, the particular award you believe they have earned, and a written justification of what you believe the member has done to receive that particular award. The following awards are being offered by the APA:

William L. Bennett and Robbie S. Bennett Memorial Award: For unrelenting efforts and display of ability in the interest of the APA.

A1 & Dorothea Clinchard Award: For extended, distinguished, devoted and unselfish service on behalf of the APA membership.

Cleve Backster Award: Honoring an individual or group that advances the polygraph profession through tireless dedication to standardization of polygraph principles and practices.

Leonard Keeler Award: For long and distinguished service to the APA.

David L. Motsinger Horizon Award: In recognition of a new shining star in the profession or association who early in their career demonstrates loyalty, professionalism and dedication to the polygraph profession (less than 10 years).

John E. Reid Award: For achievement in research teaching and writing of the polygraph profession.

Pam Shaw
Vice President, Law Enforcement

The PCSOT committee has been working diligently to rework and finalize the Model Policy that will be proposed to and voted on by the Board in January. At our recent seminar in Indianapolis, the PCSOT committee members were able to hear many of your concerns and suggestions related to this area of polygraph. Upon returning home, they have hit the ground running by taking those comments to heart and have begun a process of reconsideration and applying necessary changes where applicable.

I have been overwhelmingly impressed with the effort and thoroughness shown by this committee. I feel confident that great strides for our profession in post conviction sex offender testing are just around the corner. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns with PCSOT issues and the progress of the PCSOT committee.

Lastly, I would like to thank each of you who attended the seminar in Indianapolis for making the seminar a success. Though we've just concluded the 2008 seminar, the inner workings and brainstorming sessions are underway for 2009. I encourage you to contact Keith Gaines (Seminar Committee Chair), myself, or a member of that committee with any ideas or suggestions you may have for the 2009 seminar in Nashville, TN. Your ideas and input are vital to creating the most positive and beneficial experience for all of us.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you! Please contact me if I may be of any assistance to you or your agency.

Elmer Criswell
Director

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Members who nominated me for the position of Director as well as all of those Members who had enough confidence in me to vote for me into the position of APA Director – I will do my best to make sure that you aren't disappointed. For those that didn't vote for me, I will do my best to make sure that you won't be saying, "I told you so." J

As I indicated in my campaign "sales pitch" letter, my main goal in this position is simple – to do whatever I feel is in the best

interest and/or betterment/advancement of the polygraph profession. My oath of office, taken at the Annual Banquet (in a very summarized form), is to do what is best for polygraphy and to do what is best for the American Polygraph Association – which is what I promise to work diligently to do.

More than several persons have asked (and I'm sure Barry Cushman has been asked the same question) – "How can you serve both the APA and the AAPP since you are a Board Member in the AAPP as well - how can you serve two masters?" My answer is simple – "I am only serving one master, and that is the polygraph profession – which I may be serving from different sources, but, nonetheless, serving with the same goal as my guide!" Please be assured that I am not working, in any manner, to try or attempt to try or to persuade the consolidation of APA and AAPP. In the APA survey discussed by Dr. Frank Horvath in his presentation at Indianapolis, the APA Membership, clearly, has no interest in any merger of APA and AAPP, and I was one of the APA Members who voted that way when I took the survey. From my limited view, what I do for either organization will be done with the intent that it is for the betterment of the polygraphy; therefore, it will also be likely to benefit either organization – regardless of which association that I may be representing at the time.

I have also been asked if I plan on using the Director's position as a stepping stone to a higher office, and the answer to that is an emphatic – "NO!" Organizations like ours need "new – young blood" – not "new - old blood." As our President, Mike Gougler, indicated in his banquet address, the future of our membership and our profession lies in the hands of our young members and their ability to lead this organization and our profession through the many challenges ahead. I have been a member over 35 years, and I feel I can achieve my goal(s) best in the position that you, as members, have put me in, and I have no desire to increase that responsibility by seeking a higher position (I do need to sleep occasionally).

My tasks, as dictated by the Board, as well as those I volunteered to assume include being the Chair of the Membership Committee and the Continuing Education Committee as well as to investigate the viability of re-establishing the Case Review Committee (please see the separate article, "The Court of Last Resort."). I have also been working with Pam Shaw, the APA V.P. – Law Enforcement, who has been investigating and developing procedures and guidelines for an APA

Quality Control Committee/Program and with Don Krapohl, APA Editor, on the development of an Advanced Certification program that requires more than just attendance at seminars; *e.g.*, something that represents the true meaning of “Board Certified.” (please see the separate article, “Board Certification *versus* Elitism”).

