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# President's Message

## KAREN CLARK

I could go on all day talking about the recent seminar in Henderson, Nevada, so where exactly do I begin? Typically, we have had around 400 attendees but this year, we knocked that number out of the ballpark with registration hitting the 700 range. The unexpected numbers had the board of directors scrambling around to get extra supplies and rearranging classroom space to accommodate everyone. I have to admit that it was a great problem to have.

Our vendors stepped up to the plate this year and made it all possible by volunteering their time to assist as needed during the seminar and with their generous donations. The vendors classroom presentations were a full day this year instead of the usual two hours that we have had in the past. This allowed the vendors more time in a classroom style setting rather than discussing issues and new products in the hallways and on coffee breaks. To all of our generous vendors, I extend my sincere appreciation and I look forward to seeing you all again next year!

As far as classroom and speakers go, we had a line-up this year like never before with sometimes as many as four different classes going at one time. Ron Hilley made sure that our attendees were able to select which class they wanted to attend without having an either/or style but rather, "Oh my goodness, which class shall I pick?" I was told numerous times over and over again that this was by far the best conference that many of you had ever attended. Since our board of directors worked on this seminar for over a year, compliments like that really mean a lot to us.

I feel that this is the best time as any to brag on

my team. I know in the past when you read through our articles in the journal following the seminars it appeared that we were just trying to pat ourselves on the back about the success of our seminars. While I am not trying to pat myself on the back, I do have full intention of patting my board on the back for a job well done! Each one of my board members brings a different personality and a different specialty to the table. At times they put in around the clock hours to get things done for these seminars. AAPP Region I Director Ron Hilley began this journey to have a successful seminar in 2014 about two years ago. During our September 2013 mid-year meeting, he was so far ahead of the curve with his speaker selections, hotel selection and organized activities that it made the rest of the process look so easy to everyone. With Treasurer Gordon Moore's help, Ron was able to secure some of the most talented presenters in different areas of the polygraph field. While having the extra speakers and classroom space increased the cost of the seminar this year, it was well worth it and it is our intention to continue that practice for future seminars.

AAPP Chairman Bruce Robertson is probably one of the best public speakers and leaders in that field that I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I took full advantage of his skills and expertise this year and I am not ashamed to say it. I was asked several times why he performed most of the speaking. It's very simple. Bruce is top notch when it comes to public speaking and moving meetings along in an organized and quick fashion. Most of our meetings this year were going to be lengthy and, knowing this in advance, I played the ace that I had available to me. I wish to express my gratitude to Bruce for stepping up and being our Master of

Ceremonies this year. It was very much appreciated. Another hidden talent we have on our board belongs to a newly elected Region III Director Eileen Ryan. I was amazed at her ability to identify what needed to be done and then organize the task in the best way to make it happen. She and Region IV Director Tracey Hilton jumped in with both feet. I wanted to let everyone know that I appreciated it very much.

Some of you may not be aware of this, but towards the end of the week we had a speaker that was stuck at the airport due to weather issues. She was not able to arrive on time for her class. Our secretary, Bob Heard jumped right in and filled that space with a top notch class. Attendees raved about his class in the Evaluations they submitted. We will definitely have him teach in Grand Rapids in 2014. I cannot say enough about our great secretary and I would not ever want to be in a position where I did not have him by my side.

I cannot say enough about our National Office Manager Julie Gerspacher. She and her husband Mark worked tirelessly before and during the seminar to get the registration information updated. People were still registering for the seminar the evening before and shortly after Opening Ceremonies on day one. With cancellations and the registrations, Julie and Mark never batted an eye. They maintained their forward motion and kept the ball rolling. I do not know what we as an association would do without them.

And right by my side during the seminar was my Vice President Jim Wardwell. This was a learning curve for both of us. I have been on the board since 2004 and I have been involved with the rest of the board in hosting many good AAPP conferences, but this was the first time that we had 700+ registrations. Jim and I winged it together and I am very proud to call him my wing man!

Of all of the great things that happened at the seminar this year, there was a sad occasion as well. Region II Director Vince Hernandez

recently retired from his department and decided that it was time to pass the torch. I am proud to have served on the board with Vince. He was an exceptional asset to the team and being so, he sought out a very worthy replacement. I would like to welcome our new Region II Director Derek Piasecki to the team. Derek has already begun that journey in getting speakers and other information together for the Grand Rapids seminar in 2015. He is a good fit with our board and I look forward to working with him as we kick off the process of making 2015 a great seminar.

In addition to the great classes at the seminar, the resort location of the seminar this year was by far one of the nicest locations that we have ever been able to secure and the price fell within the government Per Diem that we seek for our members. By agreeing to drop the resort fees and give us free internet and free parking, this location was the best deal going in the Vegas area. It was a small disappointment to us that the casino was closed due to gaming license issues, however, the hotel did offer a shuttle into downtown for the casino enthusiast who wanted to leave their hard earned money in Vegas. It was also a little disappointing that the adjoining village was somewhat vacant by the time the seminar occurred. At the time the contact was signed with the resort two years ago, the village and casino were active and booming. All was good when we visited during the mid-year board meeting in September 2013. We realize that this was a disappointment to some of you. Unfortunately these were circumstance which were beyond our control.

This entire seminar was business casual/casual which was openly accepted by those in attendance. Over and over again, we heard from the attendees that they love not having to dress up for classroom and other events. This was another change that receive high ratings on the evaluation "yellow" sheets. We plan to keep this casual dress code for future seminars.

This year, we held the annual business meeting

in the afternoon after classes on Wednesday instead of Wednesday morning. We did this because it had been suggested many times over the past few seminars. Some attendees indicated that they were not able to use the meeting as training hours and the rest of the seminar left them with less than the 40 hours of training needed for employer requirements. A special fudge treat was available to everyone that attended, which was donated by Ohio visitor center. Due to the vote of both the 2016 and the 2017 seminar locations, the meeting went longer than planned, but this was necessary due to recent constitution changes requiring seminar site selection two years in advance rather than the past one year requirement. We had several locations for both region 3 and region 4 and each of these locations were represented by agents from those cities. I would like to apologize for the length of the meeting but our Chairman, Bruce Robertson did everything within his power, and did a great job in moving the meeting along as quickly and smoothly as possible. Attendees at the meeting were not in favor of having the meeting in the afternoon at future seminars, and it was the consensus of the board that it did not work well for the majority of the members. We tried it and even though we had a great turnout at the meeting, we do not expect to continue that practice and will make other adjustments for those members needing the 40 hours of training. In addition, from this point on, barring unforeseen circumstances, we will not have to vote on two separate seminar sights in the future.

For the first time in many years, the board of directors decided to sit at tables with the rest of the attendees/members at the Thursday night banquet, rather than at a head table. Overwhelmingly, both the board and the attendees expressed to me that they loved the change. Members enjoyed being seated with the board members and especially with their regional directors. I must admit that this was a change that I liked as well, and I anticipate that it may become the custom for future seminars.

Another change at the banquet was our meal

selection. In the past, we have tried our best to give our attendees a choice in the meals that we served at the banquet. Some of you will recall that the choices have been chicken, beef, fish and vegetable plate. In our dealings with hotels over the past couple of years, it has become obvious that this meal selection is pretty much a thing of the past and that this is not something that we will likely be able to do for our future seminars. During initial negotiations with the hotel for this year's banquet the banquet staff was wanting us to choose between beef or chicken with the only other option being a vegetarian meal. After some further discussion with the staff we were able to get a beef and chicken combination plate for an increased price. We were very pleased with the meal and its presentation. This was not a change that we had anticipated or preferred but it is the way in which the meal choices are headed within the hotel and convention arena. This brings additional expense to the banquet so we are currently working on a new registration process that will help us track those wishing to attend the banquet, and those that do not intend to attend. This will help us keep seminar cost down and will more accurately help us order the needed meals for our attendees.

One of the complaints that we typically hear each year concerns the coffee and beverage breaks. This year, we left the coffee and drinks out all day. Typically this packs in a large additional punch to the bottom line of the seminar expenses. It appears from comments made to me and written on the "yellow sheets" that the members/attendees appreciated it. We definitely need to thank Gordon for obtaining the drinks for the seminar from outside sources, which allowed us to make the drinks available throughout the day. If at all possible, we will try to seek out other sponsors for future seminars, and work with the seminar site hotel to get permission to bring drinks/refreshments in to the conference area.

This year, we had well over 70 registered guests/spouses which is the greatest number of guests that we have ever had at a seminar.

We really enjoy having your spouses and guests with us so feel free to bring them along each year. During this seminar I was approached by one guest/spouse that did not understand why we charged a guest fee for the guest to attend the AAPP functions, including the hospitality room and the guest breakfast. I am addressing this issue in hopes that there will be no misunderstandings in the future and to say thank you to all of our members that brought spouses and guests to the seminar. I wish that it was something that we could do without charge, but due to the cost of food, drinks and sometimes transportation to our events, we determined that it was necessary to charge a guest fee. We do want the spouses/guests to feel a part of the AAPP which is why we issued each of the registered spouses/guest a name tag so that they could attend all of the AAPP guest events (excluding classroom participation).

As is our policy, everyone is required to wear their name tag to attend all AAPP functions, and that policy was strictly enforced by our many appointed Sergeant at Arms (SGTaA), to whom I would like to express my appreciation for a job well done! This process can be a pain, but it is necessary so that we can do our best at securing our surroundings and maintaining confidentiality in the classrooms and other functions. This is a difficult assignment and each of SGTaA was tasked to enforce the rules without exception. They all did an outstanding job and were courteous but clear with all of our members. I even had to leave and get my name tag once, so I know our guys did a great job and I appreciate their efforts. I do not know of any law enforcement officer that wants to worry about their photographs appearing in the social media or in the news while they are relaxing with other professionals and sipping a cold beverage. I repeat this because just about every year, there is some type of an issue with unwanted persons sneaking into our classrooms and into our functions. This year was no exception. There were two incidents where outsiders slipped into our seminar area and began taking pictures of our members, vendors and our signs. One was stopped at the

door and left in a hurry. The other had already taken many photographs which were promptly deleted from his camera by our Secretary Bob Heard. He was also told to put the soft drinks back on the table that he had stolen from our refreshment stations. It is these types of activities that we are always on the lookout for and do our best to combat. Fortunately we have great members who are also alert and help us thwart out intruders, which is a true blessing to this association.

It is important for our association and the protection of our various speakers and instructors that diligently enforce the recording ban. This became obvious in Charlotte, (2013) when a member or attendee recorded an entire class and then released this recording to a non-polygraph entity. We are confident that it was a member or registered attendee as our Secretary Bob Heard vets each and every person that registers for the seminar. It is our policy that we do not allow anyone other than polygraphist and legitimate polygraph related companies or agencies to attend our training sessions. Anyone found to be releasing information from any of our training classes will be considered to have committed and ethical violation and will be dealt with appropriately.

We have some golfing shirts in various sizes and colors left from the Henderson seminar. Photographs of the shirts will be placed on the website soon along with the prices. You will be able to order the shirts through the national office and I will get them mailed out to you as soon as possible. We also have some of the white t-shirts left and they will sell for ten dollars each. If you are having a state association meeting soon and would like to have a couple of the shirts as door prizes for that meeting, please let me know so that I can get them in the mail to you. One of the other items that sold very well at the seminar was the pocket knives with the AAPP logo. They were priced at \$35.00 and we sold out quickly. I can order more of those if anyone is interested in purchasing one, however the cost will be slightly higher to include postage. I hope to have all of these items posted on our website

soon. If there is an AAPP logo item that you would like to have available at the Grand Rapids seminar, please let me know and we will make every effort to have those items available on the website and at the seminar.

In closing, I would like to thank Gordon Moore's wife Kim, Editor Roger Butler's wife Leesa, Region I Director Ron Hilley's wife Carol, Chairman Bruce Robertson's wife Becky, and National Office Manager Julie Gerspacher's husband Mark for their hard work and assistance during all aspects of the seminar. Their help was tremendously appreciated.

Special thanks to James Brown, with Limestone Instruments, who purchased the Harley

Davidson motorcycle during the banquet. All of the proceeds from that raffle ticket sale and the auction of the bike went to the scholarship fund. This is actually the second bike that James has purchased from us and we definitely appreciate his support. We are currently planning to have a 50/50 raffle in Grand Rapids during the 2015 seminar. More information will be forthcoming about that soon.

Again, I wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president and the faith that you placed in me by re-electing me to a second term as your president. It is a great honor. I also wish to thank my board of directors and their spouses, the vendors, Jennifer Herring with NHS, the past presidents and all of those that attended the seminar in Henderson. It was a great week and we look forward to seeing you all again in Grand Rapids, MI (2015).



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## Vice-President's Message

# JIM WARDWELL

It was terrific seeing so many of you in Henderson. There was great training, many sights to see, lots of fun, and most importantly so many conversations with colleagues and friends. With all my respect given to the fantastic training choices that are offered at our AAPP conferences, I do believe examiners coming together and having face to face conversations, some light-hearted and some more serious, is the most important part of our time together each year. This is invaluable in my opinion. Professionals, friends, and colleagues, getting out of their normal environment and coming together to discuss a topic we all love, polygraph, cannot be beat. I value these opportunities very highly as I am certain so many of you do as well. Congratulations to Region 1 Director Ron Hillye and Treasurer Gordon Moore for putting together such a successful and memorable conference.

Among the many activities at the conference were chances for our school directors to get together at the Annual School Directors' Meeting. I want to thank each of the school directors who attended this meeting. The frank discussions we have at these meetings do help the AAPP to better facilitate communication and offer the appropriate support to the important job each of you do in your school. One topic discussed was changing technology and how to best send welcoming information from the AAPP to polygraph school graduates. We decided at this year's meeting to primarily send information to our schools by digital format. There was general agreement that this would be the best way to get the information to the graduating students to make them aware of the benefits of the AAPP and its training opportunities. I do ask all school directors to con-

tact me at [james.wardwell@newbritainct.gov](mailto:james.wardwell@newbritainct.gov) to let me know when a class is approaching graduation, so I can in turn send our new digital welcome packets.

Before I leave the topic of school directors, I want to personally congratulate New England Polygraph Institute School Director, David Crawford, who was this year's Region 3 Director's Award recipient. Dave is a class act and runs a fine school turning out very well educated and prepared polygraph examiners. In addition, Dave runs the New England Polygraph Association and is a true supporter of our proud discipline and all its practitioners.

Another great event in Henderson that offered terrific dialogue was the annual State Leadership Luncheon. This year we had leaders from across the entire country sitting down for lunch and sharing the successes and challenges in each of their respective states or regions. While some states like California, North Carolina, and Connecticut spoke of active and growing memberships, other states expressed concerns with shrinking involvement. The upside to this was that other nearby states with active associations expressed a willingness to regionalize their efforts and training. All state or regional associations focused on their training efforts which have largely been successful. Of particular concern in many areas is the impact of CVSA on legislation that may have an impact polygraph. There does seem to be a need for scientifically based information to be available to our legislatures when they are considering laws concerning Credibility Assessment.

I do want to reemphasize the need for mem-

bership upgrades in the AAPP. There are many members who remain listed as Intern Members who may now qualify for Active Membership. There is no fee associated with this upgrade which will give the member voting status in the AAPP. Intern Members can upgrade to Active when the following is met per Chapter X, Section E of our By-Laws: "No sooner than six months after successful completion of an AAPP recognized polygraph school and successful completion of a minimum of 50 polygraph exams."

Check on your own membership status. Are you still listed as an Intern Member, when you now qualify for Active Status? If you do meet the qualifications and would like me to assist you in getting this changed for you, please provide me with the following items:

A recommendation letter from your agency su-

pervisor or school director requesting the upgrade. A letter from your supervisor should identify your duties and that you meet the requirements for Active Membership.

Fill out and submit the "Upgrade to Active Membership Application" located on the AAPP Website: [www.policepolygraph.org/downloads](http://www.policepolygraph.org/downloads)

These items can be emailed to me at [James.wardwell@newbritainct.gov](mailto:James.wardwell@newbritainct.gov). Please remember, there is no charge for this upgrade, but it is important for you as an examiner to be listed with the proper membership that you have earned and deserve. My contact information is as follows: Jim Wardwell, New Britain Police Department, 10 Chestnut Street, New Britain CT 06051. 860-826-3112.

Email: [James.wardwell@newbritainct.gov](mailto:James.wardwell@newbritainct.gov). I always look forward to hearing from each of you.



# Treasurer's Report

## GORDON MOORE

Dear Fellow Members,

Region 1 Director Ron Hilley has accomplished what no other the AAPP conference host has ever done. He clearly exceeded his goal of providing the utmost quality of training at any one AAPP conference. Not only did he exceed this expectation, I believe the 2014 AAPP 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference was the best in the AAPP history from all aspects. Not just in quality of training, but regarding attendance (over 600), hotel accommodations, significant others' activities and the ever important camaraderie were superb. I am aware that the AAPP event coordinator, Jennifer Herring with NHS Global Events, provided efficient, quality and timely service helping Ron throughout the conference preparations. Great job, Ron! Great job, Jennifer! Fortunately for the AAPP, I did observe our next conference host, Region 2 Director Derek Piasecki, diligently quizzing Ron and Jennifer while taking precise notes. I am confident that Derek will meet or exceed Ron's all around host capabilities for next year's conference.

The AAPP utilizes the CPA services of Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Company in Springfield, Ohio. They are in the process of reviewing our 2013 Profit and Loss Statement as well as other pertinent financial information. This delayed report is not related to anything regarding the AAPP financial status. I will report their findings in our AAPP journal as soon as they are available.

At the conference Board of Directors meeting and during our annual Audit Committee meeting, I was able to present the AAPP 2013 financial records, transactions, and information. The AAPP Board of Directors and 2014 Audit Com-

mittee can attest to our financial matters being in order. Our 2014 audit committee was comprised of Derek G. Piasecki #2405, Lisa Mearkle #3021 and Jana Bouzek #3038. Thank you, Lisa, Jana and Derek for volunteering your time in this important duty. During our membership's business meeting, I was able to present a power point presentation reflecting our association's financial status.

The following article is from MassMutual's Net Gains:

**When a Pension Meets Social Security:** If you earn a pension and qualify for Social Security benefits, the dual income stream could put you in a stronger position to enjoy a comfortable retirement – especially if you also make regular contributions to a savings plan. However, you should be aware of how your pension might affect your Social Security benefits.

**Correcting an Unfair Advantage:** Private-sector workers, who earn a pension, generally have paid Social Security payroll taxes; the pension should not affect their Social Security benefits. This is also true of federal workers hired after December 31, 1983. However, some public-sector employees, as well as workers for certain nonprofit organizations or employers in foreign countries, may earn a pension without paying Social Security payroll taxes. If that is the case and the person qualifies for Social Security through other employment, the Social Security benefit may be reduced by the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), enacted by Congress in 1983 to correct an unfair advantage in the benefit calculation. The WEP benefit reduction depends on the year in which the worker turns 62 (the eligibility year) and the

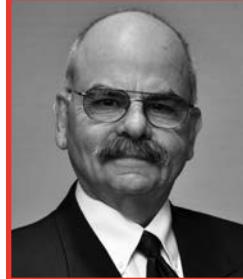
number of years in which the individual had “substantial earnings” that were subject to the Social Security payroll tax. The maximum benefit reduction is \$408 in eligibility to year 2014. It phases out for workers with 20 or more years of substantial earnings and is eliminated for those with 30 or more years of substantial earnings. To protect workers with lower incomes, the reduction cannot be more than one-half of the individual’s pension from non-covered employment.

**Adjusting Survivor Benefits:** The WEP does not apply to survivor benefits. However, another provision called the Government Pension Offset (GPO) could reduce Social Security spousal or survivor benefits by two-thirds of the amount of a government pension. For example, someone who receives a \$750 monthly civil service pension and is eligible for a \$1,000

monthly Social Security survivor benefit would instead receive \$500 from Social Security ( $\$1,000 - \$500$  (two-thirds of  $\$750$ ) =  $\$500$ ). The guidelines and calculations for both of these provisions can be complex, and it may be wise to obtain expert guidance if you believe one or both might affect you. For more information, visit these pages on the Social Security website: [www.ssa.gov/reitre2/wep.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/reitre2/wep.htm) [www.ssa.gov/reitre2/gpo.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/reitre2/gpo.htm).

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Until next time – save and spend wisely.



# *Secretary's Tidings*

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## From the Chaplain

# BARRY CUSHMAN

We had another great seminar this year in Henderson, NV. (In fact, some of you said it was the best ever.) It was great to see so many people there. As occurs every year, there is a devotional service after registration winds down and before the President's Reception. While I only use notes, I always try to reproduce the message here.

First, this devotional was developed from a sermon I preached some time ago. It was based on an outline I got from somebody else at some point over the past several years. I don't recall whom, so I can't give him or her the proper credit, but God knows. I'm not sure what that person entitled it, but my title – and one line summary – is this: Be on guard against drifting.

Let me begin by citing a few verses from the Book of Hebrews:

**Hebrews 2:1–3a (NLT) — 1** So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. **2** For the message God delivered through angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished. **3** So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation?