I have been provided with a list of those Members who have served on the Membership Committee in the past as well as the names of those who volunteered to serve on the Membership Committee and the Continuing Education Committee. I will provide a list of those who are on both committees in the next issue of the “APA Newsletter.” I would like to offer/ask, at this time, for any Members who are willing to serve on either of these committees who were not able to attend the Indianapolis Seminar to submit the volunteer form. I ask that those who served in the past to please consider serving, again, and I am always willing to accept anyone else who expresses the desire to work for the betterment of polygraphy and for the APA. Even though our Nashville seminar is still 11 months away – that time will move extremely fast and be upon us more quickly than we think.

I ask that if anyone has any ideas how we may increase our membership, make APA membership more attractive to non-members, make our membership benefits better, or have our Association better benefit the Members, please do not hesitate to offer advice, suggestions, *etc.* Anyone who has any suggestions for better ways that APA can help sponsor regional or state seminars, please notify me with your suggestions and advice.

Anyone wishing to contact me for anything or with suggestions or advice, please feel free to call me 717-780-2513 (College Office) or 717-861-9432 (PG School Office) and/or e-mailing me at: lietestec@aol.com (please be certain to indicate in the Subject box that your e-mail concerns APA Business – as opposed to “No Subject” – so that I do not delete the e-mail because I don’t recognize who is sending it).

Again, I thank all of you for your support, and I look forward to working for you over my term of office.


Barry Cushman Director

Let me start by thanking you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as a director of the APA. It is truly an honor to do so, and I will do all I can to advance our profession and cause. It was great to get to see so many of you at the seminar, and I look forward to seeing more of you next year in Nashville. In the meantime, if there is anything I can do for you, or if you just want to run an idea by me, please, send me an email or give me a call. As you know, your Board of Directors met after this year’s seminar, and President Gougler wasted no time making the committee assignments and setting goals, and the work has already begun. I have been assigned two main committees: 1) Research and Development and 2) Educational Accreditation. Additionally, I have been assigned as general chair of an ad hoc committee to re-write our school accreditation manual.

*******ATTENTION SCHOOL DIRECTORS*******

As chair of the ad hoc committee to re-write the school accreditation manual, I want to extend an invitation to all school directors who would like to participate on the committee. This is a very important document, and nobody knows what we should be requiring of schools better than those who are running them now.

I sent out two emails to all of our currently accredited schools. The first apparently landed in email limbo since nobody has any record of seeing it. I have heard from many of you, but I want to be sure all schools have an opportunity for input into the final document produced by the committee. The greater the consensus during its drafting, the easier it will be to implement and get approved. Even if your time is limited, please consider participating. Any input you can provide is welcome and needed. The BOD hopes to have a draft for its review in January, so time is short, and there is much to consider.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve you. This is an exciting time for polygraph, and I’m looking forward to the good things to come. Godspeed. 

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Summary of Minutes

Vickie Murphy-Carr
Secretary

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Indianapolis, Indiana

AUGUST 19, 2008

1. President Dutton called the General Business Meeting to order at 3:20pm, with all members present except Sosnowski, Weinstein, and Weber.

2. President Dutton requested membership to stand and observe a moment of silence for colleagues who have passed away during the past year:

Wayne R. Allen
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3. President Dutton appointed Gordon Vaughan, Esquire to serve as Parliamentarian; and members of the Indiana Polygraph Association to serve as Sergeants at Arms.

4. President Dutton entertained a motion to approve that the agenda be adopted as presented (Gordon/Ortiz).

5. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last General Membership Meeting, August 21, 2007, New Orleans, LA (Published in the notebook/CD) (Gougler/Gaines).

6. Motion to accept President Dutton's oral President's report of accomplishments during the 2007-2008 term. (Gaines/Woodcock).

7. Treasurer Russell provided an oral Treasurer's report.

8. Motion to waive the reading of the remaining BOD reports was approved (Marcy/Harwell).

9. Chairman Donald J. Krapohl was approved for Life Membership (Gaines/Ortiz).

10. President Donnie W. Dutton was approved for Life Member (Gougler/Gordon).

11. President Dutton announced the Seminar site selection for 2009, Sheraton Music City, Nashville, Tennessee, August 2-7, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Motion approved for members to discuss changing the 2010 seminar dates to September/October time frame (Gougler/Reistroffer).** Discussion was raised due to a 2006 member survey by Horvath. Both pros and cons were discussed with the main pro reason being a reduction in hotel/facility fees for off season periods, such as the case of Myrtle Beach. Although school directors expressed past concern of conflicts of dates since they have classes in session, the APA accreditation manual allows directors to schedule secondary instructors, without having to be present. Members expressed concern of competing with larger state associations which hold their annual seminars in October. Concern was also expressed by federal and law enforcement agencies due to budget restraints and lack of funding for those agencies with a 30 September fiscal year. President Dutton directed members to log-on to the APA private site and discuss such issues in the private discussion forums.

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“BOARD CERTIFICATION” *Versus* “ELITISM”

Elmer Criswell – APA Director

In my Director’s Report, I had indicated that I was working with others to establish some type of viable certification program where a Member, in order to become “Board Certified,” must do more than just attend continuing education in polygraphy to receive an advanced certification level. The “Advanced & Specialized” Certification program that we have in place, at present, is not a “Board Certified Polygraphist” program even though many Members advertise themselves as such, and the public has, many times, either assumed that our present program signifies that or they have been led to believe that by Members who possess the certification and do not, themselves, understand the concept. Actually, the PCSOT certification program would be more closely-related program to a “Board Certification” designation than the continuing education certification program since the PCSOT program requires a written competency examination as part of the 40 hour training curriculum.

“Board Certification” would require more than just a written competency examination and required attendance at continuing education programs. Board Certification would require a written examination and should require practical examination aspects as well to include the demonstrated ability to:

reliably score confirmed polygraph charts;

perform a proper pre-test interview that adequately meets the ethical standards and the standards of practice of the APA and ASTM (American Society for Testing & Materials) to include the proper introduction, discussion, agreed-upon meaning, and selection of RQ material and the proper introduction, development, discussion, selection, and “setting” of CQ material;

construct proper Relevant Questions, Comparison Questions, Sacrifice-Relevant Questions and/or other specialized questions that are pertinent to a particular technique or format; *e.g.*, the Known Truth Crime Questions in the Arther Technique or the Introductory Stimulation Question in the Marcy Technique or the Universal Lie Control Question in the Canadian Police College Zone Comparison technique;

“plug-in” the proper questions to the format selected for the examination;

produce “clean,” readable, and properly-executed data collection.

Also, included would be that the subject matter of continuing education (to include written and practical competency evaluation) would be specified so that “Board Certified” Polygraphists can demonstrate that they have completed programs that include updates on research relevant to testing and question formulation as well as physiology and psychology, *etc.*, updates on validation of formats and techniques, updates test data analysis topics, updates on new instrumentation, updates on more effective pre-test interviewing, *etc.* Without some type of subject-matter specification, an examiner could take nothing but interview/interrogation and statement analysis courses.

Now, why do I not consider this to be elitism? One major factor is that it would be voluntary – particularly, since it would involve much more extensive expenditure of time and money for those who want to participate. Secondly, no one is dictating that the examiners must possess some specific educational level – particularly since no specific educational level has even been proven to make one a better examiner. Also, elitism would suggest that only Full Members could become “Board Certified” as opposed to Associate members (but I hope we all would agree that Intern Members should not have the opportunity to be “Board Certified”). I can see no reason why Associate Members could not receive the certification. In the actual certification process, as outlined in this article, by simply meeting the “Board Certification” requirements would “vault” them into Full Member status, anyway.

My Master's degree, which I attained after I was a polygraphist for several years, did absolutely nothing to make me better at conducting polygraph examinations. It only gave me the minimum requirement that I needed to be able to teach at the college-level. Some of the best examiners that I have trained and/or had the opportunity to work with did not possess an education beyond a high school diploma. It is true that higher educational qualifications do make our CVs look more impressive and may make a juror more impressed, but I think the juror would be most impressed with someone testifying who "knows their stuff" and has displayed continued levels of competency.

Finally, the public, our consumers (regardless of whether the test is for law enforcement, government, or private reasons), will, hopefully, be aware, eventually, that "Board Certified" means, just that – just like a "Board Certified" psychologist, physician, *etc.* The public knows that the "Board Certified" polygraphist has achieved higher levels of demonstrated competency than those who have not reached that level. Those who want to reach that level, will then have to expend the time, energy, and money to make themselves "Board Certified," but no one is making them do so. To make them do so would also then contribute to elitism.