The following is a recent story in (an online) paper that reminded me of the principle taught here.

On April 21<sup>st</sup> of this year, the Gazette Live (a British publication) reported on a story that mentioned the real-life dangers of drifting: In 2009 a woman and her step-daughter were out in an inflatable dinghy, which resulted in the need to be rescued. The paper quoted her as

saying the following: "It was a gorgeous day. The water looked lovely so we went out on the dinghy. It looked like we were in safe water. We realized we were drifting out so we started paddling. But the current was pulling us and it just felt like we weren't getting anywhere. [My step-daughter] got into the water to try to pull it back but we weren't getting anywhere so I told her to get back in. But she had let go of the rope and the dinghy kept drifting away. She had been in the water about 20 minutes by this point and she was exhausted. I saw her start going under and she was going blue so I jumped in and managed to get her into the dinghy. I started trying to swim and pull it but we were far out and I could feel the tide was changing and it was getting harder to do.... We could have died. I was exhausted and it was frightening."

Here, drifting refers to literal drifting, but the author of Hebrews refers to the dangers of spiritual drifting. "So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it." Notice that drifting doesn't require any effort on our part, and it can occur without our awareness. The adult in the story said it looked like they were in safe waters. In other words, she thought everything was just fine. She didn't notice they had been drifting until after they had drifted into an area of danger.

Of course, we can drift in the spiritual realm too. It's easy for the pressures of life to distract us and cause us to lose our focus. Sometimes, we don't know how much more pressure we can take. I think the same can be said of our professional lives. It's easy to cut a corner here or there. After all, so many people can give us

so many reasons for wanting to do so. Those cut corners can be the beginnings of drifting toward ethical failures.

A website ([www.niagrafallslive.com](http://www.niagrafallslive.com)) tells the story of Bobby Leach: "The infamous Bobby Leach plunged over the Falls in a steel barrel. Bobby broke both kneecaps and his jaw during his daring event. Years later while touring in New Zealand, Bobby slipped on an orange peel and died from complications due to gangrene!"

Think about that one for a minute. He went over the falls in a steel barrel and only broke bones, but he survived! Then, after pulling off that crazy stunt, he was wandering along and simply slipped on an orange peel. Nothing spectacular there. No movie lights; no fanfare; and yet that little incident was what resulted in his death. The take-home message is simple: Sometimes it's those little things that bring us down! Always be alert against the possibility of (those little?) ethical failures that can destroy you in an instant!

Have you noticed we never drift upstream? Serving God can be like swimming upstream. It takes effort and decided commitment. Let's look at Peter's exhortation:

**2 Peter 1:5–8 (The Message)** — 5 So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, 6 alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, 7 warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others. 8 With these qualities active and growing in your lives, no grass will grow under your feet, no day will pass without its reward as you mature in your experience of our Master Jesus.

I think the same is true of our profession - it takes effort and decided commitment to serve the cause of truth. Thus, we have our minimum training and continuing education standards. Just as we aren't to lose a minute in building on the spiritual blessings that we've been given by God, we shouldn't lose a minute in building on

what we've been given in order to do the work that we do. We need to avoid getting stuck, and instead, continue to grow.

Now, notice that drifting wasn't just dangerous to step-mom and step-daughter. They had to be rescued, and rescues often put the rescuers in danger. If you aren't lucky enough to have the hero arrive and rescue you, and you don't have the strength or ability to save yourself, drifting can result in a rough ride – downstream, picking up speed until you're fortunate enough for the sharp, jagged rocks to abruptly end your trip. When we drift, we're really not in control of where we're going, and we can drift far enough that we can't get back on our own. In the worst situations, nobody will be able to help us.

If you aren't practicing the spiritual disciplines you once enjoyed, you may be drifting spiritually. If you aren't practicing according to the standards of our discipline, you might be drifting professionally. If you don't enjoy the profession like you once did, be mindful of the possibility of drifting, and take some time out as an opportunity to get re-grounded and excited about your job. If there is an opportunity for training in your region, you might think about doing what it takes to get there and get your batteries recharged.

How about relationships? We can drift in those areas too. If you aren't enjoying relationships at home, work or wherever else you spend time with others, perhaps there has been some drifting going on there. Are you the person, husband, wife, father, mother, child, co-worker - whoever, that you know you should be? If not, then you've drifted, and it's time to get back on track and get to where you know you should be. The waters can get really dangerous if you drift too far.

How do we avoid drifting? To avoid drifting, row - hard! You need to be in control of where you are going, so be diligent. Again, listen to what Peter had to say:

**2 Peter 1:10 (NLT)** — 10 So, dear brothers and

sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away.

Work hard! That's something a lot of people don't want to do these days, but remember: we can't be drifting when we're going against the tide any more than we can be coasting if we're going up a mountain! If things seem too easy, maybe something's wrong. Remember the words of Jimmy Dugan (Tom Hanks) in the 1992 movie "A League of Their Own" when some of the girls he was coaching were feeling like they wanted to give up? Jimmy told them this: "There's no crying in baseball. It's supposed to be hard. If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. The hard... is what makes it great."

Doing what we do can be hard at times. There are only so many times you can hear some of the stories we do before they start to get to you. That's why it's important to take good care of yourself. Difficulties on the job can impact

our attitudes, and that can impact our relationships. Drifting at work can lead to drifting in our personal relationships, and the problems can multiply quickly. You've invested a lot of time and effort into this profession, and you've invested more on those who mean the most to you, so assess yourself regularly, and be on guard against the possibility of drifting.

As always, if there is anything I can ever do for you, please let me know. I hope to see you in the great state of Michigan in 2015. Godspeed.

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We will see that the item gets the appropriate attention.

Also, if you know of any law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, or any sick or injured AAPP members, please let us know so the appropriate sympathies or get well can be sent.



# The AAPP sends its sympathies to the families and co-workers of these fallen officers:

Agent Carlos Rivera-Vega  
Puerto Rico Police Department, PR  
EOW: Tuesday, January 21, 2014  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Detective Sergeant Tom Smith  
Bay Area Rapid Transit PD, CA  
EOW: Tuesday, January 21, 2014  
Cause of Death: Gunfire (Accidental)

Police Officer Kristian Willhight  
Burns Flat Police Department, OK  
EOW: Thursday, January 23, 2014  
Cause of Death: Vehicle pursuit

Undersheriff Brian Beck  
Washita County Sheriff's Office, OK  
EOW: Thursday, January 23, 2014  
Cause of Death: Vehicle pursuit

Sergeant David Baldwin  
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, CO  
EOW: Sunday, January 26, 2014  
Cause of Death: Motorcycle accident

ACO Eddie Maurice Hamer  
Hardeman County Sheriff's Office, TN  
EOW: Monday, January 27, 2014  
Cause of Death: Automobile accident

Sergeant Cory Wride  
Utah County Sheriff's Office, UT  
EOW: Thursday, January 30, 2014  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Deputy Sheriff Percy Lee House, III  
Greenville County Sheriff's Office, VA  
EOW: Friday, January 31, 2014  
Cause of Death: Automobile accident

Deputy Sheriff Jonathan Scott Pine  
Orange County Sheriff's Office, FL  
EOW: Tuesday, February 11, 2014  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Correctional Officer Amanda Baker  
Scotts Bluff County Detention Center, NE  
EOW: Sunday, February 16, 2014  
Cause of Death: Assault

Officer Brian Law  
California Highway Patrol, CA  
EOW: Monday, February 17, 2014  
Cause of Death: Automobile accident

Officer Juan Gonzalez  
California Highway Patrol, CA  
EOW: Monday, February 17, 2014  
Cause of Death: Automobile accident

Detective John Hobbs  
Phoenix Police Department, AZ  
EOW: Monday, March 3, 2014  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Police Officer III Nicholas Choung Lee  
Los Angeles Police Department, CA  
EOW: Friday, March 7, 2014  
Cause of Death: Automobile accident

Agent Joaquín Correa-Ortega  
Puerto Rico Police Department, PR  
EOW: Monday, March 10, 2014  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Officer Jason Crisp  
US Forest Service Law Enforcement  
EOW: Wednesday, March 12, 2014  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Police Officer Marc Uland Kelley  
Trinity University Police Department, TX  
EOW: Friday, March 14, 2014  
Cause of Death: Heart attack

Chief Deputy Sheriff Pete Richardson  
Lafayette County Sheriff's Office, AR  
EOW: Monday, March 17, 2014  
Cause of Death: Vehicular assault

Police Officer James Morrissy  
Oak Forest Police Department, IL  
EOW: Monday, March 17, 2014  
Cause of Death: Automobile accident

Deputy Sheriff Ricky Del Fiorentino  
Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, CA  
EOW: Wednesday, March 19, 2014  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Police Officer Robert German  
Windermere Police Department, FL  
EOW: Saturday, March 22, 2014  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Master-at-Arms Mark Mayo  
United States Navy Security Forces  
EOW: Monday, March 24, 2014  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Police Officer Alexander Thalmann  
New Bern Police Department, NC  
EOW: Monday, March 31, 2014  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Police Officer David W. Smith  
Johnson City Police Department, NY  
EOW: Monday, March 31, 2014  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Police Officer Gregg Maloney  
Plymouth Police Department, MA  
EOW: Tuesday, April 1, 2014  
Cause of Death: Motorcycle accident

Deputy Sheriff Ernest T. Franklin  
Barren County Sheriff's Office, KY  
EOW: Wednesday, April 2, 2014  
Cause of Death: Automobile accident

Police Officer Dennis Guerra  
New York City Police Department, NY  
EOW: Wednesday, April 9, 2014  
Cause of Death: Fire

Police Officer II Chris Cortijo  
Los Angeles Police Department, CA  
EOW: Wednesday, April 9, 2014  
Cause of Death: Vehicular assault

Agent Marielis Morales-Santiago  
Puerto Rico Police Department  
EOW: Thursday, April 10, 2014  
Cause of Death: Automobile accident

Deputy Sheriff Mike Seversen  
Polk County Sheriff's Office, WI  
EOW: Monday, April 14, 2014  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Deputy Sheriff William Heath Kelley  
Covington County Sheriff's Office, AL  
EOW: Friday, April 18, 2014  
Cause of Death: Automobile accident

Deputy Sheriff Bryan Marshall Berger  
Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office, VA  
EOW: Monday, April 28, 2014  
Cause of Death: Heart attack

Trooper Gabriel Rich  
Alaska State Troopers, AK  
EOW: Thursday, May 1, 2014  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Sergeant Patrick Scott Johnson  
Alaska State Troopers, AK  
EOW: Thursday, May 1, 2014  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Police Officer II Roberto C. Sanchez  
Los Angeles Police Department, CA  
EOW: Saturday, May 3, 2014  
Cause of Death: Vehicular assault

Trooper Chelsea Richard  
Florida Highway Patrol, FL  
EOW: Saturday, May 3, 2014  
Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle

Police Officer Noel Lee Hawk  
Eatonton Police Department, GA  
EOW: Sunday, May 4, 2014  
Cause of Death: Heart attack

Master Sergeant John Collum  
Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries  
& Parks  
EOW: Friday, May 9, 2014  
Cause of Death: Vehicular assault

Police Officer Michael Petrina  
Metro Nashville Police Department, TN  
EOW: Saturday, May 10, 2014  
Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle

Detective Charles Dinwiddie  
Killeen Police Department, TX  
EOW: Sunday, May 11, 2014  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Patrolman Stephen Arkell  
Brentwood Police Department, NH  
EOW: Monday, May 12, 2014  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Deputy Sheriff Cruz Thomas  
Franklin County Sheriff's Office, GA  
EOW: Wednesday, May 21, 2014  
Cause of Death: Automobile accident

Matthew 5:9 (NASB95) Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

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## POLYGRAPHIST LIABILITY EXPOSURE

BY: ROBERT A. BADGLEY, ESQ.<sup>1</sup>

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Like virtually all other professionals, polygraphists face liability claim exposure, even when they have committed no negligent act or omission. The following discussion summarizes some of the claims and lawsuits that have been made against polygraphists in recent years. This article also discusses in broad outline a few steps, including insurance, a polygraphist can undertake to protect against liability exposure.

### **Claim Types<sup>2</sup>**

**Rape Allegations.** In a lawsuit pending in a New England state, the Claimant alleges that she was raped while working at a ski resort. She filed suit against the resort and other parties in 2004. In that lawsuit, the parties agreed that Claimant and the alleged rapist would each undergo a polygraph examination, and the results thereof would be admissible into evidence. The Polygraphist examined both individuals, and concluded that Claimant's responses were deceptive and the alleged rapist's responses were not. Claimant then filed suit in 2009 against the Polygraphist, a local police officer, and others. As respects the Defendant Polygraphist, Claimant alleged that his polygraph examination was improperly administered, that the Polygraphist conspired with the police, and that the Polygraphist physically intimidated and harassed her. She sought economic damages, emotional distress damages, and punitive damages.

The Polygraphist filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit based on the statute of limitations, arguing that Claimant knew of her alleged claims against the Polygraphist more than three years prior to filing her lawsuit and hence her suit should be time-barred. The trial court ordered a deposition of Claimant for the limited purpose of testing the statute of limitations issue. In May 2011, the court granted the Polygraphist's motion to dismiss on the basis of the statute of limitations, finding that Claimant knew of her alleged complaints about the Polygraphist and his exam several years earlier and therefore she should have filed her suit against him earlier.

Claimant appealed the dismissal. In July 2012, the state supreme court affirmed the dismissal of the emotional distress claim, but remanded the case back to the trial court for further proceedings on the economic damages claim. In August 2013, the trial court issued a decision which dismissed the Claimant's remaining claim (for economic damages). The court concluded its opinion with the statement: "It is time now for this litigation to end."

Undeterred by this judicial admonition, however, Claimant has filed in the trial court a series of motions alleging newly discovered evidence of fraud by the defendants. To date, more than \$110,000 has been paid by the Polygraphist's professional liability insurers to defend against this lawsuit.

**Fish Stories.** There have been several lawsuits filed in recent years by the purported winners of fishing tournaments against polygraphists who were engaged to verify the fair play of the tournament participants. As may be expected, the fact pattern is essentially the same in all such cases. The tournament winners (often a team of two fishermen) must sit for a polygraph examination in accordance with tournament rules. Their answers indicate deceptive or inconclusive, and the tournament sponsor disqualifies them. They then sue the polygraphist (and perhaps the tournament sponsor as well) for an allegedly wrongful examination.

In one such case, Claimants filed suit in a southeastern state court, naming as defendants the tournament organizers and the Polygraphist. Claimants alleged theories of slander and negligence, and sought compensatory and punitive damages. Motions for summary judgment were filed and fully briefed, but languished with the trial court for several years. In January 2008, the court granted the Polygraphist's motion and dismissed the lawsuit. The court based its ruling on the fact that Claimants had signed a waiver form as a condition of entering the tournament, and the waiver form specifically released the Defendant Polygraphist from liability. Claimants did not appeal the dismissal.

This lawsuit, though properly dismissed on the merits, languished for nine years and cost the Polygraphist's liability insurers approximately \$27,000 to defend.

**More Fish Stories.** Another pair of fishermen filed suit, again in a southeastern state court, in 2007. The tournament rules, signed by Claimants, state: "To participate you must not have been disqualified for failure to pass or inconclusive results on any polygraph test administered." The paragraph entitled "Polygraph Examination" stated as follows:

As a contestant in the March of Dimes Bass Tournament, I do hereby contractually agree to a polygraph examination by a polygraph operator selected solely by the tournament officials, and I do further contractually agree that the result of said polygraph examination will be the final decision as to whether I as a contestant will be eliminated as a recipient of any prize or award as a result of my participation in said tournament. I do agree that said polygraph operator's decision will be accepted by me without further appeal. In the event of no polygraph examination, I do agree that the tournament director's decision will be accepted by me without further appeal.

Just above the signature lines on the tournament form was the following release language, signed by both Claimants on the morning of the tournament:

Our signatures release all sponsors, officials, organizations, host city or individuals from any and all liability in any form for any occurrence whatsoever resulting from our participation in this event.

Claimants won the tournament. Pursuant to tournament rules noted above, the Polygraphist hired for the tournament gave each Claimant a polygraph examination. Each Claimant showed deception in response to a question about whether they had caught each of the five subject bass on Lake West Point that day. Because of the test results, the tournament officials denied the prize to Claimants.

Claimants alleged that, as a result of the flawed examination performed by the Polygraphist, they had to forfeit the prize money and trophy, and have been banned from future fishing tournaments. Claimants sought damages for the loss of the tournament winnings and the lost income they would have gained from winning other tournaments.

The Polygraphist filed a motion for summary judgment, arguing principally that: (1) he owed no legal duty to Claimants; (2) Claimants signed a waiver and release; and (3) there was no causation between the Polygraphist's conduct and any claimed damages, since it was solely the tournament's decision whether to disqualify Claimants. In response, Claimants argued, among other things, that the release they signed did not extend to the Polygraphist, but only to the tournament sponsor and tournament officials.

While the motion for summary judgment was pending, the parties reached a settlement agreement whereby the lawsuit was dismissed without the payment of any money by the Defendant Polygraphist. The parties had agreed to certain verbiage in a stipulated dismissal order which was perceived to have the effect of helping the Claimants to gain entry into future fishing tournaments.

More than \$32,000 in legal fees and costs was incurred by the Polygraphist's insurers to defend against this litigation.

**Discrimination Claim.** In a southwestern state, the Claimant was a police officer who testified in support of his colleague's employment discrimination claim against the police department. The Claimant underwent a polygraph examination, which yielded a finding that Claimant's responses were deceptive.

In November 2011, Claimant filed suit against the police department and the Polygraphist, alleging that he was the victim of retaliation as a result of supporting his colleague's discrimination claim. Claimant alleged that the Polygraphist's exam was faulty and resulted in defamation against him.

The Defendant Polygraphist moved to dismiss the lawsuit on the basis that Claimant had signed a waiver and release prior to undergoing

the examination. In January 2013, the trial court granted the Polygraphist's motion and dismissed him from the lawsuit. Claimant has filed a motion to reconsider the dismissal.

To date, more than \$24,000 has been paid by the Polygraphist's professional liability insurers to defend against this claim.

**No Waiver, No Deal.** In a southern state, a lawsuit was filed in 2005 by a convicted sex offender. As a condition of his parole, Claimant was required to undergo occasional polygraph examinations. He failed one such examination, and then was rescheduled to take a second exam administered by the Defendant Polygraphist. Claimant appeared for the exam but refused to sign a hold-harmless agreement in favor of the Defendant. The Polygraphist thereupon declined to administer the exam. The co-defendant prosecutors sought to revoke Claimant's parole, in part because of Claimant's refusal to undergo a polygraph exam.

In his lawsuit, Claimant alleged that the Defendant Polygraphist had wrongfully refused to administer the exam, and conspired with the co-defendants to deprive Claimant of his liberty and his constitutional right of access to the courts. Claimant sought compensatory and punitive damages.

In September 2006, the federal district court granted all defendants' motion for summary judgment and dismissed the lawsuit. As respects the Defendant Polygraphist, the court concluded that there was no evidence to support Claimant's claims. The undisputed evidence showed that the Polygraphist had required all of his examinees to sign a hold-harmless agreement. Claimant appealed the dismissal order to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. In January 2009, the Court of Appeals affirmed the district court's dismissal of the lawsuit.

Although this lawsuit against the Defendant Polygraphist was largely frivolous, the legal fees paid by the Polygraphist's insurers to defend the suit reached almost \$50,000.

**Hearing Impairment.** In September 2013, Claimant filed a lawsuit in the federal court of a Midwestern state against a Polygraphist and several other defendants. Claimant was in

prison and is now civilly detained in a correctional facility under a state sexual offenders statute.

In his lawsuit, Claimant alleges that the Polygraphist took examinations of him in 2009, 2011, and 2012, and on each occasion had failed to take into account Claimant's alleged hearing impairment. Without the benefit of accommodations such as a sign language expert, Claimant alleges, he could not fully understand the questions put to him by the Polygraphist. Claimant alleges that the Polygraphist and other defendants have deprived him of his constitutional rights.

The lawsuit remains in its early stages.

**Alleged Conflict of Interest.** A lawsuit was filed in 2007 in a western state court against various defendants in connection with an underlying intra-familial dispute. The court in the underlying case had ordered that Claimant submit to a polygraph exam. Claimant filed suit on her own behalf and as guardian of her daughter. She alleged that the father had sexually abused the daughter.

Claimant alleged in her complaint that the Defendant Polygraphist performed the polygraph examination on her improperly. She also alleged that the Polygraphist had conducted an exam of the father several months earlier, and that this constituted a conflict of interest. Claimant sought compensatory damages in an unspecified amount.

The trial court dismissed the lawsuit against the Polygraphist on grounds of absolute immunity. The court held that, because the Polygraphist had been hired pursuant to a court order in order to assist the court in the underlying dispute, the Polygraphist was immune from liability. The trial court acknowledged that immunity for polygraphists was an issue of first impression in that state.

Claimant appealed the trial court's dismissal Order. In October 2009, the state supreme court affirmed the dismissal of the Polygraphist on grounds of court-appointed immunity. The legal fees incurred by the Polygraphist's insurers to defend this lawsuit exceeded \$72,000.