To further explore why we need "Board Certification" in our profession, to name a few situations:

Examiners who are going to conduct evidentiary examinations or some type of court-ordered examination;

Examiners who are going to be tasked with Quality Control programs, Quality Assurance programs, Quality Control evaluations for courts, or those who might serve on a Quality Control Committee for APA if that becomes a reality;

Examiners who are going to testify in court proceedings regardless of whether it would be criminal court, civil court, or administrative court (probation/parole revocation hearings or law enforcement disciplinary boards, *etc.*);

Those who are afforded the APA Primary Instructor designation.

At present, there are persons testifying in court proceedings of all types who are so ill-prepared and completely incompetent to testify, that they only manage to further exemplify that polygraph evidence should not be introduced in any court. This is the fault of the court; however, I strongly believe that this is the duty of the various national polygraph associations to address this situation since we are the ones that courts should be and are looking to for guidance. We cannot give them much guidance, since we have no true "Board Certification." By having a listing of "Board Certified Polygraphists" who have achieved this level because they have demonstrated the ability to achieve strict competency requirements, the various tribunals or others would know they are getting those who have proven their ability. Of course, the argument of many that I have talked to who try to claim "elitism," argue that, "What if I can't reach the required competency levels?" They don't like the answer – "Then I would say that you shouldn't be doing tests – and particularly shouldn't be testifying in court if you cannot show continued competency." My answer, of course, does not receive a favorable reaction.

In closing, this gets back to an age-old discussion that there are certain standard procedures and valid principles as to the proper way of conducting polygraph examinations, and those who can't meet them shouldn't be doing them and/or shouldn't be engaging in the activities that I have mentioned above without proven and continued competency. Requiring this is not elitism, but it is "doing the right thing" in order to have true "Board Certification."

I welcome comments and constructive criticism from those who wish to show favor or disfavor to my discussion and possible suggested program for APA "Board Certification." You may reach me at 717-780-2513 (College Office) or 717-861-9432 (PG School Office) and/or e-mailing me at: lietestec@aol.com (please be certain to indicate in the subject box that your e-mail concerns the "Board Certification" – as opposed to "No Subject" – so that I do not delete the e-mail because I don't recognize who is sending it). **APA**



Tech Talk

Should There be Specialization for the Post Conviction Domestic Violence Polygraph Test (PCDVT)?

Roger D. Cook

Recently there has been a strong interest in the use of the polygraph with probationers on supervision for domestic violence crimes. The initial reaction might be that Post Conviction Sex Offender Testing (PCSOT) and Post Conviction Domestic Violence Testing (PCDVT) would be quite similar. For one, they involve testing someone who has been convicted and placed on a type of community supervision. There may even be a gray area where PCSOT and PCDVT seem similar. Many examiners may recall one or more strong-arm rape tests where the victim was an adult, or even a spouse of the offender. A PCSOT examiner testing this person might have noticed there were more differences than similarities with these examinees as compared to other sex offenders who have offended children. The entire personality and profile of that sex offender could be quite different from the typical sex offender who offended children. Not only is there anecdotal evidence that these persons are different, there is research on recidivism that indicates the same, (Hanson & Stephenson, 2004; Curnoe & Langevin, 2002). It is from here that the two fields diverge.

The obvious differences are between treatment and supervision. Many persons on supervision for a domestic violence offense are usually on supervision for misdemeanor probation. However, as laws change there are some jurisdictions that convict for a felony when it is a second offense, or when a child witnesses the crime. Regardless, usually the supervision is of a much shorter duration. Many sex offenders

can be on supervision for several years, whereas a misdemeanor domestic violence offender can be on supervision for as little as a year, although many are on supervision for two or three years. Likewise domestic violence treatment programs are much shorter as well. In the State of Oregon domestic violence treatment is generally limited to about 48 to 52 weeks. Most PCSOT examiners know that treatment for sex offenders averages about three years, and some are in treatment much longer. An examiner who understands the importance of this limited time can better assist probation officers and treatment providers at strategizing the timing and makeup of examinations for this population.

Other differences that the examiner not trained in PCDVT might not immediately appreciate are in the areas of need in probation and treatment. The buzz phrase for corrections currently is "evidenced based practices" (Byrne & Pattavina, 2006). To be proficient as a polygraph examiner in this area one must understand which evidence based practices are used with the domestic violence offender. One example of evidenced based practices pertains to identification of precursors for re-offense. For the sex offender whose victims are against minors, one would agree that generally there was some form of grooming and objectifying. It is a relationship for purely sexual purposes. However for the domestic violence offender, the victim is usually a spouse or other intimate partner; a relationship issue. The crime more or less was a result of an argument and not pre-contemplation.