**Employee Theft and the EPPA.** Twin lawsuits

were filed in late 2003 in a southwestern state court against a Polygraphist who was engaged in connection with the investigation of stolen machinery from a workplace. The suits were later removed to federal court, and then consolidated into a single suit.

Both Claimants were accused of stealing a compressor machine from their employer. The local prosecutor commenced a criminal investigation, and the Polygraphist was retained to conduct polygraph examinations of the two Claimants and two other employees. The Polygraphist concluded that Claimants' answers were deceptive, and these results were reported to the prosecutor. No criminal charges ultimately were levied against Claimants, but they were terminated from their employment.

By way of further background, Claimants had been employed by a power company that provided electricity to residential customers. A portable air compressor was stolen from the company during a weekend in April 2003. The company conducted an internal investigation and asked the Polygraphist to test several employees who were suspected of the theft. The Polygraphist told the company that the terms of the Federal Employee Polygraph Protection Act (EPPA) prevented him from conducting polygraph examinations on behalf of an employer. The Polygraphist advised the company that he could conduct polygraph exams in criminal matters only when retained by law enforcement officials.

The company then turned the matter over to the local sheriff and prosecutor for further investigation. The prosecutor contacted the Polygraphist and asked him to conduct polygraph examinations of Claimants and several other company employees. The Polygraphist confirmed that the examinations were being conducted as part of an ongoing criminal investigation, and agreed to participate only after he was assured of the government's involvement.

The polygraph examinations were conducted and the Polygraphist concluded that Claimants' answers were deceptive. Claimants' employment was terminated by the company in August 2003 based upon the results of the polygraph exams and witness statements ob-

tained by the sheriff as part of the criminal investigation.

The Polygraphist believed that his fees would be paid by the district attorney's office at the time the polygraph examinations were taken. He learned later, though, that the district attorney had asked the company to pay his fees due to a shortage of funds. The Polygraphist refused to provide the results of the examinations directly to the company, and communicated the results only to the prosecutor. The Polygraphist told the company that the results of the examinations were not to be used for employment decisions.

The Polygraphist's defense was assisted by an expert witness, who opined that the examination questions were proper and the Polygraphist's analysis of the results was accurate. The expert also opined that the Polygraphist's handling of the matter was proper under the EPPA inasmuch as he did not conduct the examinations until he was retained by law enforcement officials as part of the criminal investigation. The expert also opined that the district attorney's representation that the examinations would be taken as part of a criminal investigation were sufficient to overcome any theory that the Polygraphist acted improperly.

The Polygraphist filed a motion for summary judgment after significant discovery was taken in the lawsuit. The motion relied on the expert testimony that there was no negligence on the part of the Polygraphist in taking the examinations. The motion also relied on the deposition testimony of fact witnesses showing that the Polygraphist refused to administer the polygraphs until he received assurances that they were to be taken as part of an ongoing governmental criminal investigation.

In January 2005, the trial court granted the motion for summary judgment and dismissed the lawsuit against the Polygraphist. The court concluded that there was no evidence that the Polygraphist exercised any control over the company's actions, nor any evidence that the Polygraphist knew that the prosecutor was merely sponsoring the polygraph exams at the behest of the employer.

Claimants' suit against the employer company was not dismissed, however, and in March 2005 Claimants received a jury verdict against

the employer. In May 2005, Claimants filed an appeal of the order dismissing the suit against the Polygraphist. The principal issue on appeal was whether the Polygraphist could be considered an “employer” for purposes of liability under the EPPA. A polygraphist may be deemed an employer for EPPA purposes if he acts “directly or indirectly in the interest of an employer in relation to an employee or prospective employee.” The primary focus of a court in this context is whether the polygraphist “went beyond the role of an independent entity, to execute control as a matter of economic reality over the employer’s compliance with the EPPA.”

In August 2006, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit came down with its decision, affirming the district court’s order dismissing the lawsuit. The Court of Appeals held that the Assured was not an “employer” under the EPPA and hence could not be sued.

The defense fees and costs paid by the Polygraphist’s insurers to defend this lawsuit exceeded \$102,000.

**Sex Offender Tests.** Claimant in a western state was convicted of various sex-related offenses, and he agreed to submit to period testing with a state Sex Offender management Board. In a lawsuit he filed in August 2013, Claimant alleges that the Defendant Polygraphist wrongfully administered the various polygraph exams. On one occasion, Claimant alleges, the Polygraphist applied a “creamy substance” to his hands in order to elicit a deceptive response. As a result of the improper examinations, it is alleged, Claimant has lost various inmate privileges. He seeks various damages for the alleged violation of his constitutional rights.

A motion to dismiss this lawsuit is pending.

### **Protective Measures**

As should be clear from the foregoing examples, a polygraphist may be sued even if he has committed no error or omission. The lawsuits are usually defended successfully, but the legal fees and costs to defend the claim can be significant. Polygraphists must, therefore, consider various measures to protect their assets

in the event a lawsuit (whether groundless or meritorious) is filed against him.

One step a polygraphist may consider is to insist on a hold-harmless agreement, pursuant to which the would-be examinee must release the polygraphist from liability. The fishing tournament claims noted above are vivid examples of the importance of such a waiver form. In the event a polygraphist is performing tests in conjunction with a contest, he should ensure that the waiver form specifically releases the polygraphist from liability. He may also consider securing some type of hold-harmless and indemnification agreement from the tournament sponsor itself. There may, of course, be instances where economic reality dictates that a waiver form cannot be secured. Moreover, not all waiver forms are legally enforceable (and the circumstances under which such agreements may be unenforceable are beyond the scope of this article).

One other protective measure a polygraphist may consider is liability insurance tailored to the polygraphist profession. Such coverage (often known as “errors and omissions” or “E&O” coverage) is available through certain underwriting syndicates at Lloyd’s of London. This Polygraphist E&O insurance provides coverage for indemnity and defense costs for claims or lawsuits against polygraphists arising from their rendering of professional polygraph services. This coverage is subject to various exclusions, some of which are claims based on the malfunction of a polygraph machine and claims for bodily injury. A polygraphist purchasing such E&O coverage is advised to read the policy provisions carefully.

<sup>1</sup> Robert Badgley, a 1991 graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, is a partner in the Chicago office of Locke Lord LLP. He concentrates in the areas of insurance and reinsurance coverage, and provides legal service in connection with insurance claims under various professional liability insurance policies, including policies written for polygraphists.

<sup>2</sup> Although some of the information regarding specific claims discussed herein is in the public record, the author will not use real party names, as a courtesy to those polygraphists who are insured with the author’s client insurers.



# Board of Directors Meeting

2014 Minutes

April 26, 2014

Hilton Lake Las Vegas Resort & Spa  
1610 Lake Las Vegas Parkway, Henderson, NV 89011

Saturday, April 26, 2014

0800 hrs – Meeting called to order by Bruce Robertson

Present:

Bruce Robertson, Chair

Karen Clark, President

Jim Wardwell, Vice President

Gordon Moore, Treasurer

Bob Heard, Secretary

Julie Gerspacher, NOM

Ron Hilley, Region I

Vince Hernandez, Director Region II

Eileen Ryan, Director Region III

Tracey Hilton, Director Region IV

Frank Suddreth, Director Region V

Roger Butler, Editor

Mark Handler, Research

Barry Cushman, Chaplain

Ted Todd, CAPE President, arrived at 1300 hours for briefing and discussion involving Sgt's at Arms Darryl Bullens, Ben Blalock, Kerry White, Rex McEvoy, John Odum, John Tefft, Bobbie Rachel and Jim Sackett.

Jennifer Herring, Meeting and Planning Coordinator with NHS.

Was present during the discussion and planning of the 2014, 2015 & 2016 seminars under Old Business C, D, E & F.

Not present: Elmer Criswell, QC

I. **Consent Agenda: (Note: Unless otherwise asked to be moved to their normal place on the agenda, these items are not discussed, but only viewed in a report form prior to the actual meeting. The consent agenda is then voted on as a whole – no discussion, then move onto old business. No item from the consent agenda is then brought up in its regular spot)**

A. **Secretary's Report (Bob Heard)**

a. Expenses since Charlotte

1. \$237.51 US Postal as of 04-27-14

2. \$312.82 Office supplies as of 04-27-14

3. \$1,465.24 Equipment as of 04-27-14

b. Will be retiring from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department in March 2015. Will remain in polygraph as a contract examiner and active

as AAPP Secretary

- B. Certification Chair Report (Bob Heard)
  - a. 49 Certifications expire on May 1, 2014
  - b. 145 certified members
  - c. 24 Certified app's processed since Charlotte
    - 1. All met standards
- C. National Office Manager's Report (Julie Gerspacher) – see attached  
Submitted to board in pdf format
- D. Treasurer's Report (Gordon Moore)
  - 1. Please submit the following for AAPP's Treasurer's Report. Effective December 31, 2013, AAPP's finances are as follows:
  - 2. Chase Business Acct: \$ 74,404
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  - 9. Grand Total Asset/\$ \$337,589
- E. Vice-President Report (Jim Wardwell)
  - a. #3530 - #3643 (93) membership applications received since Charlotte as of 04-10-14
  - b. Journal CD's for new members
  - c. Selected access to the Journals for new members
- F. Director of Quality Control Report (Elmer Criswell not present)
- G. Research and Information Director (Mark Handler)
- H. Chaplain's Report (Barry Cushman)
- I. Editor's Report (Roger Butler) Moved off the consent agenda to its regular place under old business at the request of Bruce Robertson.
  - i. E-Book format for Journal beginning in 2014.
    - 1. Announcement and instructions were posted in the November 2013 Journal.
    - 2. Reduce advertising fee from \$300.00 per issue to \$300.00 per year for the four (4) annual publications.
    - 3. Post card seminar announcements for those who do not have email addresses listed with AAPP.

#### Old Business

- A. 37<sup>th</sup> Annual AAPP Seminar at Henderson, NV (Ron Hilley/Gordon Moore)
  - I. Seminar Host – Ron Hilley
    - 1) Co-Host – Ted Todd, CAPE (CA) President
  - II. Seminar Agenda – review of topics and speakers
    - 1) Payment and accommodation provided for speakers
  - III. Sgt's at Arms: Ted Todd, Darryl Bullens, Ben Blalock, Kerry White, Rex McEvoy, John Odum, John Tefft, Bobbie Rachel and Jim Sackett.
  - IV. Don Carroll – Chauffer for seminar speakers

- V. Hospitality Room Monitors and hours of operation:
  - 1) Board member is responsible for cleanup and closing at appointed time.
  - 2) Fed's may use the room for a private meeting on Wednesday night.
- VI. Hotel Facilities (Internet, parking, public transportation, conference rooms, hospitality suite, etc.
- VII. Hotel shuttle to downtown
- VIII. Raffle – remainder to be sold at registration desk
- IX. Opening Ceremony – guest speakers, honor guard, pledge of allegiance, national anthem, bagpiper
- X. Banquet – bagpiper or other opening ceremony/entertainment
  - 1) Two (2) Polygraph Information Network Award - Jim Hall. Karen Clark advised this presentation will not be made at the opening ceremonies or business meeting. The Board agreed.
  - 2) One (1) CAPE Award – Ted Todd
  - 3) Three-minute presentations
- XI. Photos on DVD
  - 1) 14" digital frame drawing during banquet for those who purchased a \$10.00 DVD. Frame \$119.99 + tax (Purchased with board cash donations)
- XII. Activities for guest/spouses agenda
  - 1) Breakfast
  - 2) Week Activities
  - 3) Wine Tasting
- XIII. Tuesday night activity
- XIV. LVMPD Ride-a-longs
- XV. Transportation
- XVI. Conference give-a-ways, door prizes and items for sale
- XVII. Seminar thumb drives
- XVIII. Seminar training documents
  - 1) Certificates – No Coffee Zone!
  - 2) Blue Sheets
  - 3) Seminar Evals
- XIX. Silent Auction (2 cameras purchased with board cash donations)
  - 1) Canon Power Shot SX280 HS 12.1 Mega Pixels / WiFi  
\$279.00 on sale for **\$139.99** / proceeds go to scholarship fund  
Startingbid \$50.00 / \$5.00 minimum bids from there
  - 2) Canon Power Shot GLPH115IS 16.0 Mega Pixels  
\$89.99 on sale for **\$49.99** / proceeds go to scholarship fund  
Startingbid \$20.00 / \$5.00 minimum bids from there
- XX. Vendors
- XXI. Donations
- XXII. State & National Leadership Luncheon
- XXIII. School Directors' Meeting
- XXIV. Area Attractions
- XXV. Mexican/Colombian Attendees
- XXVI. Registration and set-up (Julie Gerspacher/Ron Hilley)
- XXVII. Coffee / soda set-up during breaks – costs

B. 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar in Region II, 2015 – Grand Rapids (Vince Hernandez/Karen Clark)

- I. Hotel selection, site visit, contract, seminar dates
  - 1) Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI

- 2) May 28 – June 6, 2015 for Board
  - 3) Seminar: May 31 Sunday – June 5 Friday
  - II. Seminar Agenda – general discussion
  - III. Seminar Host, travel information, hotel brochures, handouts for seminar attendees
  - IV. Tuesday Night Function - Transportation not needed for any of these museums
    - 1) Grand Rapids Public Museum – Karen & Vince's choice
    - 2) City Museum
    - 3) Gerald Ford Museum
  - V. Proposed 2014 Midyear Meeting Dates
    - 1) Hotel agrees to hold the dates of September 4-7 for the AAPP Mid-Year Meeting
- C. 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar in Region III, 2016 – (Eileen Ryan)
- Cleveland: Ellen Kelley, Positively Cleveland
  - Columbus: Vineetha Thomas, Experience Columbus
  - Connecticut/Mohegan Sun: Jeffrey Musumano, Connecticut CVB
  - Philadelphia: VIDEO (sent to James Dillard on March 10th)
  - Pittsburgh: Tamara Whiting, Visit Pittsburgh
- D. 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar in Region IV, 2016 – (Tracey Hilton)
- Dallas: VIDEO (sent to James Dillard on March 10th)
  - Houston: Cahal Mowery, Visit Houston
  - Phoenix: Maria Lane, Visit Phoenix
- E. Membership Directory (Julie Gerspacher)
- Online
- F. Scholarship Award Program – (Bruce Robertson/Gordon Moore)
- I. Motion by Bob Heard at mid-year board meeting to raise 2<sup>nd</sup> from \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Wardwell. Motion carried.
  - II. Three 2014 scholarship awards:
 

<b>1st - Michelle M. Taylor</b>	\$4,000.00
Father - Active member Greg S. Taylor from Hooksett, NH	
<b>2nd - Leah Brownlee</b>	\$2,500.00
Uncle - Active member Michael G. Mann, KS	
<b>3rd - Austin N. Newsom</b>	\$1,500.00
Father - Active member Andrew Newson from King City, NC	
- G. Board positions up for election in 2014 (Karen Clark)
- 1. President -Karen Clark seeking an additional term
    - I. Vice President - Jim Wardwell seeking an additional term
    - II. Secretary - Bob Heard seeking an additional term
    - III. Director Region I - Ron Hillye seeking an additional term
    - IV. Director Region II - Vince Hernandez will not seek an additional term
      - 1) Vince recommended Derek Piasecki for the position
    - V. Director Region III - Eileen Ryan seeking the position
- H. Grievance Committee (Karen Clark)
- I. None
- I. Awards Committee (Karen Clark)
- I. The Max Wastl Sr. Award – **Mark Handler #2450**

This award was developed to pay homage to Max Wastl Sr. for his long and continued contributions to the polygraph profession. Nominees for this award are individuals that have, over the years, made significant contributions which can be scientific, materialistic (publications), modifications and/or advancements in instrumentation, testing techniques or distinguished, long-standing service. Nominees must be in good standing with the AAPP and selection must be made by a unanimous vote of the Board. If a consensus cannot be reached, the award will not be issued for that year.

The Holly S. Carty Memorial Award – **G. Jeff Johnson #1733**

This award was developed to pay tribute to Holly S. Carty for outstanding leadership and dedicated service to the AAPP. Criteria for this selection include outstanding leadership, service or contribution in furthering the objectives of the AAPP. Nominees do not have to be an association member and selection requires majority vote of the Board.

Dr. Antonio Suarez-Barrio Founding Fathers' Award – **Richard "Dick" Arther #7**

Long and selfless service to the AAPP and being so extraordinary, clearly rising above and beyond the call of duty and expectations; bringing distinction to the recipient above all others due to his acts, words and deeds. Nominees must be in good standing with the AAPP and selection must be mad by a unanimous vote of the Board. If a unanimous vote cannot be reached, the award will not be issued for that year; only one award may be given annually. The recipient of the award will thereafter be excused from all dues and seminar fees.

**IV. President's Award – Melanie Javens**

- II. Selected and presented by the president of the AAPP to the person he or she believes most supported him in his efforts as president of the AAPP. To be presented to a non-Board member.

**V. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Directors Awards**

Selected and presented by each Regional Director. The award is to be based upon a significant case or contribution within the respective region. The recipient/unit must be a member of the AAPP. As a general rule, the award is

- III. kept secret until the Thursday night banquet, although the director may choose to make the recipient's supervisor aware of the award so arrangements can be made to have the person attend the seminar.

- 1) Region I Award – Chad W. Russell #2638
- 2) Region II Award – Clinton C. Elwood #2869
- 3) Region III Award – David J. Crawford #2771
- 4) Region IV Award – Marc T. Micciche #2535
- 5) Region V Award – Amanda M. Nosalek #3401

**VI. The William J. Taylor Life Membership Award– Elmer Criswell**

The William J. Taylor Life Membership Award presented to all past presidents. Life Membership is also granted to those active or retired members of the AAPP who, because of extraordinary or outstanding service to the AAPP, are nominated by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors and approved by a majority vote of the membership at an Annual Meeting. No more than one life membership will be awarded annually. (*Requires majority vote by membership at the Annual Meeting*)

**J. Recognized Polygraph Schools (Jim Wardwell)**

- Academy of Polygraph Science
- Academy of Polygraph Science Latin America, Inc.
- American International Institute of Polygraph
- Backster School of Lie Detection

- Canadian Police College
- International Polygraph Training Center
- Latin American Polygraph Institute
- Marston Polygraph Academy
- Maryland Institute of Criminal Justice
- National Center for Credibility Assessment
- National Polygraph Academy
- NCTC Polygraph Training Program
- New England Polygraph Institute
- Polygraph School of Science Inc.
- Texas Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Polygraph School
- The Polygraph Institute
- Virginia School of Polygraph

Recognition applications received from the below two polygraph schools. Board telephone conference held on February 10, 2014. Motion to accept to recognize these two schools by Bruce Robertson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elmer Criswell. Motion carried.

**International Academy of Polygraph**

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Recognition applications were received shortly after the Charlotte seminar from Backster School of Lie Detection, Canadian Police College and Polygraph School of Science. Information verified. Motion by Ron Hilly during the September 6-7, 2014 mid-year meeting to accept these three polygraph schools as being recognized by AAPP. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Heard. Motion carried.

Recognition applications received from Donnie Dutton for Eric Holden's new school "**Behavior Measures UK, Polygraph Training Centre**" in April of this year. All documents are in order.

K. Website (Bruce Robertson)

- I. Journal advertisements fully visible on the website – ideas/email/sponsor deals?
- II. Seminar info on web site – classroom, agenda, food, etc.
- III. Temporary guest login
- IV. Placing 3-minute video ads involving future seminars on web page for

benefit of our members.

**New Business:**

**ARTICLE VI - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND BYLAWS**

- A. This Constitution and Bylaws may be adopted, amended, or repealed.
- B. Any change or amendments to the Constitution must be presented in writing to the full membership at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting. The motion for a Constitution amendment or change shall only carry when it has been seconded by a voting member and carried by a two-thirds majority of the voting members present. Upon passage the amendment or change shall take effect immediately unless otherwise specified in the change or amendment.

**A. Article IV, B Annual Meeting**

*(Current language)* "The Annual Meeting will be considered the business meeting of the AAPP and will be held on Wednesday morning of the Annual Seminar."

*(Proposed language change)* "The Annual Meeting will be considered the business meeting of the AAPP and will be held on Wednesday of the Annual Seminar."

**B. Article IV, C. Board Meetings**

*(Current language)* "The newly elected board will meet during the last day of the Annual Seminar ....

III.

*(Proposed language change)* "The newly elected board will meet at their earliest convenience prior to closing ceremonies on the last day.

**C. Constitutional Change Suggested by Patrick O'Burke:**

*"All, there has been a significant banter recently about the teaching of counter measures as falling under the First Amendment. While I personally believe that less government is better, I do not believe that teaching countermeasures to the general public should fall under First Amendment and be protected as free speech. Some of those wanting to teach this have been a limited number of polygraph examiners. As such I propose that APA and AAPP have specific ethics violations regarding teaching counter measures to the general public.*

*I believe that the AAPP and APA need to add a specific rule to the codes of ethical conduct that anyone "who instructs, or offers, to instruct any non-polygraph examiner, polygraph school student or the general public in efforts to attempt to change, distort or control physiological responses on a polygraph examination" is guilty of an ethics violation.*

*I do not find that currently codified in the ethics. I would think that it should be included in the school manuals that teaching this subject is for the purpose of preventing, assessing, or identifying where polygraph subjects attempt counter measures or purposefully control physiological responses. I also think that all persons who instruct this subject shall place warnings that the material is not to be shared and instructors required to make reasonable efforts to protect the material and treat it as Law Enforcement Sensitive in all disseminations."*

Motion tabled – This was discussed with Pat O'Burke. No action to be taken by the board as the constitution already contains language which can be used to address this issue.

D. Texas "Polygraph Summit for show and tell" Hearing  
Request from Kelly Hendrix for AAPP be present on March 18, 2014 at a meeting to help them fight CVSA. I know that other states have asked us in the past to assist them, with the most recent being LA. I am not sure what stance we took on that and not sure if we should do any more with this situation than we have done for the other states that have asked for help.

Karen

Email sent on 02-27-14:(*No date on the letter*)

Karen Clarke, President of AAPP  
Chuck Slupski, President of APA

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation has declared a "Polygraph Summit" for show and tell. I have been asked to contact you and request your presence at this meeting. I am including the email sent to us Friday. As you will see, it is open to all who wish to present instrumentation used for detection of deception and verification of truth.

Experts will have the opportunity to present. Please make arrangements to attend.

TALEPI and TAPE will have a presence there. Axciton, Lafayette, Stoelting and Limestone have been notified so they can reserve a place. It will be very good for the APA & AAPP to also send expert representatives to present "National" views and positions regarding any other instrumentation for detection of deception and verification of truth.

I feel like this is a big deal not only for Texas but any licensing State and the profession in general.

Professionally Yours,

Kelly B. Hendricks  
Member APA  
Member AAPP  
Past President TALEPI  
Past President TAPE  
Past Presiding Officer of Texas Polygraph Board

Info received February 28, 2014. Ray Nelson appeared.

#### **CALL FOR GOOD of the ORDER ITEMS**

- I. Robbie Bennett – APA Officer Manager
  - 1) President Karen Clark attended the funeral
- II. "ISOPE" – International Society of Polygraph Examiners - Nate Gordon's new polygraph association

1535 hours – Meeting adjourned (No lunch break)



# Annual Business Meeting

## 2014 Minutes

April 30, 2014

Hilton Lake Las Vegas Resort & Spa  
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0800 hours: Meeting called to order by Chair Bruce P. Robertson in Salon II. Motion by Ron Hilley to recess business meeting until 1700 hours; seconded by John Mata. Motion carried unanimously.

1700 hours: Meeting called back to order by Chair Robertson.

Present:

Bruce P. Robertson, Chair  
Karen Clark - President  
Jim Wardwell, Vice-President  
Bob Heard, Secretary  
Gordon Moore, Treasurer  
Julie Gerspacher, NOM  
Ron Hilley, Region I Director  
Vince Hernandez, Region II Director  
Eileen Ryan, Region III Director  
Tracey Hilton, Region IV Director  
Frank Suddreth, Region V Director  
Mark Handler, Research Chair  
Barry Cushman, Chaplain  
Roger Butler, Editor

Absent - Elmer Criswell, QC Chair

INVOCATION – Bob Heard

Breaks about every hour

**Sgt at Arms:** Headed by Ted Todd

**Tellers:** Ted Todd, Chris Faucett, Kathy Fuller and Ben Escalante

**Parliamentarian:** Bruce Robertson

At the end of the session, we will draw for a free registration to next year's seminar in Grand Rapids, MI

Entertain a motion to allow prospective new members to remain. Motion by Randall Turner, second by John Mata. Motion carried.

Entertain a motion to suspend the reading of the Minutes of the last General Business and Board Meeting.

Motion by Bill Tiegen, second by Randall Turner. Motion carried.

Entertain a motion to suspend the order of the day to vote on the prospective new members who are present so they may fully participate in the Business Meeting. Motion by Don Imbordino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Mata. Motion carried.

Suspend reading of previous meeting Minutes. Motion by Mike Mann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Clark. Motion carried.

All applicants since Charlotte 2013 seminar were read by Bob Heard, Motion to accept all applicants by Randell Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chip Morgan.

I. **Old Business**

A. Officers' Reports

- a. President's Report – Karen Clark
- b. Vice-Present Report - Jim Wardwell

I. New Members

- a. #3530 - #3644 (94) membership applications received since Charlotte as of 04-10-14
- b. Journal CD's for new members
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II. Polygraph School Certification:

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e. Region Directors' Reports

Region I – Ron Hillyer  
Nothing to report

Region II – Vince Hernandez  
Nothing to report

Region III – Eileen Ryan  
Nothing to report

Region IV – Tracey Hilton  
Nothing to report

Region V – Frank Suddreth  
Thanked the new members

f. National Office Manager's Report - Julie Gerspacher

1. Annual Report
  - I. 1,245 current members
  2. Total Active Members: 892
  3. Total Intern Members: 222
  4. Total Foreign Members: 26 (19 Active, 0 Intern, 7 Affiliates)
  5. Total Life Members: 19 (15 are Past Presidents)
  6. Total Honorary Members: 5
  7. Total Affiliate Members: 36
  8. Total Retired Members: 45

Scholarship Fund

2% of Total Membership Dues: \$ 2,468.50

Total 2014 Dues: 123,425.00 for U.S. & Foreign Dues

Total Raffle Income less Expense: \$ 3,443.20 (\$21,676.00 less 18,232.80)

Total Direct Scholarship Contributions: \$ -0-

(Does not include donations for seminars (i.e. coffee breaks) 5,911.70

C. Annual Review/Audit

All necessary paperwork has been signed by President Clark and submitted to CPA Larry Weeks for annual review and audit to be filed.

D. Non-Profit Filing

Our annual 501(c) non-profit filing of directors which had been filed with Hoffman Test Guinan & Collier will now be filed electronically directly from the AAPP National Office through Silver Flume (Nevada's Business Portal). This is in response to Chairman Robertson discovering through Chase Bank that our corporate filing in Nevada was in default. After Chase Bank confirmed all checks submitted to our agent had cleared, Hoffman Test Guinan & Collier confirmed the obvious oversight and would investigate further. Meanwhile, Chairman Robertson registered us (as our own agent) through the state portal and paid our account up to date (\$375 total) \$150 of which \_\_\_\_\_ was in late fees, of which we have requested reimbursement from Hoffman Test Guinan & Collier. The good news is we no longer require an outside firm as this task will continue through the National Office through Mr. Chairman's assistance. Our non-profit filing of directors is legally incorporated again. (Thank you, Mr. Chairman!)

E. Annual Billing for 2014 Membership Dues

Invoicing for 2014 dues (\$123,425) was completed September 1, 2013, showing an increase of 4.3% in annual membership fees.

#### F. Website

One change made to the website has made it more convenient for our members to pay their dues without having to log in to the website; members can now pay their dues easily from our website's front page. Due to this new convenience, we've noticed more timely responses in membership dues and a decline in the number of members contacting the national office requesting their log-ins and passwords. Chairman Robertson continues to work toward moving our website forward by providing on-line training, along with other useful and innovative benefits for our association. More will be shared at this year's board meeting.

#### G. CD 2013-2014 Membership Directory

The current Membership CD Directory is now for the first time available online to the membership through our website; accessible in the members' forum which requires a log-in and password. Members are able to peruse the directory and make changes in their own address as needed. The convenience to our members and the obvious savings in printing and shipping is self explanatory. The biggest benefit is we would not be limited to annual updates but could keep the on-line version fresh and current as we receive new members or updates from our existing ones. You'll recall we moved forward in 2006 when we moved from the hardbound directory to the CD version and immediately saw the tremendous savings in printing and shipping costs. Over the past several years we have received requests from our members to make the directory available on our website. Done!

#### H. Website Registration

AAPP members continue to register; NOM monitors registration site on a routine basis. Our current enrollment is now at 1248 as of 4/23/14 with the most recent registration on 4/17/14. This is an increase of 111 enrolled from last year. Slowly but surely, we're closing in...

#### I. Examiners' Listings

To respond to the inconsistency with the automatic renewal payment system through PayPal, and the increasing refunds due to oversights with examiners paying before confirming their certification, it was decided to have the national office invoice our examiners on an annual basis (much like the annual membership dues) but will invoice for these listings in January.

#### J. 2013 Financial Reports

2013 Annual Membership Dues totaled \$123,425 showing a 4.3% increase from last year. This figure encompasses new application fees, annual dues, and certification fees.

2013 Seminar Registration fees for Charlotte were \$124,080, a 4.9% increase from Denver's seminar in 2012.

Total 2013 Seminar Income for Charlotte increased 14.8% to \$297,939 from

\$259,430 in 2012 Denver

2013 Charlotte Seminar Expenses totaling \$185,103 showed a significant increase of 76% from 2012 Denver's total of \$105,351

2013 Board Reimbursements increased 25% from 2012

2013 Director Travel Expense for Charlotte increased by \$2,140.61; \$7808 from \$5,668 in 2012 Denver.

K. Editor's Report – Roger Butler

1. \$450 annually to do both web and (4) publications. Web only \$175 annually; \$50 per quarter. Publication \$100 per quarter, \$300 per year (4) publications – size does not matter.
2. Publication due dates is posted in Journal. Publication dates: January 1 (Digest); April 1, July 1, October 1.
3. Questions, comments, concerns

B. Committee Reports

1. Certification Committee Report - Bob Heard

- a. 49 Certifications expire on May 1, 2014
- b. 145 certified members
- c. 24 Certified app's processed since Charlotte - All met standards
- d. CEM discount for AAPP Certified members
- e. Bob thanked all who sent him their certification app's prior to seminar

2. Director's of Quality Control Report - Elmer Criswell not present

3. Research and Information Report – Mark Handler

4. Chaplain's / Benefits & Causes Report - Barry Cushman

5. Seminar Committee – Ron Hilley - 2014 Henderson, NV

6. Grievance Committee – None

7. History Committee – Bob Heard

Bob encouraged all in attendance to spend time looking at our history that he has posted online.

8. Audit Committee - Gordon Moore

Audit Committee met on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 1000 hrs room 2420. Chair Jana Bouzek with Bellingham, WA PD, Lisa Merkle with Hummelstown Borough PA PD; Derek Piasecki with St. Charles, MO PD. Chair Jana Bouzek reported that all AAPP finances and related documents were in order."

9. Awards Committee – Karen Clark

Life Membership Nominee – Elmer Criswell (unanimously recommended by Board) Motion by Monty Buettner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barry Cushman. Motion carried.

10. Scholarship Committee – Bruce Robertson – Harley \$15,000.00  
Eleven applications received.

The three 2014 AAPP Scholarship Recipients are:

**Michelle M Taylor** \$4,000.00  
Father Greg S. Taylor from Hooksett, NH

**Leah Brownlee** \$2,500.00  
Uncle Michael G. Mann, KS

**Austin N. Newsom** \$1,500.00  
Father Andrew Newson from King City, NC

**II. New Business:**

- A. Constitutional Change; Time of Annual Business Meeting

***"Article VI CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND BYLAWS***

A. *This Constitution and Bylaws may be adopted, amended, or repealed.*

B. *Any change or amendments to the Constitution must be presented in writing to the full membership at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting. The motion for a Constitution amendment or change shall only carry when it has been seconded by a voting member and carried by a two-thirds majority of the voting members present. Upon passage the amendment or change shall take effect immediately unless otherwise specified in the change or amendment."*

*An emergency amendment may be brought before the membership at the Annual Meeting requiring a two-thirds vote of the membership present to declare the emergency and acted upon by the membership.*

**PROPOSED CHANGE** (As required, this was published in the March 2014 Journal):

**Article IV, B Annual Meeting**

*(Current language)* "The Annual Meeting will be considered the business meeting of the AAPP and will be held on Wednesday morning of the Annual Seminar."

*(Proposed language change)* "The Annual Meeting will be considered the business meeting of the AAPP and will be held on Wednesday of the Annual Seminar."

Motion by Randell Turner, second by Ted Todd – Motion carried

- B. Nomination Committee – John Mata

I. President – Karen Clark was the only nominee for this position vetted by the Nomination Committee. Secretary Bob Heard cast the lone vote per the Constitution.

II. Vice-President – Jim Wardwell was the only nominee for this position vetted by the Nomination Committee. Secretary Bob Heard cast the lone vote per the Constitution.

III. Secretary – Bob Heard was the only nominee for this position vetted by the Nomination Committee. Treasurer Gordon Moore cast the lone vote

per the Constitution.

- IV. Region I – Ron Hilley and M. Jordan Ferguson from Spokane, WA were vetted by the Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee recommended Ron Hilley. No nominations from the floor. Secretary Bob Heard cast the lone vote per the Constitution.
- V. Region II – Derek Piasecki was the only nominee for this position vetted by the Nomination Committee. Secretary Bob Heard cast the lone vote per the Constitution
- VI. Region III – Eileen Ryan and Dave Domingos were vetted by the Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee recommended Eileen Ryan. The membership vote resulted in Eileen Ryan’s favor.

### C. Site Presentation

- I. 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar in Region III, 2016 – (Eileen Ryan)  
Cleveland: Ellen Kelley, Positively Cleveland  
Columbus: Vineetha Thomas, Experience Columbus  
Connecticut/Mohegan Sun: Jeffrey Musumano, Connecticut CVB  
Pittsburgh: Tamara Whiting, Visit Pittsburgh  
Vote of membership:  
1<sup>st</sup> Connecticut  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania  
3<sup>rd</sup> Columbus, OH  
4<sup>th</sup> Cleveland, OH
- II. 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar in Region IV, 2016 – (Tracey Hilton)  
Dallas: VIDEO (sent to James Dillard on March 10th)  
Houston: Cahal Mowery, Visit Houston  
Phoenix: Maria Lane, Visit Phoenix  
Vote of membership  
1<sup>st</sup> Houston  
2<sup>nd</sup> Phoenix  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dallas
- III. 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar in Region II, 2015 – (Vince Hernandez/Derek Piasecki)  
May 28 – June 6, 2015 Amway Grand Plaza Hotel  
Information will be posted on the AAPP web page.

2015 Seminar Drawing winner – Dan Caputo

\$15,000.00 drawing winner: Karen Colonello

1940 hours - Motion to adjourn until banquet tomorrow by Ted Todd, Second by John Mata. Motion carried.

One of the best parts of the 2014 seminar in Henderson was the awards banquet during which members were recognized for their achievements and hard work. This year we gave an award that was geared toward our name, American Association of Police Polygraphists. It was a beautiful eagle draping a USA flag and it was one of the most well received awards that we have given.

#### **William J. Taylor Life Membership Award:**

Mr. Elmer Criswell #376, who most of you know as the AAPP Quality Control Director was this year's recipient of one of the most prestigious AAPP awards, the William J. Taylor Life Membership Award. The William J. Taylor Life Membership Award is awarded to all past presidents. Life Membership is also granted to those active or retired members of the AAPP who, because of extraordinary or outstanding service to the AAPP, are nominated by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors and approved by a majority vote of the membership at an annual meeting. No more than one life membership will be awarded per year. What makes this award so special is that it not only requires a majority vote by the AAPP board of directors, but also requires a majority vote by the membership at the annual meeting. Elmer was not able to be with us this year and receive the award in person, but he has since received the award by mail. From the crack in his voice when he and I discussed it after the banquet, I knew that receiving this award had really touched Elmer's heart.



Past recipients of this award are:

2013 - Charles Slupski	2008 - Robert C. Heard
2012 - Joseph Kenny	2007 - Not given
2011 - Dr. Anthony "Tony" S. Barrio	2006 - Not given
2010 - Robert Cole	2005 - Dave Renzelman
2009 - Donald Weinstein	2004 - Ron Decker

#### **Max Wastl Sr. Award:**

This year, I was honored to be able to stand on the podium and give the Max Wastl Sr. Award to a very deserving member, Mr. Mark Handler #2450. As you read over the awards specifications and meaning, you will quickly realize that this award has Mark's name written all over it. The Max Wastl St. Award was developed to pay homage to Max Wastl Sr. for his long and continued contributions to the polygraph profession. Nominees for this award are individuals that have, over the years, made significant contributions which can be scientific, materialistic (publications), modifications and/or advancements in instrumentation, testing techniques or distinguished, long-standing service. Nominees must be in good standing with the AAPP and selection must be made by a unanimous vote of the board. If a consensus cannot be reached, the award will not be issued for that year. Mark joins a long list of polygraph professionals over the years to receive this award as shown below with the first recipient being Richard Arther.



Past recipients of this award are:

2013 - John R. Schwartz	2001 - Bob Heard
2012 - Samuel Braddock	2000 - Not given
2011 - Ron Decker	1999 - Linda J. Quinonez
2010 - Raymond Nelson	1998 - Not given
2009 - G. Jeffrey Johnson	1997 - Kathy Fuller
2008 - Axciton, Lafayette, Limestone, Stoelting	1996 - Not given
2007 - Cleve Backster	1995 - Eric Holden
2006 - Gordon W. Moore	1994 - Chris Fausett
2005 - Not given	1993 - Not given
2004 - Elmer Criswell	1992 - Arthur Hadel
2003 - Billy Rakes	1991 - Lee Chambers
2002 - Dave Miller	1990 - Richard O. Arthur

### **Holly S. Canty Award:**

It was my great honor to award G. Jeff Johnson #1733 with the Holly S. Canty Award this year. Jeff was blown away and although Jeff has received other awards in the past, this award truly belongs to Jeff because of his devotion to the AAPP and the polygraph profession. Jeff is a past regional director until such time as his job change made it more difficult to serve in that capacity. Being the type of man he is, Jeff elected to give up his place on the board to our now vice president, Jim Wardwell. Even when funds were tight and it didn't look positive, Jeff has always hung in there and done everything possible to make sure that both he and his co-workers were involved in the AAPP and the training seminars. He has served as one of our audio and video advisers over the past 3 years and is always willing to jump in with both feet with any assignment for the AAPP. For those reasons, Jeff is the perfect candidate for the Holly S. Canty award which is described as the following: The Holly S. Canty Memorial Award was developed to pay tribute to Holly S. Canty for outstanding leadership and dedicated service to the AAPP. Criteria for this selection include outstanding leadership, service or contribution in furthering the objectives of the AAPP. Nominees do not have to be an association member and selection requires majority vote of the Board.



Past recipients of this award are:

2013 - John Mata	2007 - Bruce P. Robertson
2012 - David G. Wattley	2006 - Not given
2011 - Linda Quinn	2005 - Not given
2010 - Jack Trimarco	2004 - Not given
2009 - Donald Krapohl	2003 - Kay Logan & Anne Reed
2008 - John R. Schwartz	2002 - Founding Fathers - Bill Taylor, Johnny Maxwell, Tony Barrio & Dick

### **Dr. Antonio Suarez-Barrio Founding Fathers Award:**

We were very honored to have Dr. Antonio Saurez-Barrio with us in Henderson and have him present a prestigious award named after him. Dr. Barrio proudly took center stage and gave the description of his award before announcing the winner, Richard Arther #7. This award has only been presented one other time, in 2012 and it was given to deceased founding father, William "Bill" J. Taylor, AAPP #1. The Dr. Antonio Suarez-Barrio Founding Fathers Award is bestowed upon a member for long and selfless service to the AAPP and being so extraordinary, clearly rising above and beyond the call of duty and expectations; bringing distinction to the recipient above all others due to his acts, words and deeds. Nominees must be in good standing with the AAPP and selection must be made by a unanimous vote of the board. If a unanimous vote cannot be reached, the award will not be issued for that year; only one award may be given annually. The recipient of the award will thereafter be excused from all dues and seminar fees.



### **President's Award:**

It was my great honor to award the President's Award to my dear friend, Melanie Javens with Complete Equity Markets. Melanie has stood by me and listened to my concerns and my self-doubt over the past two years and each time, she stood solidly there with me, giving me nothing but support. For this, I will be forever grateful. The President's Award is selected and presented by the president of the AAPP to the person that he or she believes most supported them in their efforts as president of the AAPP. This award cannot be presented to a board member. With this award description in mind, I would like to go on record and say, that had it been allowed, I would like to have awarded a second President's Award to Bruce Robertson, Chairman of the board. I appreciate and respect his knowledge and input. I look forward to passing on what he has shared with me to the next board member that fills this position



Past recipients of this award are:

2013 - Donald J. Imbordino  
2012 - Mark Gerspacher, Ray Nelson &  
Mark Handler  
2011 - Jose Gonzales  
2010 - David Nagle  
2009 - Not given  
2008 - Julie Gerspacher  
2007 - Not given

2006 - Not given  
2005 - Billy Rakes  
2004 - John Mata  
2003 - Not given  
2002 - Bob Cole  
2001 - Tony Barrio  
2000 - Not given  
1999 - Wolfgang Vinskey  
1998 - David L. Williams & Ronald L. Fox

### **Richard O. Arther Regional Director's Award:**

The Annual Richard O. Arther Regional Director's Award is selected and presented by each Regional Director. The award is to be based upon a significant case or contribution within the respective region. The recipient/unit must be a member of the AAPP. As a general rule, the award is kept secret until the Thursday night banquet, although the director may choose to make

the recipient's supervisor aware of the award so arrangements can be made to have the person attend the seminar.