Often the sex offender does not continue the relationship with the victim, whereas often the domestic violence offender typically continues the relationship with the victim. Therefore the timing of the first polygraph examination is more critical. The PCDVT examiner (as well as the probation officer and treatment provider) should be more concerned about contact with the victim as opposed to the PCSOT, which is more concerned with opportunistic contact with minors (a new victim).


Another difference is the issue of substance use. Although some sex offenders have crimes where alcohol was involved, it appears to be a much more important issue with domestic violence. Research has shown that domestic violence offenders who consume alcohol are about eight times more likely to re-offend (Riggs, Caulfield & Street, 2004; Jones & Gondolf, 2001). Again timing the first polygraph test for purposes of substance use and for contact with the victim can be critical.

Finally, since treatment, which in this field is generally called batterer intervention program (BIP) is much shorter for the domestic violence offender. Denial is an issue that could significantly sabotage successful and timely completion of treatment. One issue that would be considered here again is the entanglement of the relationship between the victim and the offender. Initially at the time of the offense, the victim will make a statement of how the domestic violence offender offended (her). At this time the domestic violence offender usually denies the crime so as to avoid prosecution. Eventually many victims will

retract the original accusation. While at the same time some of the domestic violence offenders will begin to admit their offenses. These dynamics rarely occur with the sex offender. This may seem confusing to the examiner who does not understand these dynamics. Research has shown that the initial police report is most accurate, and many victims deny because they want to reestablish the relationship (Heckert & Gondolf, 2000). This can be for various reasons such as the victim is dependent upon the offender for support, a circumstance the offender may use to his or her advantage. Not having contact with the domestic violence offender often reduces the amount of support she will receive. Therefore to the unwary examiner these flip-flops may seem confusing and frustrating. However a wary examiner can anticipate these changes and conduct a preemptive strike before they happen, making supervision, treatment, and polygraph tests less complicated.

Should there be specialization in the field of Domestic Violence? Most examiners would agree it is important to know his or her subject matter before conducting a test. Preparation will no doubt assist in not only conducting the best test one can, but also a test that will be of use to other team players. There is a learning curve for most new endeavors. No doubt there is a learning curve here. Overcoming this learning curve quickly could mean the difference between providing a service that will be beneficial, resulting in more appreciation from the consumer (probation and treatment provider) as well as serving to promote a positive regard for the utility of the polygraph.

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Summary of Minutes (cont.)

2. **Motion approved to discuss suggested seminar site locations for 2010 (Gaines/Ragus).** Recommendations included Portland, OR; Destin, FL; San Diego, CA; somewhere in the NE region; and, a suggestion that the APA use 4 divided regions and rotate each year similar to AAPP. President Dutton Directed members to log-on to the APA private site and discuss such issues in the private discussion forums.
3. **Motion approved for members to discuss issues of the electoral process for the President-Elect system (Webb/Hilley).** Issues were raised about a contingency plan for recently elected, President-elect Sosnowski and his ability to serve since he is out of the country for an extended period of time. Incoming President Gougler announced that he will contact Sosnowski personally to discuss the issues brought up by the members.
4. The General **APA** business meeting was recessed at 4:45pm, until the annual Banquet on Thursday, August 21, 2008.

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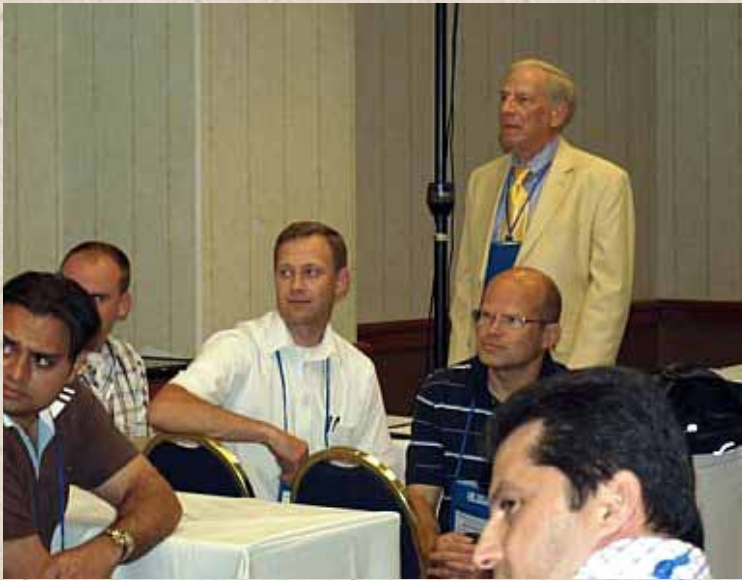
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Upgrading from Associate to Full Member