Region I Award - Chad W. Russell #2638

Region II Award - Clinton C. Elwood #2869 Region III Award - David J. Crawford #2771

Region IV Award - Marc T. Micciche #2535 Region V Award - Amanda M. Nosalek #3401



Congratulations to all of the award recipients and remember that your name could be on one of these awards. If you have a good case deserving of this award, please have your supervisor nominate you for your regional directors award. If you know of anyone that is a member and is deserving of any of the awards that we have discussed, please make that nomination known to any board member. We welcome your input.

Karen Clark,  
President AAPP

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**Michelle A. Taylor**

**\$4,000.00 Scholarship  
Recipient**

Michelle Taylor is a graduating senior at Trinity High School in Manchester, New Hampshire. She plays soccer and is captain of the varsity softball team. Additionally, she is treasurer of both her class and National Honor Society, and is a member of Student Council and Habitat for Humanity. Michelle is an avid sports fan, and her favorite teams are the Boston Red Sox and Boston Bruins. In her free time, she

enjoys spending times with friends, listening to music, and watching sports. Next year, she will be studying neuroscience at Colgate University, with the hopes of pursuing a career in the medical field. Father: Greg S. Taylor AAPP member

**Leah Brownlee**

\$2,500.00 Scholarship Recipient

Uncle: Michael G. Mann AAPP member

**Austin N. Newsom**

\$1,500.00 Scholarship Recipient

Father: Andrew Newsom AAPP member

Congratulations to all our scholarship recipients and we wish you great success in your future endeavors.



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# NEW TECHNOLOGY ISSUES

(Provided by Manufacturers)



## Tech Talk: Using the Lafayette ESS Report Generator

Raymond Nelson

Included in LXSoftware is a fully featured manual score sheet that can be used with any validated comparison question test format. Included in the manual score sheet utility of LXSoftware version 11.3 is a tool to generate a printable interpretation and report of the test result using the Empirical Scoring System (ESS; Nelson, Krapohl & Handler, 2008; Nelson & Handler, 2010; Nelson *et al.*, 2011). The ESS is an evidence-based, norm-referenced, standardized rubric for test data analysis, and it allows the examiner to formulate both categorical test results (e.g., DI/NDI or SR/NSR) in addition to quantifying the probabilistic or statistical test result. The ESS Report Generator can be used with any of the comparison question test formats in contemporary use, including event-specific diagnostic examinations with 2 or 3 relevant questions, and multiple issue screening exams consisting of 2, 3, or 4 relevant questions. The ESS Report Generator can be used with examinations consisting of three to five presentations of the test stimuli, and includes a useful set of advanced options for professionals who wish to optimize the analysis and report for their needs.

The LXSoftware 11.3 ESS Report Generator uses scores from the manual score sheet to automatically execute an exact replication of the procedures and result that would be achieved by a human expert using the ESS (Nelson & Handler, 2012), including the formulation of summary conclusion paragraph to describe the test results of event-specific and multiple-issue exams. The printable report includes both a categorical result and a statistical classifier in the form of a p-value, confidence level, or odds ratio, and also includes the manual scores and information about test accuracy.

### Using the ESS Report Generator

After recording and scoring the examination data, the ESS Report Generator can be accessed by selecting the Score -> Open Score Sheet... from the Series menu, as shown in Figure 1. This will open the dialog shown in Figure 2. Score sheets can also be accessed directly from menu buttons if the Scores toolbar is displayed.

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Figure 1: Score -> Open Score Sheet... menu item.

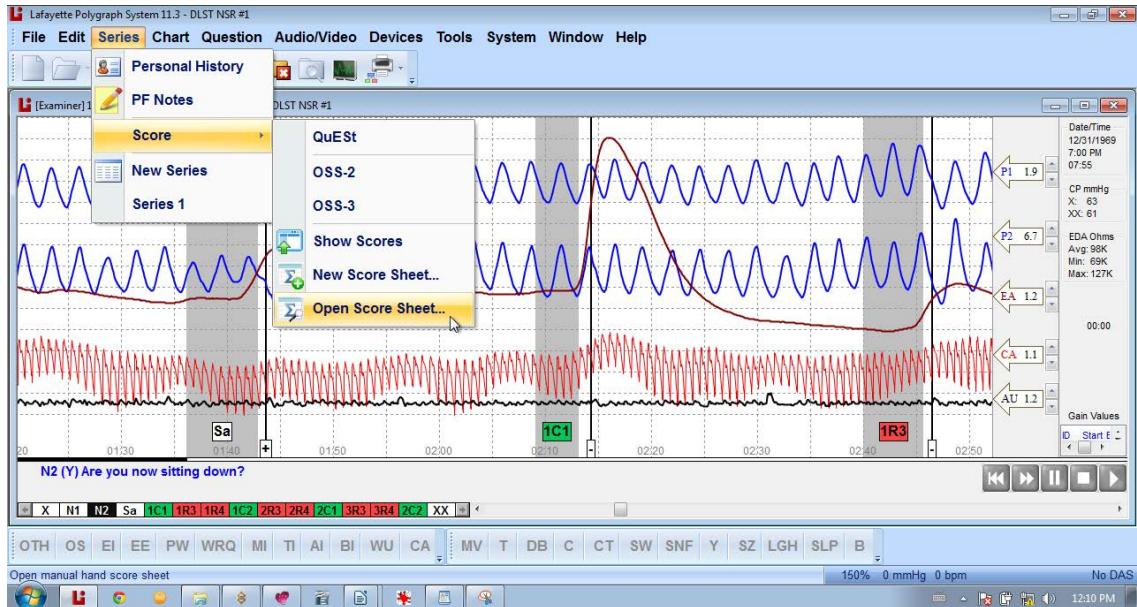
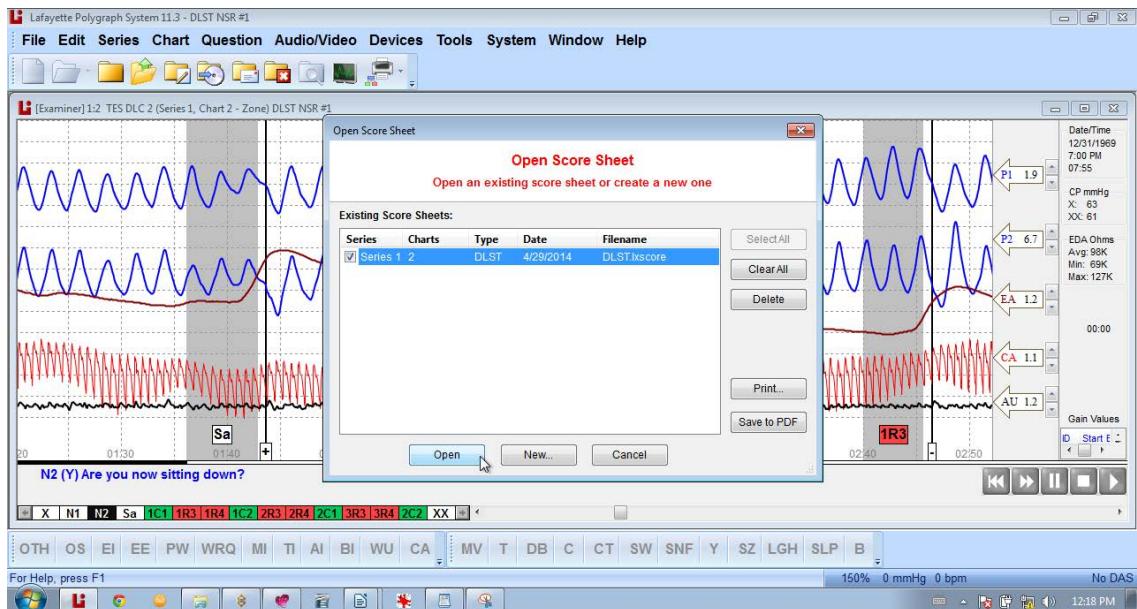


Figure 2: Score sheet dialog.



It is important to select the correct examination format when making a new score sheet. The ESS Report Generator will require that all question formats are assigned to one of two basic examination

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types: 1) event specific diagnostic examination formats, and 2) multiple issue screening formats. The ESS Report Generator will use the correct normative data and decision rules depending on the type of examination and the number of relevant questions. Select the desired score sheet and then click the *Open* button to see the score sheet. You can also double-click the desired score sheet to open it. The *New Score Sheet Dialog* is shown in Figure 3. The manual score sheet is shown in Figure 4.

Figure 3: New score sheet dialog.

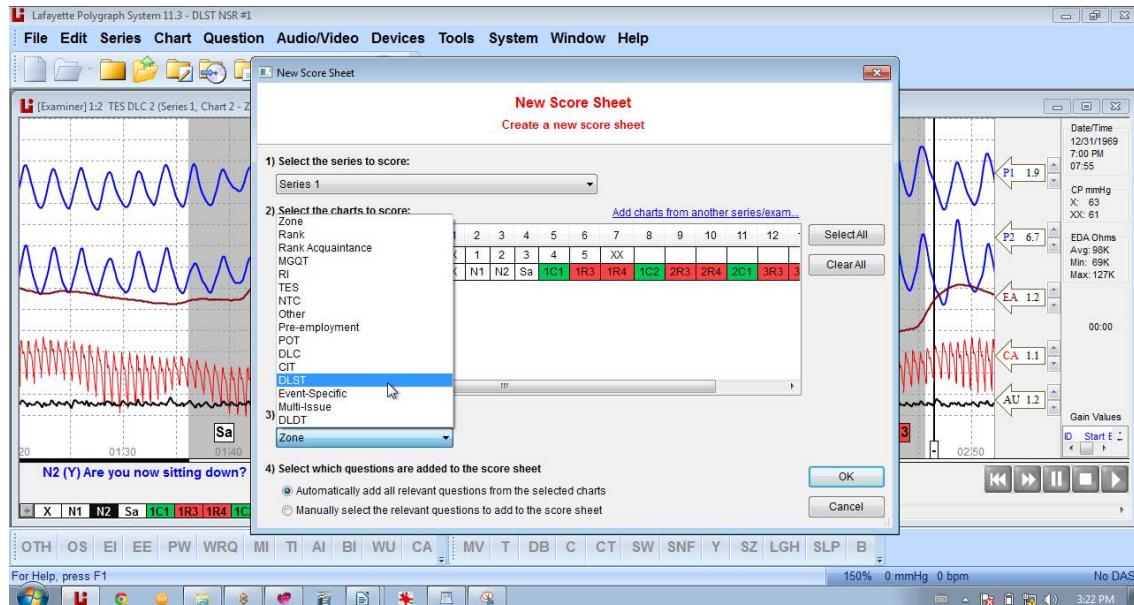
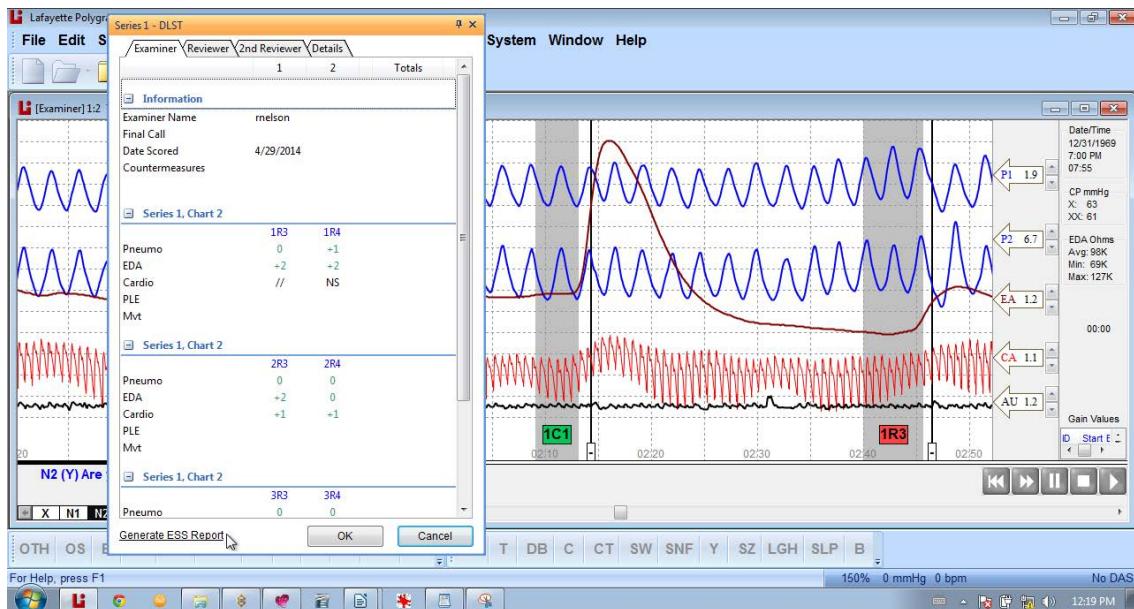


Figure 4: Manual score sheet.

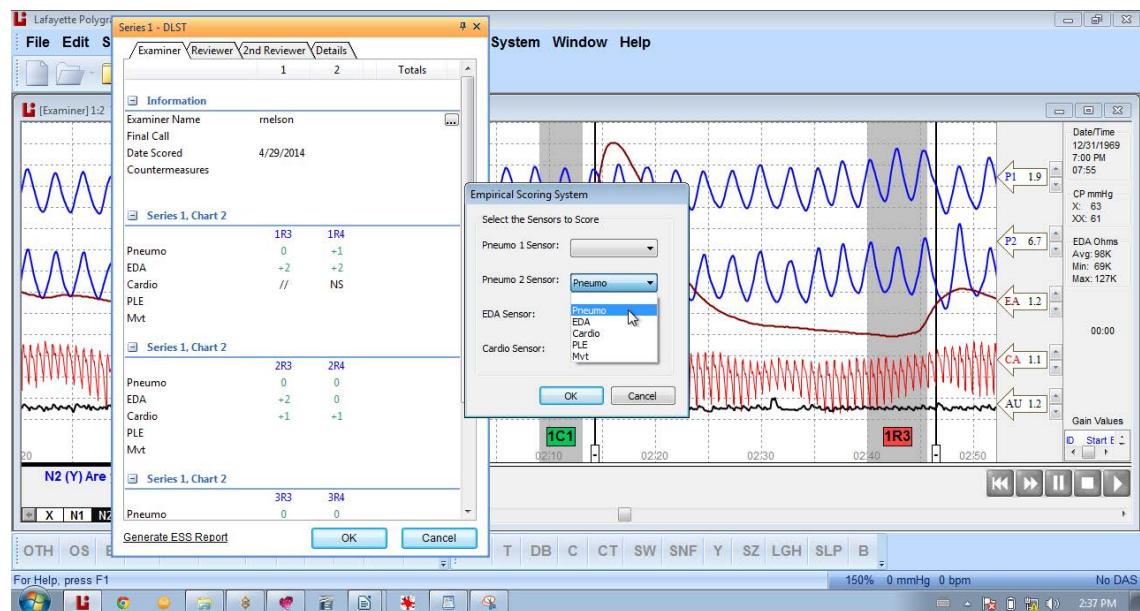


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Click on the Generate ESS Report hyperlink, located at the bottom left of the manual score sheet, to proceed to the ESS Report. You may see a small dialog, shown in Figure 5, depending on your score sheet configuration, requesting you to select the sensors for the ESS Report Generator. The primary reason for this flexibility is to facilitate use of the ESS Report Generator by examiners with differing approaches to naming and scoring the two respiration channels. Some examiners record only one pneumograph score for both respiration channels. Other examiners record score for each respiration channel.

Regardless of the preferred score sheet method, only one respiration score is included in the scored result for each presentation of each stimulus question when the data are summed in the form of ESS sub-total and grand-total scores. The ESS Report Generator will reduce the data to a single pneumograph score regardless of whether one or two respiration scores are entered on the score sheet. If two pneumograph scores exist in the score sheet the scores are transformed in a three step process: 1) the score is transformed to a zero value if the product of the two scores is negative, 2) the score is transformed to a positive value if the sum of the two results in a positive integer, and 3) transformed to a negative value if the sum is negative. If the examiner has transformed the recorded data into a single respiration score, then the ESS Report Generator will use that single respiration score (in this case the examiner has transformed the two channels to a single score).

Figure 5: ESS Sensor selection dialog.



## The ESS Report

Click on the OK button after selecting the correct sensors. Figure 6 shows the upper portion of the ESS Report. The ESS Report can be saved to the examination PF folder as a .pdf document (ESSReport.pdf) by clicking the Save button. The ESS Report can also be saved to any other location by clicking the

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Save-as button. The *ESSReport.pdf* document, saved in the examination PF or other location, can be opened with Adobe Acrobat or another application program suitable for this file format. The ESS Report summarizes the examination data, including the examinee name, examination data, type of examination, examination questions, and categorical test result. The ESS Report also includes all of the scientific information pertaining to the test result, including the examination sub-total and grand-total scores where applicable, and test results, including: scores, cut-scores, p-values, alpha boundaries, decision rules, and statistical corrections used to determine the level of statistical significance of the categorical test result.

Figure 6: ESS Report, upper portion.

The screenshot shows the 'ESS Report' window. At the top, there's a toolbar with icons for Save, Save As, Print, Zoom Out, Zoom In, and a dropdown menu. Below the toolbar, the report header reads 'Lafayette Instrument Company Empirical Scoring System Raymond Nelson and Mark Handler (2010; 2012)'. The main content area has sections for 'Examinee' (labeled 'ID Stripped'), 'Result' ('No Significant Reactions'), and 'p-value' (.001). It also lists 'Technique' (DLST (multi-issue)) and 'Decision rule' (Spot-score rules). A 'Questions' section contains two rows: R3 (Are you now withholding the taking of money or products of value from places you have worked? (N)) and R4 (Are you now withholding information regarding your involvement with illegal drugs? (N)). Below this is a 'Test Details' table with columns for PF Name, Series #, Exam Date, Examiner, and Report Date. The 'Question Scores' table shows R3 and R4 with their respective p-values and 'No Significant Reactions' status. The 'Decision Alpha (1 tailed) / Cutscores' table shows NSR (.050) and SR (.050). A note at the bottom says 'Use Šidák correction (inverse) for p-value' and 'TRUE'.

Test Details		Question Scores		Decision Alpha (1 tailed) / Cutscores	
PF Name	DLST NSR #1	Question	p-value	NSR	.050
Series #	1	R3	No Significant Reactions	SR	.050
Exam Date	12/31/1969	R4	.001 No Significant Reactions		-3
Examiner	nelson				
Report Date	5/15/2014				

Interpretation Summary

Categorical test results, along with the most commonly requested information that is useful to referring professionals and referring agencies, are at the top of the ESS Report. Information of interest to examiners, researchers, scientists, administrators, and quality-control professionals can be found lower on the ESS Report. Figure 7 shows the lower portion of the ESS Report.

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Figure 7: Lower portion of the ESS Report.

The screenshot shows the lower portion of the ESS Report generated by the Lafayette ESS Report Generator. It includes several sections:

- Interpretation Summary:** A narrative paragraph explaining the examination results, mentioning a minimum question total of 7, a required cut-score of 2, and a p-value of .001.
- Criterion Accuracy:** A section detailing multiple issue exams consisting of 2 relevant questions with alpha = .05 for deceptive classifications and alpha = .05 for truthful classifications.
- References:** A list of academic publications related to polygraph criterion accuracy and scoring systems.
- ESS Scores:** A table showing scores for three categories (Pneumo, EDA, Cardio) across two series (Series 1, Chart 2) and two conditions (R3, R4). The table includes sub-totals and a grand total.

	R3	R4	
Pneumo	0	1	
EDA	2	2	
Cardio	1	0	
<b>Sub-Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>			none

ESS scores from the manual score sheet are included in the ESS Report. All scores from the manual score sheet are transformed into ESS scores regardless of whether they are entered as tradition three-position or seven-position scores. ESS scores are integer-weighted three-position scores, with integer weights of +/1 for respiration scores, +/-2 for electrodermal scores, and +/1 for cardiovascular scores. In practice, respiration data are found to result in a score of zero more often than electrodermal and cardiovascular data, resulting in manual scores with average weighting coefficients of respiration  $\approx .20$ , electrodermal  $\approx .50$ , and cardiovascular  $\approx .30$ . These weighting coefficients approximate statistical and mathematical functions that have been shown to maximize the geometric/Euclidian distance, or the difference in variance, between the scores normally observed among deceptive and truthful persons.

Also included in the ESS Report is a summary paragraph that provides a narrative description of the scientific basis and interpretation of the examination result. This summary paragraph is written individually for each examination, depending on a number of factors, including the type of examination, decision rules, and number of relevant questions. The summary will also contain information regarding the analytic model that was used to obtain the result, along with information about what should be assumed or expected of that analytic model. In addition, the summary will include the test scores, cut-scores, p-values, and alpha boundaries for statistical significance. Use of any mathematical formulae used to correct for multiple statistical comparisons is also described, followed by an explanation of the scientific and statistical meaning of the test scores. Finally, a

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categorical interpretation is provided based on the level of statistical significance of the test data.

The ESS Report also includes information about the 95% confidence intervals that describe the expected range of precision and error associated with the desired alpha boundaries that were used to determine the categorical test result. This can be useful whenever it is necessary to answer questions about basis of scientific knowledge regarding test accuracy and the potential for error. Figure 8 shows the entire ESS Report.

Figure 8: ESS Report.

Lafayette Instrument Company Empirical Scoring System Raymond Nelson and Mark Handler (2010; 2012)	
Examinee	ID Stripped
Result	Deception Indicated
p-value	<.001 Probability this result was produced by a truthful person
Technique	Event Specific (single issue)
Decision rule	Two-stage rules (Senter rules)
Questions	
R4	(N)
R6	(N)
Test Details	
PF Name	09-252 (CLEANED COPY)
Series #	1
Exam Date	12/31/1969
Examiner	mlson
Report Date	5/15/2014
Question Scores	
Question	Deception Indicated
R4	R6
Deception Indicated	Deception Indicated
Decision Alpha (1 tailed) / Cutscores	
NSR	.050 .4
SR	.050 -.4
Bonferroni corrected alpha	.025 -.6
Use Bonferroni correction	TRUE
Interpretation Summary	
Using the ESS, an evidence-based, normed, and standardized protocol for test data analysis, the grand total score of -15 equals or exceeds the cut-score of -4 for deceptive classifications. The level of statistical significance is calculated at $p = .001$ , which is equal to or less than the required alpha boundary ( $\alpha = .05$ ). Normative data indicate that only small proportion (<0.1%) of truthful persons are expected to produce a similar deceptive test score. These results support the conclusion that there is DECEPTION INDICATED by the physiological responses to the relevant stimulus questions during this examination.	
ESS Scores	
Series 1, Chart 2	
Pneumo	R4 R6
EDA	0 0
Cardio	0 0
Series 1, Chart 3	
Pneumo	R4 R6
EDA	-2 -2
Cardio	1 0
Series 1, Chart 4	
Pneumo	R4 R6
EDA	0 0
Cardio	0 0
Series 1, Chart 5	
Pneumo	R4 R6
EDA	-2 -2
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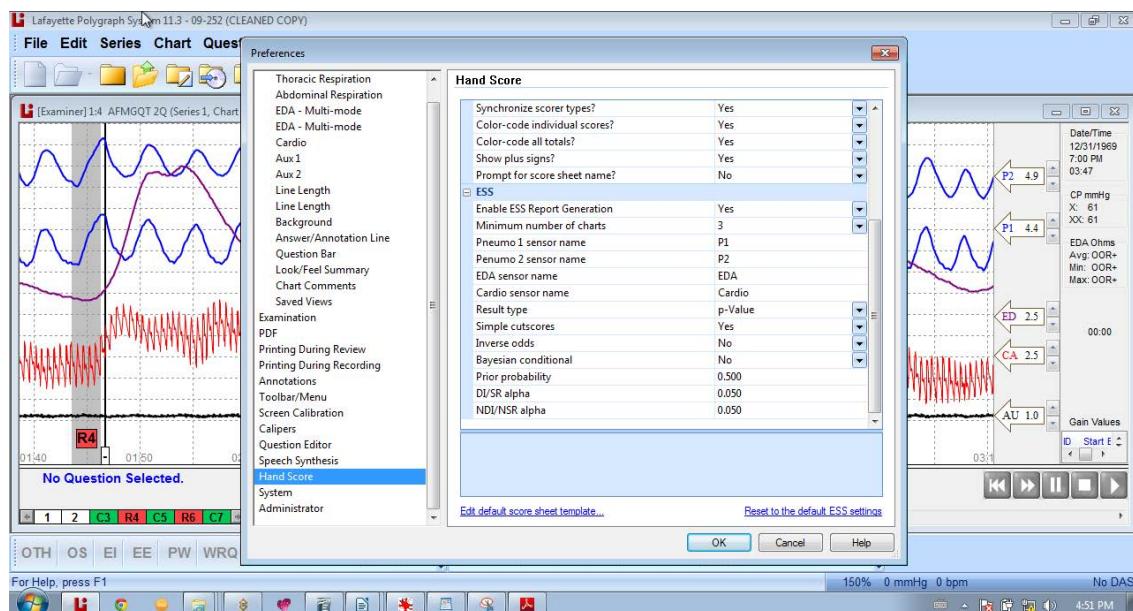
Figure 9 shows the user options, which can be accessed by selecting the Preferences item from the Tools menu. Available options include the ability to set the default sensor selections and to present categorical results as odds-ratio or confidence level instead of traditional p-value. One of the options is the ability to set any desired alpha level.

Alpha boundaries, which control the precision and error of scientific test results, are commonly set at .05, corresponding to a desired maximum error tolerance of 5%. Results of scientific tests and scientific experiments are said to be *statistically significant* when p-value (probability of error), corresponding to the numerical test score, is less than a maximum tolerance for error, expressed as an

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alpha boundary which corresponds to a numerical cut-score. Field examiners will rarely, if ever, need to change the default alpha boundaries. Instead, Alpha boundaries, error tolerance, requirements for precision, and corresponding cut-scores are concerns for which referring professionals, including investigators, program administrators, risk evaluators, and risk managers may make strategic decisions to decrease the rate of inconclusive results (e.g. alpha = .10), or increase the level of precision expected from statistically significant test results (e.g., alpha = .01). An option to use simple cut-scores will impose a single numerical cut-score for multiple issue exams regardless of the number of relevant questions. Options also allow the use of a Bayesian condition probability model to further clarify the probability of deception or truth-telling with regard to knowledge or assumption about the prior incidence rate.

Figure 9: ESS preferences.



## Summary

The practical purpose of polygraph examination results is to inform the examiner and referring professional about whether the examinee has been truthful or untruthful about an issue of concern. Accurate and well-documented results permit the examiner and referring professionals to make better informed and more effective decisions about subsequent action, including additional interviewing, investigation, testing, or other risk management decisions.

The scientific purpose of polygraph examination results, like the results of other scientific tests, is to establish a basis of test data as a form of evidence to guide and support a professional opinion or conclusion. Test results can be thought of as an interpretation (i.e., translation) of the test data, using structured quantitative and procedural rules, into simple human categorical and conceptual language that is useful to the referring professional. Underlying all scoring and interpretation tasks is the

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fundamental obligation of all forms of scientific testing: to quantify the degree of uncertainty associated with the test result by describing the data with respect to the basis of published evidence, including basic knowledge that describes the generally expected performance of the analytic model, and normative data that describes test performance with the reference samples and intended population. The ESS Report Generator is a powerful yet simple tool designed to assist with this purpose and obligation.

The ESS Report serves to reinforce our awareness of the fact that virtually all scientific test results are probability statements with some potential for error. This is important because, although it is often said that there is no such thing as a perfect test, human pressures and the acuity of many ongoing risk assessment and risk management tasks can sometimes have the effect of encouraging both overconfidence in test accuracy and excessive frustration surrounding the potential for observed errors. Another oft heard maxim is that there is no such thing as free accuracy, and this is reflected in the ability to make thoughtful and informed decisions about ESS alpha boundaries for statistical significance. The ESS Report serves the additional function of teaching and reminding both examiners and referring professionals how to correctly view and understand the meaning of scientific test results. In this way, polygraph examiners and referring professionals can be prepared if a need arises to account for the basis of scientific evidence that describes the potential accuracy or error associated with the results of an individual examination.

LXSoftware 11.3 provides the examiner with an exceptional level of stability and power, along with many convenience and usability features designed to expedite basic tasks and technical operations necessary to conduct an examination. Among these tasks are the need to score each examination, determine the test result, provide a written report to the referring professional or agency, and maintain a record of the test data and analysis that support the test result. Used effectively, the Lafayette ESS Report Generator provides the examiner with 21<sup>st</sup> century technology that will automate the repetitive structured tasks of summarizing the test data, formulating an interpretation of the test result, quantifying the level of statistical significance, and preparing a presentable document to explain and account for both the analysis and our present knowledge-base. As always, no automated procedure can substitute for the need for a competent interview and test data acquisition phase, and the ESS Report Generator relies on the expert examiner to ensure that test scores are obtained using validated feature extraction criteria and that are applied to test data of adequate usable and interpretable quality.

The ESS Report Generator provides the examiner with a powerful and simple to use automated algorithm that will expeditiously execute an exact replication of the result and interpretation achieved by ESS procedures used by human experts. Automation of these simple and repetitive tasks may increase the availability of professional energy and attention to important human activities that cannot be replicated by automated processes.

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The instrumentation and software that examiners use is a very important component of the polygraph examination and one that examiners should feel free to discuss within the polygraph community. In March 2014 Limestone Technologies introduced a Polygraph Software and Instrumentation Group on LinkedIn. The group already has 185 members and continues to grow with international examiner representation. We have extended invitations to all of the polygraph manufacturers so that examiners can have open and productive discussions with their polygraph solution providers. As the profession advances it's important for vendors to update polygraph software and equipment accordingly. What better way for examiners to see the changes they want in their polygraph systems than informing their manufacturer. We welcome and encourage you to join the conversation.

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Stoelting's Data Collection and Display  
Explanation of "Swim Lanes"  
By Guillermo Witte, M.S.

One of Stoelting's biggest advantages is the ability to display data -- without altering or centering signals -- during the data collection phase. This allows the examiner to keep the integrity of the original data intact.

Many examiners "chase" their signals as they are being collected, and make necessary adjustments (centerings) when they trend upwards or downwards. With CPSpro and Fusion software, this is not an issue. Stoelting's chart collection has unlimited range for the signals, and will display those signals inside their own "Swim Lanes". **"Swim Lanes" are dedicated spaces for each signal so they do not cross over to the "Swim Lane"/dedicated space of another signal.**



The above image shows a chart after data has been collected. Fusion software automatically displays the signals without any channel overlap, regardless of how it looked while being collected.

For the next image, we have "hidden" all the channels, except EDA, to show the full range of the original signal. **If this were to be recorded with another system, some examiners would be tempted to center the EDA channel, as it would start to cross over.**

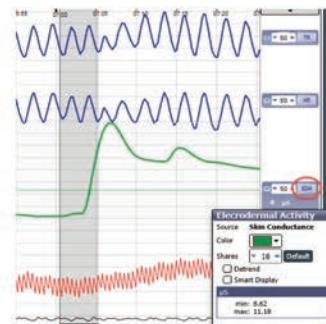


Fusion software allows the examiner to record all of the signals without the need to re-center them, and disrupt their normal flow. What Fusion software actually does is rescale the data in order to fit the "Swim Lanes" of your computer screen. From here, the examiner has the ability to increase, or decrease, the size of the data with the Gains arrows on the screen.

In order to "hide" your channels, simply click (left-click) the "Visibility" button on the channel information box.

In order to display the hidden channels on your screen, open the drop-down menu at the top right of your chart and select the "Visibility" button of each channel again.

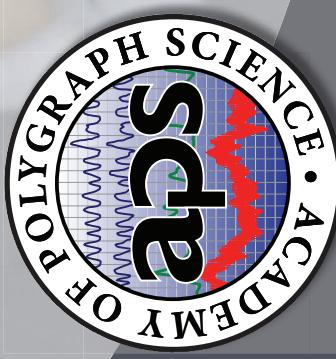
The size of the "Swim Lanes" is pre-established by Fusion software, but can also be manually set. By increasing, or decreasing "shares", you are manually setting the size of your "Swim Lane". "Shares" can be accessed by going through Tools > Preferences > Channels and navigating to the "Shares" section of each channel. "Shares" can also be accessed by selecting the Channel Details button in the Channel Information box.



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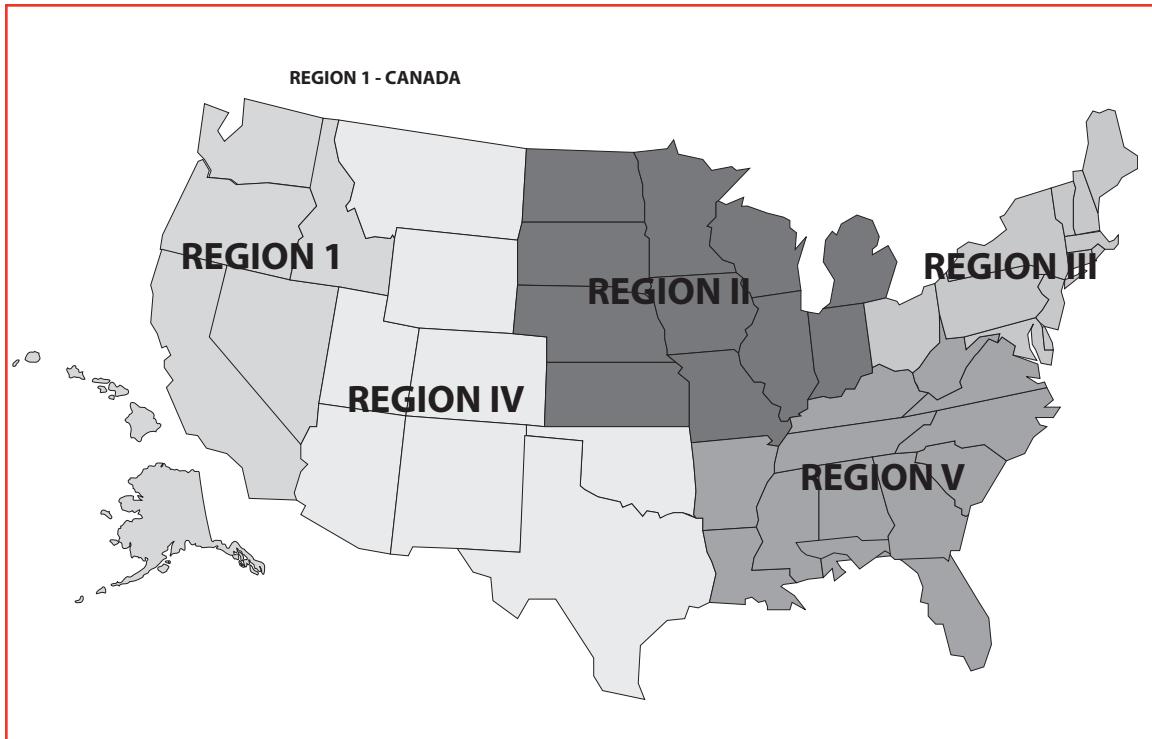
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## REGION I NEWS

### Ron Hilley

#### 2014 Seminar, Henderson, NV

I send my thanks to all the folks who worked with me for the past year and a half to organize and conduct the 2014 AAPP seminar, the best turnout ever with close to 700 attendees and guests. Our co-host, California Association of Polygraph Examiners really went all out for us, making donations, assisting in the daily operation, supplying monitors and heading up our ever present Sgt. of Arms team, augmented by the Henderson Police Department. Thanks to the AAPP Board for all their leadership and guidance, our office managers, Julie and Mark Gerspacher for their endless work, Mark Handler our Research and Information Chairman, our Chaplain, Barry Cushman and our Editor, Roger Butler were always there to keep things moving. Special thanks to Gordon Moore and Jennifer Herring who were AAPP's "boots on the ground" for the past year and a half, without whom I'm not sure this seminar and all the extra-curricular activities would have been successful. Finally, I want to thank the spouses for pitching in during the week to supplement our workforce and make things run so smoothly.

My goal for this seminar was to find a comfortable site conducive to learning and camaraderie and an excellent program with knowledgeable speakers.

The plans to make this a special seminar by changing some of the traditions and practices from previous years began before the 2013 seminar. We all dressed casually throughout the seminar (appears to have been a big hit) and we moved the business meeting to Wednesday evening to allow for more classroom time (not such a big hit.) We will make adjustments to that next year, but still hope to make it possible for everyone to get 40 hours of training during the seminar. We addressed

every critique/suggestion from the 2013 seminar as far as speaker topics, successfully I think, with a training schedule had something for everyone. We ran 4 to 5 sessions 8 hours a day for the entire week, and included full days for the instrument manufacturer's to train attendees. The important point is, if you make a suggestion or offer a constructive criticism about some aspect of a seminar, we will listen and make adjustments. Hopefully in a couple more years we will create as near perfect a seminar experience as is possible.

We hosted a panel discussion with experts where the audience could ask any question relating to polygraph and get answers from folks who can answer and back it up with the state of the science. We introduced a few new speakers and speakers in varied subjects, such as dealing with psychopaths, Middle East culture and advanced PSCOT for eight hours.

Finally I brought in a couple of speakers that spoke about the research in areas of interrogation and false confessions, hoping to stir up some discussion, and that certainly happened. I want to explain the purpose and perhaps spread the discussion. I believe it's an important issue. In the 1990's due to some high profile cases in England involving false confessions, the government there became very concerned and there followed extensive research on the subject and a resulting list of factors/causes present in false confessions. What also resulted is that England banned the confrontational interviews. We in the U.S. have also had these issues: Central Park Rape Case, San Antonio Case and Innocence Project, research reveals that 25% of folks found to be innocent through DNA had confessed. I don't believe that false confessions constitute a large number of confessions in this country, but it's obvious that one is too many and it only takes a few bad examples to cause changes in policy by governments. However unpopular the idea may be, these speakers were able to pass on information about the research and perhaps more importantly they provided the areas and questions that can be expected from the defense side when these cases do come up. How good is it to know ahead of time, what the opposing side will ask you when you testify about a possible false confession. I don't believe we have to abandon what we do. We are in a bit of a different situation in this country versus England where the suspect has to essentially give up his/her right to remain silent. But I do believe we can make a few adjustments in our interrogation practices that make the interrogation

defensible consistent with the research.

A good way to proceed will be to have a speaker now from the prosecution side who understands, or has defended against allegations of false confessions and who understands the research. Then we could follow up with a panel of folks from both sides. That would be fun and exciting. Let the discussion continue!

One pleasant addition to this year's seminar was a pre-seminar golf tournament on Sunday for those folks who wanted to arrive early and have something to do prior to beginning their week of learning. Prizes were awarded to the best score and for the most capacity to improve. We also voted on our seminar site for 2016 (Connecticut) and 2017 (Houston), as we are now scheduling three years ahead to give more time for planning and incorporating suggestions from members.

Unfortunately the economy at this year's seminar site limited the number of shops and eating places from the number that existed during our earlier site visit, but that will not be a problem in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 2015, so we'll consider that future potential problem fixed. Make your reservations early, 2015 will be great.

I want to thank everyone for their support and I encourage all of you to send me any information that you would like included in the Region I News article. This can include announcements, stories, opinions, policies, etc. I will be happy to share this information in the next article with all our members in AAPP and Region I. It helps to keep us informed and aware of important issues and information. September 16 2014 is the deadline for the November 2014 Journal.

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Just when you thought it could not get any better! A new attendance record has been set and the gold standard for AAPP seminars has been raised to new heights. What an amazing seminar it was. Many thanks to all of our presenters and sponsors who contributed to this great event!

My hat is off to the AAPP board and to Region 1 Director Ron Hilley for the months (years) of

hard work that went into making this seminar a huge success. I would also like to thank my fellow CAPE members who stepped up to the plate to help make our co-sponsorship of this seminar a success. I send special thanks out to the men and women who volunteered from all over the U.S. to take on the role of Sargent at Arms for this seminar. We could not have pulled this off without all of you.

I would also be remiss if I did not thank AAPP members Jim Sackett and Gordon Moore for keeping things flowing all week long in the hospitality suite. (I was never in there but I heard it was pretty good!)

For those of you who missed this seminar, CAPE presented Ed Gelb with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his years of dedication to this profession. Congratulations and well done Ed!

When I left the hotel and boarded the AAPP sponsored shuttle to the airport, I saw it was full of AAPP members and I just couldn't resist. I asked the passengers if they all had their AAPP name tags on. I am happy to tell you that I was only in intensive care for six days and my doctor said I should make a full recovery in a few months.

I had the opportunity to talk with many of you at this seminar. I am sorry to hear about the demise of the Hawaii Organization of Polygraph Examiners (HOPE) and the Arizona Polygraph Association. I would like to extend my warmest welcome to all of you and the examiners in the state of Nevada to join CAPE and become a member of our great organization. We are the largest state polygraph association in the United States and would love to have you join us. We have training seminars twice a year and I know you would love the organization and would benefit from the high quality training CAPE offers at each seminar.

#### **IDAHO**

**Provided by Chip Morgan**

Idaho we successfully implemented an administrative change which mandates that only certified Post Conviction Testing Polygraph Examiners (PCSOT) can administer those tests as a private entity (no effect on law enforcement examiners).

We worked on this process for more than 6 months and I sat on committees with the Idaho Department of Correction and the Idaho Sex

Offender Management Board to hammer out the code language.

I relied heavily on the APA/AAPP PCSOT Model Policy for input, with state specific "tweaking" to make it compatible with our state laws. The end result is a good bill which will help prevent unethical examiners from legally conducting PCSOT tests in Idaho.