Associate Members shall be eligible to be upgraded to Full Member status provided that the following conditions have been met:

1. They have satisfactorily completed a qualifying examination attesting to their knowledge of and competence in the administration of polygraph procedures. This examination shall consist of an oral and written assessment of both academic and practical knowledge of polygraph detection of deception procedures and shall be administered by the APA Membership Committee only at an APA annual seminar.

2. They have been an Associate Member for not less than 36 months; and,

3. Within 36 months preceding upgrading they have successfully completed either:

a. At least 108 hours of continuing education in topics directly related to polygraph testing, including at least one APA annual seminar, during their Associate Membership; or

b. An APA approved refresher course administered by a polygraph training school accredited by the APA; and

4. They are in attendance at an APA annual seminar at the time of consideration of their request for upgrading to Full Member; and,

5. They submit proof of having completed no less than 200 satisfactory polygraph examinations; and,

6. They hold a current and valid license as a polygraph examiner in the state or other similar governmental jurisdiction of their practice if at the time of application such license is required by law; and,

7. They have satisfied all financial obligations to the APA.

8. If a person who is now an Associate Member completes a B.S. or B.A. degree and mails in a copy of the diploma can be automatically upgraded to Full Member.

Associate Members shall be eligible to vote and to serve on committees in the APA, but they shall not be eligible to hold

elective office or to chair committees in the APA. Associates shall not represent themselves as other than Associate Members of the APA.

Continuing Education and Refresher Courses

Applicants are required to submit proof of 108 hours of continuing education or APA-approved refresher courses in topics related to polygraph testing. These 108 hours may include college related courses in psychology, physiology, and other related topics. Law Enforcement or Government sponsored programs directly related to polygraph, interviewing and interrogations; annual APA seminars and workshops, state polygraph associations seminar and/or workshops; and APA approved polygraph training school refresher programs.

Prior to Sitting for the Examination

1. Applicants must notify the Committee Chair through APA National Office, P.O. Box 8037, Chattanooga, TN 374140037, in writing 30 days prior to an annual APA seminar, regarding their intentions for upgrading. In addition, applicants are required to submit successful completion of continuing education, refresher training and licensing where applicable.

2. Applicants shall provide the Committee Chair (through the APA National Office) with a notarized affidavit that the applicant has completed not less than 200 actual polygraph examinations.

Written and Oral Testing

1. The examination process for upgrading from Associate to Full Member shall consist of both a written test and an oral examination, administered only during the annual APA seminar.

(If the Associate Member successfully completed an APA-administered written examination required for Associate membership prior to August 31, 1989, to substitute that examination for the written assessment required. However, the oral

assessment required must be completed as specified in rules developed by the Membership Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.)

2. The written examination will consist of questions relating to physiology, psychology, legal aspects, history, question formulation, chart interpretation, instrumentation, chart markings, polygraph testing procedures, and techniques.

3. During the oral examination, the applicant shall present 10 case files for review by the Membership Committee Panel (MCP), which are recommended by the President at the location and time of the examination. The applicant shall explain, to the satisfaction of the panel members, the polygraph chart recordings and conclusions of the examinations. Case files shall consist of all test records such as case facts, question lists, consent forms, polygraph charts/recordings, written reports, and conclusions.

4. Applicants should be prepared to respond to questions regarding their test question formulation, testing technique, procedures, and chart analysis.

5. In addition, the MCP will provide the applicant with one or more written scenarios of a case or cases, and the applicant will be required to demonstrate proficiency in question formulation.

6. All applicants shall attain not less than 70% correct answers on the written and oral examination.

7. All applicants shall be notified of the results of the examination no later than 30 days after the examination.

8. In the event an applicant fails one or both components, he/she shall be required to retake only the component of the examination, written or oral, which was failed. If successful passage is not attained within two attempts, both components shall be retaken.

9. An applicant who fails to pass a component of the examination is not eligible for re-examination of that component until the next seminar.

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