### Ron Hilley

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## REGION II NEWS

### Derek Piasecki

#### From Vince Hernandez:

Greetings from Nebraska,

The July journal will be my last journal news article as Region II Director. I have been the Region II Director for the past six years and have opted to step down. As I had mentioned during the seminar awards banquet in Henderson, Nevada, the director's position has been a great ride, however, it was time to get off the train. The position has been very rewarding and I have created many friendships and feel truly blessed. I feel that my replacement, Derek Piasecki, will have no problems taking over and getting the job done.

I first met Derek in 2010 when I hosted the AAPP Seminar in St. Louis, Missouri. Derek is an examiner for St. Charles Police Department (St. Louis Metro Area). Derek, along with Garry Miller (St. Louis County Police Department), were my boots on the ground for that seminar. Both of these individuals came to my aid and assisted me in hosting a great seminar. Derek has since become very active in the Missouri Polygraph Association and has been the president of that association for the past two years. He has been active in hosting the Tri-State Seminar and I have no doubt that he will become a great leader in the AAPP.

Work has already begun on the 38<sup>th</sup> annual seminar to be hosted by Region II in 2015. The seminar dates are May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. A site visit was conducted in August 2013. Grand Rapids appears to have everything we need to host a great seminar. I have contacted the Michigan Association of Polygraph Examiners, Neil Myres. He has indicated that their association will assist in the

seminar. I have also contacted Ben Escalante, Sergeant with the Michigan State Police and Sarah King, Inspector with the US Postal Service, and they have both agreed to assist with the seminar. Both of these individuals are members of the association, are currently living in the Grand Rapids area, and have already assisted in doing some of the preliminary leg work in hosting this seminar. If any other association members from Michigan would like to assist, please contact Derek Piasecki.

It was an honor to present the Region II Director's award at the Thursday night banquet during the seminar in Henderson. The recipient of this award was Clint Elwood. Clint was assisting Detectives from Grand Rapids, Michigan in a 1993 cold case homicide involving an eight year old girl who was fatally shot in her home while going to the refrigerator for a glass of milk. Authorities thought the homicide was gang related.

Approximately 18 years later, one of the suspects in the case, Bobby Brown was located through social media living in Broken Bow, Nebraska. Detectives from the Grand Rapids Police Department traveled to Nebraska in hopes of interviewing Brown. Brown had been arrested on a local warrant, was interviewed and agreed to submit to a polygraph examination. Investigator Clint Elwood of the Nebraska State Patrol conducted the examination. Brown was tested, the results were DI (deception indicated) and he was interrogated by Elwood. Brown confessed, stating he was present during the shooting; however he denied being the shooter. Brown agreed to testify against the shooter, Robert Gaines. Brown pled guilty and was sentenced to 23 to 50 years in prison. Gaines later was tried and convicted of the homicide and received a sentence of 30 to 60 years in prison.

### **From Derek Piasecki:**

For my first Journal article, I would like thank Ron, Gordon, and the crew at CAPE for a job well done on the Henderson seminar! The training program was excellent. It was great to see old friends as well as make new ones. I would also like to take the time to thank the past presidents for nominating me for the Region II Director's position. I appreciate the faith you all have in me to take on this new challenge.

Of course, I need to thank my predecessor, Vince Hernandez. Vince has been an asset to

our association for the past six years and is one of the most dedicated people in the polygraph profession and AAPP I have ever met. He decided not to seek reelection this year. Vince, enjoy your retirement; you deserve it!

Now, a little about myself. I am a Detective/Polygraph Examiner for the St. Charles, MO Police Department. St. Charles is just west of St. Louis County. I started as a patrol officer in 1992 and transferred to the detective bureau in 1998. I am a proud to say I graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Polygraph School in 2003. In addition to being your new Region II Director, I am also the President of the Missouri Polygraph Association. If there is anything I can do for anyone, please do not hesitate to call or email me. Email - aappderekp@yahoo.com Phone - 314-560-3378.

Have you checked out the AAPP website yet? It features updated seminar information and membership information. For those of you that do not know, the site also has a members only forum. I encourage each of you to sign in and let's get some good discussion going. For you private examiners, we also have and a section to advertise your polygraph services. Best of all, this advertising is only \$25.00 per year and goes to our scholarship fund. The website is [www.policepolygraph.org](http://www.policepolygraph.org).

## **REGION NEWS**

### **Illinois**

Officers and Board Members:

President: Deanne Theodore, private examiner

Vice-President: Marshon Conrad, private examiner

Secretary: Nanida "Maria" Cleveland, Chicago Police Department

Council: Richard Williams

Board of Directors: Michael Campise, Fred Hunter, Lori Rice and Steve Woody

President Deanne Theodore had no updated polygraph news from Illinois.

### **Indiana**

Officers and Board Members:

President: Delmer Gross, Indiana State Police

Vice-President: Sidney Newton, Indiana State Police

Secretary : Dan Gress, Indiana State Police

Treasurer: John Zagelmeier, Allen County Police Department  
Grievance Chair: Scott Galloway, Lafayette Police Department

President Delmer Gross and Vice-President Sidney Newton, both with the Indiana State Police, had no updated news to report.

#### Upcoming Training:

The Indiana Polygraph Association will be conducting their 2014 fall seminar on October 10, 2014. The seminar will present the April Tinsley Homicide Investigation, which is a 1988 cold case homicide of an eight year girl named April Tinsley. The speakers for the seminar are John Zagelmeier, Keith Wallin and Brian Sell, all investigators with the Allen County Police Department. The seminar will be conducted at the Indiana State Police Post in Indianapolis, Indiana. This seminar is free to association members and \$100 for non-members. For more information, go to the AAPP seminar website.

The Lafayette Instrument Company continues to hold their two day free training seminars at their training facility. This is a one on one training course for examiners who would like to expand their use of the Lafayette Computerized System and explore its features. The classes are held quarterly in Lafayette, Indiana. Space is limited and is on a first come first serve basis. You must register to attend the session. Please RSVP by going to [www.lafayettepolygraph.com](http://www.lafayettepolygraph.com), click on Support and arrow down to Training Opportunities then complete the download Training Submission. Or you may contact Kari Bumbleburg at [kari@lafayetteinstrument.com](mailto:kari@lafayetteinstrument.com) or by calling her at 765-423-1505, ext. 211. The following are the training dates for 2014: August 21 – 22, RSVP by August 1; November 20 – 21, RSVP by November 1. Check the Lafayette website for additional information on these training opportunities.

#### Iowa

Tim Hopper, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Altoona, Iowa

The state of Iowa currently has no active polygraph association. Tim did not have any news to report.

#### Kansas

Officers and Board Members:  
President: Bill Wall, Olathe Police Department  
Vice-President: David Brede, Kansas Bureau of Investigation  
Secretary/Treasurer: Rebecca Schoenecker-Stich, Parsons State Hospital and Training Center  
Chairman of the Board: Rick Atteberry, Kansas Bureau of Investigation  
Board of Director: Jim Bridges – Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Bruce Powers – Haysville Police Department and Kip Kieso – Kieso Polygraph Services  
Editor: Roger Butler, Kansas Bureau of Investigation

#### Upcoming Training:

The Kansas Polygraph Association will be hosting the 2014 Tri-State polygraph Examiners Seminar October 1-3, 2014 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Olathe, KS.

For more information and a registration form go to: <http://www.kansaspolygraph.org/> or e-mail Secretary/Treasurer Rebecka Schoenecker-Stich at: [sekpolygraph@hotmail.com](mailto:sekpolygraph@hotmail.com).

#### Michigan

Officers and Board Members:  
President: Neil Myres, Retired – Dearborn Police Department.  
Vice-President: Geoff Flohr – Retired Michigan State Police  
Secretary: Jeff Gee, Dearborn Police Department  
Treasurer: Randall Terpstra, Zeeland, MI  
Chairman of the Board: J. Paul Carey – J.P. Carey Consulting, Utica, MI  
Board Members: Ronald McPhee and Jeffrey Plaunt, Sterling Heights Police Department

I would again like to encourage any member of the Michigan Association of Polygraph Examiners to contact Derek Piasecki if you would like to assist with the 2015 seminar.

#### Minnesota

The State of Minnesota currently has no active polygraph association.  
Orie Oksendahl with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety did not have any polygraph news to report from Minnesota.

## **Missouri**

### **Officers and Board Members:**

President: Derek Piasecki, St. Charles Police Department  
Vice-President: Lee Boyd, Boyd Polygraph Services  
Secretary: Julie Scerine, Missouri State Highway Patrol  
Treasurer: Robert Riggs, Ameriguard, Inc.  
Chairman of the Board: George Knowles, Missouri State Highway Patrol

President Derek Piasecki reported that their association met on April 16th. Their association board will remain the same until the Tri-State Seminar later this year, at which time they will hold elections. They have begun working on the 2015 seminar which will be at the Hilton Promenade in Branson, MO to be held on October 21-23, 2015.

## **Nebraska**

### **Officers and Board Members:**

President: Monty Daganaar, Sarpy County Sheriff's Office  
Vice-President: Bryant Crosby, TKJ Polygraph Services, Papillion, NE  
Secretary/Treasurer: Francis Gallo, Bellevue Police Department  
Chairman of the Board: Chris Teuscher, Sarpy County Sheriff's Office  
Board of Directors: Brian Eads and Clint Elwood – Nebraska State Patrol, Vince Hernandez –retired Nebraska State Patrol, Matt Franken - Lincoln Police.

The spring NAPE business meeting was held on April 29<sup>th</sup> and the current proposed changes to Title 433, Truth & Deception License and Regulation was discussed. These changes would reduce the number of specific issue examinations that an intern is required to complete, would reduce the number of years of experience that an intern supervisor is required to have, along with reducing their continuing education requirements. NAPE is in the process of voicing opposition to the changes in these requirements.

## **North Dakota**

The state of North Dakota currently has no active polygraph association.

Mark Sayler, a polygraph examiner with the North Dakota Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigations, has agreed to be the

contact person for the journal. He did not have any polygraph news to report at this time.

During the State and National Leadership Luncheon at the recent AAPP seminar in Henderson, Nevada, Jay Laudenschlager (association member/examiner from Minot, North Dakota) reported that many law enforcement agencies in their state have been kept busy with the oil boom.

## **South Dakota**

The state of South Dakota currently has no active polygraph association.

Brian Zeeb, Assistant Director of the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigations, reported that their state continues to make strides in organizing law enforcement polygraph testing state wide.

### **Upcoming Training:**

The South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigations will be hosting their 4th annual seminar at the Deadwood Mt. Grand Resort in Deadwood, South Dakota. This year the seminar will be held on October 7th to October 9th and offers 24 hours of free training. For hotel information or reservations, contact: <http://www.deadwoodmountaingrand.com>. The primary training topic will be 16 hours on a general overview of APA standards for PCSOT training. More information will be available on the AAPP website under training topics.

## **Wisconsin**

### **Officers and Board Members:**

President: Anthony O'Neill  
Vice-President: Kristopher O'Neill and Matthew Quist  
Secretary/Treasurer: Brian Leitzinger

Wisconsin Polygraph Association Secretary/Treasurer Brian Leitzinger (Appleton Police Department) reported that their association has had no activity for the past few months. He would like the Wisconsin examiners to contact him to voice their opinion about whether or not their association should continue. The association was scheduled to hold elections for new board members later this year, but no meeting has been scheduled thus far. Brian Leitzinger can be contacted at (920)832-5541 or email: [brian.leitzinger@appleton.org](mailto:brian.leitzinger@appleton.org).

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

## American Institute of Polygraph

Lynn Marcy, Director of the American Institute of Polygraph, reported that he is doing fine. He is hoping to return to Singapore later this year and provide an advanced polygraph course. He is happy to hear that Grand Rapids was selected to host the 2015 seminar.



## REGION III NEWS

### Eileen Ryan

Contact me at aappr3d@gmail.com

Greetings from Region III!

As always, it was wonderful to once again see so many familiar faces at this year's seminar in Henderson, Nevada. Unfortunately, I was unable to touch base with all attendees from our region. I would appreciate putting a face with a name or an email, whether it be during registration, the President's Reception on Sunday evening, during the Tuesday night event, the Thursday night banquet or during the evening socials after class. Please say hello in the future (consider the scheduled meet with your Region Director and fellow Region Members hour) and feel free to still send me any feedback and/or suggestions on the seminar.

I know this year's seminar was our largest turnout in the history of the AAPP and from what I gathered, our members rated it a success. A lot of planning and work went into creating it. I would like to extend a personal thanks to the Region 1 Director, Ron Hilley, and all of those (especially our treasurer and local resident, Gordon Moore, and Jennifer Herring, of NHS Global Events) who assisted in making the conference a success.

#### Business Meeting

Thank you to all who attended the annual seminar business meeting on Wednesday evening.

To change past practice and not interrupt any classes, we held this meeting outside of class hours, so I acknowledge your taking the time to participate. The meeting, scheduled from 1700 to 1900, lasted more towards the hour of 2030. I have always attended the business meetings and it was nice to see many regular attendees and some new faces at this meeting. I realize you were probably hungry and tired after a long day and I appreciate the commitment you made to stay. The good news is that in the future we have the option to again hold it during the day as has been done in the past. Despite the lengthy time, it was efficiently run and much was accomplished. I am excited to announce that I was elected to continue as your Region III Director. I humbly thank everyone for voting, as well as thank the Board of Past Presidents for endorsing me and our current board and membership for their support.

Members voted for site locations for 2016 and 2017. These sites are contracted based on what is best for the membership, so they are subject to default to the runner up city, in the event the contract could not best accommodate our members. However, I do not anticipate any issues with the sites recently selected by our members. The 2016 seminar will be held in Connecticut, a state that is always well represented at the seminars, and whose members have assured me that they will be of great assistance. Plan on attending, as it will be held at the beautiful Mohegan Sun Casino and Resort. I am always interested in feedback on how I can plan to make the seminar a success, so do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you Adam Rembisz for your assistance in laying the groundwork for this seminar and introducing the representatives for Mohegan Sun.

Our members selected Houston, Texas for our 2017 site location. Tracey Hilton, Region IV Director, is also open to any suggestions for that seminar. Members can vote for the 2018 site location during our business meeting held at the 2015 Seminar in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I hope to see you there. Make your site location suggestions to Frank Suddreth, Region V Director, as soon as possible, as the cities will be researched and suggestions made at our board meeting in the fall.

Congratulations to newly elected Region II Director, Derek Pieski. He will be hosting our seminar in Grand Rapids, Michigan, so please extend your support. Many thanks goes to Vince Hernandez, who tirelessly represented our organization, as the Region II Director for

the past six years and will continue to support Derek's transition as he takes on this new endeavor.

Congratulations to Karen Clark, Jim Wardwell, and Ron Hillyer, as they continue to serve as our President, Vice President and Region I Director respectively. There are so many members and their families who volunteer their time to support our organization and annual seminar. I am grateful to be a part of this current board (including our steadfast secretary and treasurer) and thank all volunteers overseeing additional tasks, which could not be accomplished otherwise. A special thanks to our National Office Manager(s), Editor, Chaplain, Researcher and Audio Visual Guys for all their work.

### **2014 Region III Director's Award**

I have reached out to our region members asking for suggestions for our annual Region III Director's Award. I realize our organization is a conglomerate of individuals who have had a notable polygraph case or notable careers. Some examiners are in the forefront and you know who they are. Others stay in the shadows, however, they too have interesting backgrounds and make their own contributions to polygraph, which would otherwise not be known if we did not have a chance to meet and talk. Perhaps you had a case that prevented a spy or a repeat sex offense; determined an accused was non deceptive. You may never know how much you, as an individual, contribute to our organization and to the profession as a whole, but I want you to know you do, even if you do not hear it.

I want to share with you the details of one such member; the law enforcement career and contributions, to polygraph, made by this year's recipient of the Region III Director's Award.

The award was presented to Dave Crawford from New Hampshire. Dave has forty-seven years in law enforcement, beginning in the military police corps serving in Vietnam and culminating with his retirement from the New Hampshire State Police. He is the founder and director of the New England Polygraph Institute, as well as the founder and current president of the New Hampshire Association of Police Polygraphists (now known as the New England Association of Police Polygraphists) and author of their constitution. Dave is a graduate of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Federal Polygraph School and has twenty-six years of polygraph experience including, but not limited to, working as a Quality Control Su-

pervisor and Major Crime Unit Lead Homicide Investigator for the New Hampshire State Police, where he served from 1973-1999. After Dave retired from the state police, he formed Crawford Polygraph Services. Dave is a licensed polygraph examiner in the states of Maine and Vermont. In addition to the AAPP, Dave is a member of the American Polygraph Association and the Canadian Association of Police Polygraphists, otherwise known as CAPP. He has served as an APA membership chair in the membership committee and currently serves as the CAPP District 5 Representative to the United States.

I had the opportunity to visit Dave's school in March and meet with some of his students. I was impressed with how well prepared they were to enter into our profession and hopefully, they will join our organization. Dave is a true mentor.

Accompanying Dave to the banquet was his lovely daughter, Kristine, from Denver, Colorado. Hopefully, she is recuperating from the allergies many of us experienced in Nevada. Congratulations Dave on receiving this year's award!

### **SHOWCASING OUR REGION**

Please help me to showcase your and other examiner's talents and skills in the polygraph suite when I write this column. Send any information on employers, new graduates, promotions, retirements, types of cases, successes, seminars, training you have had, or would like to have, issues, experiences, publications, etc., so that our fellow examiners can be recognized in these pages. Keep this in mind, when award selections are being made each year. Please take the time to make those nominations for someone you consider deserving of this award. You can e-mail me your letter of recommendation, along with a biographical summation or details of a particular case.

### **2014 SEMINAR RAFFLE WINNER**

This winner of the 2014 raffle (\$15,000 or Harley Davidson Motorcycle) was Karen Colonello of New York. Karen chose the money and the bike was auctioned to its proud new owner, Jamie Brown, of Limestone Polygraph. The drawing takes place each year at the annual business meeting held on Wednesday of the seminar and the auction is held during the banquet. Congratulations Karen! Only 300 tickets were sold for \$100 each. Thanks to all who participated (some of you bought multiple tickets). \$100 seems like a lot of money and it may be to

some. I like to think that we usually buy five tickets for \$50 and it does not seem as painful. To lessen the hardship, you can always share a ticket with someone and remember the money benefits our Buddy Senter Scholarship.

## REGION NEWS

### CONNECTICUT

The Connecticut Polygraph Association  
President: Captain Christopher Chute, New Britain Police Department  
Vice President: Sergeant Adam Rembisz, New Britain Police Department  
Treasurer: Officer Kevin O'Brien, Hartford Police Department  
Secretary: Detective Brian Narkewicz, Connecticut State Police

#### Recognition

Congratulations to Christopher Chute on his promotion to Captain, and Adam Rembisz on his promotion to Sergeant, both of the New Britain Police Department. Well-done guys!

In attendance at our AAPP Seminar were David Allen, William Brennan, Christopher Chute, Jonathan Laughlin, Todd Myers, Brian Narkewicz, Adam Rembisz, Orlando Rivera, James Wardwell, Scott Werner and William Wesche.

#### Upcoming Training

Connecticut Polygraph Association Second Annual Polygraph Seminar  
Date: TBA Fall 2014  
Mohegan Resort Casino  
For more info go to:  
<http://www.polygraphct.com>

### DELAWARE

No new news to report

In attendance at our AAPP Seminar was Sean Moriarty.

### MAINE

Maine Polygraph Association  
President: Donald Blatchford, Scarborough Police Department  
Vice-President: Detective Gerard (Biff) Brady, Cumberland County Sheriff's Dept.  
Secretary: Detective Danielle Murphy, Lewiston Police Department  
Treasurer: Detective Daniel Violette, Westbrook Police Department

#### Recognition

Congratulations to Tim Cotton, of the Bangor Police Department, on his promotion to Sergeant. Great job Tim!

In attendance at our AAPP Seminar were Tim Cotton, Barry Cushman, Matthew Cyr, Keith Mercier, Daniel Violette, Reginald Walker and Peter Wentworth.

### MARYLAND

The Maryland Polygraph Association  
President - William (Bill) Walsh  
VP Government: Eileen Ryan  
VP Law Enforcement: Brandon Bobbick  
VP Private: Dan Saneman  
Secretary: Aaron Holladay  
Treasurer: Jeff Johnson  
Director: Dan Seiler 2015  
Director: Bill Cotton 2014  
Chairman of the Board: Lorry Ginovsky  
Contact Info: Maryland Polygraph Association  
P.O. Box 221, Linthicum, MD 21090  
Website: <http://www.Mdpolygraph.org>

Thanks to Dan Baxter for your service to MPA and as recent VP of Government. Best wishes on your retirement and in your new endeavors. Congratulations to newly elected VP Law Enforcement, Brandon Bobbick.

#### Awards/Recognition

Jeff Johnson was awarded the Holly S. Cantly Memorial Award at this year's AAPP seminar in Henderson, Nevada. This award was developed to pay tribute to Holly S. Cantly for outstanding leadership and dedication to the AAPP.

Jeff, a former Region III Director, can be seen at the annual AAPP seminars, assisting with all of our audio and visual needs. Additionally, Jeff is the treasurer of the Maryland Polygraph Association. Congratulations Jeff and thank you for all you do for the polygraph community.

The Maryland Polygraph Association's Annual Two-Day Seminar held in May 2013 was a great success with 16 CE credits offered.

Guest speakers included:

Steve Rice, Federal Polygraph Examiner and U.S. Army Veteran, Operation Iraqi Freedom: Opening Speaker. Bob Hallman, Jim Ohlson, Jim Hopkins and Dianne Teliak, Lead NSA and FBI Special Agents: Ronald Pelton Espionage Case (History from First Call to Polygraph Charts).

Ms. Rene Balodis-Cox of Edgework,  
Crisis Intervention Resources: Tactical  
Communication and De-escalation  
of Optimum Interrogation.

Dr. Christy Harnett, Professor with  
Johns Hopkins University School of  
Education and Bill Walsh, DoD: Re-  
silience in Stressful Environments.

There were one hundred plus attending, including seventy-three government, nineteen law enforcement and eleven private examiners.

Thanks to all who helped with seminar preparations, especially Joy Neal and Lauren Burke.

In attendance at our AAPP Seminar were Christopher Alston, Bret Bruchok, David Cameron, Jorge Garcia, Jeff Johnson, Eve Kingsley-Booth, Kimberly Leftwich, Sue Luttrell, Margaret Mackey, John Moran, Michael and Lisa Morgan, Andy and Mindy Pecoraro, Donald Phillips, Michael Redmond, Nathan Rettig, John Rich, Shawn Riley, Wendall and Deborah Rudacille, Charles Ruff, Reginald Turner, Ned Whiting, Steve Wilbur and Jessica Willis.

#### Upcoming Training:

Maryland Polygraph Association Annual Fall One-Day seminar November 2014.

Date: TBA

Location: Howard County Police and Fire Training Academy, Marriottsville, MD

Cost: Free

Payment: MPA is now able to accept credit cards!

RSVP: Please RSVP to Jeff Johnson at [gjjohns@aol.com](mailto:gjjohns@aol.com) and include your name and organization

Up to 8 hrs. of CEHs will be awarded

For more info go to: <http://www.mdpolygraph.org> or contact Eileen Ryan at [aappr3d@gmail.com](mailto:aappr3d@gmail.com).

## MASSACHUSETTS

No new news to report

In attendance at our AAPP Seminar were Michael Delapena, Chris and Lisa Dolan, David Domingos, Andre Khoury, Corey Quinlan and Kathryn Thibault.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

New England Association of Police Polygraphists (NEAPP)  
President: David J. Crawford

Vice President: Lieutenant Mike Clark, Plymouth NH PD

Treasurer: Detective Nate Buffington, Tilton NH PD

Secretary: Lieutenant Richard Plourde, Berlin NH PD

#### Scholarship Award Recipient

The first place recipient of the Buddy Senter Award was our very own Michelle Taylor, the daughter of member Gregory Taylor, from New Hampshire. There were eleven applicants this year; four females and seven males from the various regions; five applicants were from region three. Eligible applicants must be a senior in high school or college student up to the age of twenty-three, and are a relative of an active AAPP member. The applications were stripped of any identifying information prior to review by our board. Please contact me for information regarding criteria for selection. I enjoyed reading about the accomplishments and goals of these fine young men and women. I thank them for participating in the scholarship competition and encourage them to continue to compete. I wish you all much success and happiness in all your future endeavors.

#### NEPI and NEAPP News

As Director of the New England Polygraph Institute and President of the New England Association of Police Polygraphists, Dave Crawford is humbled and honored to have received the AAPP Director's Award for Region III and expressed "thanks to AAPP President Karen Clark, the AAPP Board and the Directors, in particular Eileen Ryan, AAPP Region III Director, for their selection".

The New England Polygraph Institute is proud and honored to announce that Director Elmer Criswell, of the Northeast Counter Drug Polygraph School, will be instructing at NEPI, starting in the fall of 2014 in PEC 14-02, with the government closing of his very fine school. Dave was pleased to be honored on the same night that Elmer was inducted as lifetime member of the AAPP and looks forward to him sharing his knowledge and expertise at NEPI.

Joe Tatro of the New York State Police was the High Honor graduate of the May 2014 PCSOT Course.

Lieutenant Todd Illingworth of the Vermont State Police BCI Unit and Polygraph Commander retired in April 2014 and will be going into the private polygraph sector in addition to joining the New England Polygraph Institute

staff starting with PEC 14-02 we congratulate him on his outstanding career and welcome him to our staff. "Congratulations Todd" have fun on your summer tour.

Ray Nelson and I are in initial talks about bringing an Advanced PCSOT course to NEPI sometime later this year, more to be announced.

I look forward to presenting training on interviewing and interrogation at Rodolfo Prado and Ray Nelsons polygraph seminar in Mexico City during July. The presentation will training on criminal and pre-employment pretests; Persuasion Interrogation, which is pretest and evidence based; Cognitive Interview and Polygraph Transparency "The key to success".

Bobby Cowans sends his best to you as a friend and fellow RCMP School graduate we will have much to talk about I look forward to seeing you and Ray.

PEC 14-01 graduated on May 18, 2014. For the first time in NEPI history, they had three Co-Overall High Honor Graduates; the most prestigious honor which may be presented. Honors were received by Bruno Lamonde (Class President), from the Canadian Government CSIS; Jennifer Lavigne, from the Canadian Government CSE; and Finely Turner, from Probitas Muneris UK (youngest to ever graduate (age twenty-two). Jennifer Lavigne was also the High Honor Academic Graduate with a 105 academic average; the highest ever recorded to include bonus points. The PEC 14-01 class academic average was 101, which was also a class record. Carrie Churchill, of Ridings Research UK, was awarded the Determination Award for her outstanding resolve and effort.

Dave thanks Sergeant Warren Ferland, Maine State Police; Detective James Curtis and Sergeant Chris Conley, Norwich, Connecticut Police Department; Sergeant Aimee Nolan, Vermont State Police; Lieutenant Rich Plourde, Berlin, New Hampshire Police Department; Detective Nate Buffington, Tilton New Hampshire Police Department; Nick Galianos, GPE; Don Valente, New Hampshire Department of Corrections; Detective Don Lundin, Keene, New Hampshire Police Department; Don Lizzotte, Retired Maine State Police; Regan Goan, Cumberland County Sheriff's and the NEPI staff, for their assistance in instruction and monitoring for PEC 14-01.

Congratulations to the following graduates for completion of their internship and meriting the

title of "Certified Professional Forensic Polygraph Examiners": Detective Mark Sperrey, Maine State Police, PEC 13-02 class president, Co-High Overall Honor Graduate and PDD Commendation Award for exceptional work in a horrific child abuse case during the 8th week of PEC 13-02; Detective David Cayot, of the Hudson, New Hampshire Police Department, PEC 12-02 Class President, Co-Overall High Honor Graduate and High Honor Academic Graduate; and Paul Woods, of Fire and Life Safety, UK PEC 13-02 Outstanding Effort Award.

The New England Association of Police Polygraphists two day annual polygraph continuing education training was conducted at the New England Polygraph Institute on Wednesday and Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. The seminar topics included: Verbal Counter Measures by Patrick Boucher, CSE, and Psychological Stressors and their presentation in Pre-employment screening, along with new pretest and pretest booklet; the use of and additional new verbiage in pre-employment and criminal pretest presentations, along with alternative techniques; the use of counter-countermeasure techniques and updated procedures.

Continuing Education Certificates were presented to all attending.

In attendance at our AAPP seminar were Kevin Butler, David Crawford, Robert and Tara Keating, Timothy King and Peter Marr.

## NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey Polygraph Association  
President: Mark Smith, Callmps@aol.com  
Vice-President: Mark Conroy,  
Mctruelies@yahoo.com  
Secretary: W. James Schilling  
Treasurer: Fred Meyer  
Chairman of the Executive Board: Jerry Lewis

The following was provided, courtesy of Mark Smith.

There is a case before the Appellate Division in New Jersey, where a post conviction sex offender is suing the parole office for being forced to take polygraph tests. The plaintiff's complaint is that polygraph is not accurate. NJP has filed a friend of the court letter asking to be heard on the issue of polygraph accuracy. They are not taking any position on the plaintiff's particular case. They also contacted the APA and asked for an expert witness to represent them, when the case is heard. They do not want a court ruling saying polygraph is not ac-

curate without at least putting up a good fight.

In attendance at our AAPP seminar were Jamie Banko, James Brazofsky, John Frazer, Amanda MacAlpin, David Madigan, Thomas Ollen and John Prada.

## NEW YORK

No new news to report

The New York State Polygraph Examiners Association (NYSPEA)

President: Timothy Acosta

Vice President: Constantine (Gus) Papadopoulos

Treasurer: Eileen Ryan

Sergeant of Arms: Christopher Secretst

New York State Polygraph Examiners Association

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Brooklyn, NY 11228

Applications and additional information about the association is available via email at [president@nyspea.com](mailto:president@nyspea.com).

In attendance at our AAPP Seminar were Martin Burke, Andre Cicero, Craig Donlon, John Geiss, Domenica Guzman, George Hack III, Ma-lynda Irby, Elizabeth Jordan, Kevin Koger, Mike Liwicki, Rita LoGiudice, Maureen Mahoney, Mark and Anne Marie Maielli, Alexander McDonald, Michael Pliszka, Ann Rether, Randel Turner and Brian Welikson.

## OHIO

No new news to report

Ohio Association of Polygraph Examiners (OAPE)

President - Jeff Fiorita

Vice President - Kenneth Butler

Secretary – Edward Favre

Treasurer - Dennis Moore

In attendance at our AAPP Seminar were Chad Cohagen, Michael DeBorde, William Geiger, Julie Gerspacher, Mark Gerspacher, Kevin Gormley, Steven Oakes, Jon Pickett, Michael Quinn II, Bruce and Beckie Robertson, Jim Scarl, Dan and Patricia Wolf.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Awards/Recognition

Elmer Criswell was awarded Lifetime Membership at this year's AAPP seminar in Henderson, Nevada. Elmer, who was sorely missed at this year's seminar, due to health issues, is well known by many. He is the director of the NCTC Polygraph School and mentor to many in our polygraph profession. Elmer, the AAPP Quality Control Director, is normally busy at the AAPP annual seminars conducting polygraph quality control for members as well as assisting at registration and other activities. Congratulations Elmer and thank you for all you do for the polygraph community.

In attendance at our AAPP Seminar were Robert Ambrosini, William Barrett, Adam Barton, Phillip Carey, Douglas Demangone, Marc Divittis, Butch Dutter, Joseph Edgell, Todd Erickson, Tamara Hawthorne, Brian Hughes, Scott James, Lisa Mearkle and Jon Mearkle, Gregg Mrochko, Scott and Darlene Patterson, Israel and Libertad Ramos-Sanchez and Thomas Scanzano.

## RHODE ISLAND

No news from Rhode Island

## VERMONT

The following information was provided by Sergeant Ed Twohig.

Lt. Todd Illingworth retired after twenty-six years with the Vermont State Police. The polygraph unit took him to lunch as is their tradition and it was attended by retired examiners with whom Todd worked during his time as an examiner.

The Polygraph Unit welcomes a new supervisor, Detective Lieutenant Lance Burnham. Lieutenant Burnham has a full slate, as he is also supervising three other State Police units, including the Crime Scene Search Team. "We suggest everyone buy more stock in coffee, as the Lieutenant is frequently out all night supervising the Crime Scene Search Team. This spring saw a surge in murder and attempted murders in Vermont and the Lieutenant has been doing his part in driving those coffee stocks higher. Welcome Lieutenant Burnham."

Sergeant Truex and Sergeant Rogers have had a busy spring between criminal exams, pre-emptions and working on cold cases. They teamed up to simultaneously test two spouses involved in the homicide of a baby. Their work was productive, and the information revealed,

moved the investigation forward. Criminal charges have been brought. -Excellent work by both of them.

The newest member of the polygraph unit is Sergeant Aimee Nolan. Since graduating from NEPI in New Hampshire, Aimee has conducted criminal exams, pre- employment exams and been working on cold cases.

Last but not least, Sgt. Twohig has returned back to work after being injured. "Welcome back, Ed. Keep the ibuprofen handy!"

Thanks Ed for keeping us informed with news from Vermont. Hope to see you guys at next year's AAPP Seminar.



## REGION IV NEWS

### Tracey Hilton

Please take a few minutes and ensure your personal data associated with your AAPP membership is current. I routinely have many emails returned undeliverable when corresponding within the region.

As always, intern members interested in membership upgrade to active status can visit the website or contact me to facilitate the process.

During the seminar in Henderson, NV in May 2014, the Region IV Director's award was presented to Special Agent (Retired) Marc Micciche, Colorado Bureau of Investigation. Marc was instrumental in solving a cold case involving the murder of a teenage boy from Texas in 1998. During the second polygraph Marc conducted of the suspect, he obtained a confession resulting in the arrest and incarceration of two individuals responsible for the murder. In January 2014, after a long and exemplary career, Marc retired and we all thank him for his dedication and service, and

wish him well in his future endeavors.

### Rapport in the Interview

Much has been said about the concept of rapport in polygraph; from there not being any need for it, to rapport being an indispensable aspect of the process. Some of you may remember learning about the "friendly examiner" concept and the two schools of thought regarding that; one being an examiner shouldn't be friendly at all with an examinee lest you lose the air of professionalism and psychological advantage, and the other subscribing to the belief that rapport was essential in obtaining an openness leading to the gain of information.

Rapport is defined as a relation marked by harmony, conformity, accord, or affinity (1). Accord means to bring into agreement; to grant or give especially as appropriate, due, or earned (2). Affinity is a feeling of closeness and understanding that someone has for another person because of their similar qualities, ideas, or interests (3).

The entire polygraph process should be guided by professionalism and rapport, and begins from initial contact, whether on the telephone or in the waiting area. The examinee is watching and listening to you as intently as you are to them in an effort to learn about you and your personality. The examinee is gauging your professionalism and competence the same as you are gathering insight into the examinee's character.

Building rapport is essential for establishing relationships and to gain trust and confidence. This is not to imply that you must have true affinity for each examinee you sit across from, rather you should be able to successfully put yourself in a role that lends an air of understanding and sympathy towards the examinee. The examiner must be part actor/actress and step into the character that fits the situation, leaving the examinee to believe that despite the heinous acts committed the examiner understands, empathizes and is willing to help the examinee. Much of this simply means to treat the examinee in a manner that you think he or she would want to be treated. A little respect can go a long way.

Other ways we build rapport are with active listening, creating obligation and employing commonality.

- Active listening reinforces the whole rapport process. This means not just listening, but actually hearing what is said and properly interpreting words and body language. This requires you being attentive and not mentally distracted. To relay sincerity to the examinee, an active listener needs to show they are listening and interested by verbal comments and open body language. Refrain from interruptions; that has a tendency to create short or one-word answers, which ultimately would be detrimental to rapport and developing information.

- Creating obligation simply refers to the act of providing something to the examinee, which in turn creates a feeling of reciprocity on their part. This could be something as simple as giving them a bottle of water, cup of coffee or if possible, allowing them to smoke a cigarette. It also could mean sharing something about yourself such as thoughts, situations, etc. The examinee then feels a commitment to provide you something, hopefully in the form of relevant information.

- Commonality refers to an intentional act by the examiner to find something in common with the examinee to exhibit a common bond and assist in building trust. This can be done before or during the interview, and could be something as simple as a sports team you both follow, a school attended, mutual situations, or even beliefs held.

Another essential element to establishing rapport is to delegate some power to the examinee. This is not a difficult thing for a polygraph examiner to do, but an often overlooked aspect of the interview process. Let the examinee steer the conversation at times, or allow them to determine the time for a break. This fosters a feeling they are on equal footing and contributes to the openness of two-way conversation.

People are more comfortable telling the truth to someone whom they trust and can relate to. The successful examiner will always keep in mind the age old adage “You will catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.”

1. “Rapport.” Merriam-Webster.com. 2014. <http://www.merriam-webster.com> (May 20, 2014)
2. “Accord.” Merriam-Webster.com. 2014. <http://www.merriam-webster.com> (May 20, 2014)
3. “Affinity.” Merriam-Webster.com. 2014.

<http://www.merriam-webster.com> (May 20, 2014)

## REGION NEWS

Representing his department, Detective David Otwell of the Edmond, OK Police Department officially received the certificate of accreditation for the participation of their department in the Polygraph Law Enforcement Accreditation (PLEA) Program. Detective Otwell said he feels that becoming accredited through the PLEA process has allowed his agency to provide the best ethical and professional service to their jurisdiction.

### Arizona Polygraph Association

President: Dan Caputo  
Vice President Private: Bob Harshman  
Vice President Law Enforcement: Willis Deatherage  
Treasurer/Secretary: Dave Hutchens  
Web page: <http://www.azpa4truth.org>

Dan Caputo, president of the Arizona association reports their membership is dropping off and he will report on future plans as they are discussed by the association. No other news from around his state was provided.

### Colorado Association of Polygraph Examiners

President: Duane B. Eaton  
Vice President Law Enforcement: John F. Doll  
Vice President Private: Thomas C. Hoff  
Secretary/Treasurer: David N. Henigsman

Web page: [www.coloradopolygraph.org](http://www.coloradopolygraph.org). Dave Henigsman of the Colorado association reported they held their spring seminar May 30-31 at the Arvada, CO Police Department substation. Attendance was good as was the instruction in countermeasures, question formulation, and test techniques presented by Greg Adams from the Backster school.

### Montana

The state of Montana currently has no active polygraph association.

### New Mexico Society of Forensic Polygraphers

President: Jim Ballard  
Vice President: Lloyd J. Tapia  
Treasurer/Secretary: Jonathan Pierangeli

VP Tapia of the New Mexico association reported they held their yearly 20 hours of continuing education seminar/workshop on January 30-31, 2014 in Albuquerque, NM. The seminar featured instructor David Serfustini, Arizona School of Polygraph Science, who presented on the Directed Lie Screening Test Procedures. Association President Jim Ballard presented an excellent workshop on Question Formulation and Chart Interpretation. Plans for the 2015 Annual Seminar/Workshop will be announced as soon as details are finalized.

Andy Banks, Program Coordinator for the International Law Enforcement Affairs Section (INS) in Mexico, reported that there is continued progress in restructuring their vetting process for federal and state law enforcement officials there. Additionally, they are beginning the establishment of an Internal Affairs unit with a primary mission of standardizing and further developing that vetting process, which includes polygraph, toxicology, background, psychological and medical exams.

## OKLAHOMA

### Oklahoma Polygraph Examiners Association

President: Donald Faircloth  
Vice President: James Kelly  
Secretary/Treasurer: Dustin Albright  
Web page:  
<http://www.oklahomapolygraph.org>

### Texas Association of Law Enforcement Polygraph Investigators

President: Robert Young  
Vice President: John Thornhill  
Secretary/Treasurer: Rodney Evans  
Web page: <http://www.talepi.com>

Ree Hubbard, representing the Texas Association of Polygraph Examiners, reported that the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) in November 2013 amended the Polygraph Examiners administrative rules to now include a mandatory six hour continuing education (CE) requirement for all licensed examiners in the state. This became effective January 1, 2014. Both the curriculum and the instructor for this mandatory CE must be reviewed and approved by TDLR. For licensee's whose permits expire before December 1, 2014, CE is voluntary. If your license expires on or after December 1, 2014, you must have completed approved mandatory CE in the 12 month period prior to the expiration date of

your license. Discussions and planning are ongoing regarding the best and most efficient way to provide this CE training to the examiners throughout the state and we will continue to update the AAPP membership on the situation.

## Texas Association of Polygraph Examiners

President: John Rios  
Vice President: Clayton Wood  
Secretary/Treasurer: Maria "Ree" Hubbard  
Web page: <http://www.texaspolygraph.org>

## Utah

### Utah Polygraph Association

President: John Pickup  
Vice President: Lon Brian  
Secretary: Joseph F. Cottis  
Web page: <http://www.utahpolygraph.org>

## Wyoming

The state of Wyoming currently has no active polygraph association.

## SCHOOLS

### International Polygraph Training Center

Director: Ray Nelson  
<http://www.poligrafia.com>

### Polygraph School of Science, Inc.

Director: Laura M. Wells  
<http://www.azpolygraphschool.com>

Basic Examiners Course:  
Hays, Kansas  
08/14 – 10/17/2014

Basic Hybrid Online Examiners Course:  
640 Clock Hours/16 College Credit Hours – 16-week program  
(9 weeks online/7 weeks On-Campus)  
Phoenix, Arizona  
06/30 – 08/15/2014

08/18 – 12/05/2014

Basic PCSOT Class (Post Conviction Sex Offender Class):  
Phoenix, Arizona  
09/08 – 09/12/2014  
1 College Credit Hour

Advanced PCSOT:  
Phoenix, Arizona  
09/13 – 09/15/2014

## **Texas Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Polygraph School**

Director: Lt. Charles "Matt" Hicks  
<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/polygraph/index.htm>

Basic Examiner's Course:  
Austin, Texas  
01/05 – 03/13/2015

## **The Polygraph Institute**

Director: J. Patrick O'Burke  
<http://www.thepolygraphinstitute.com>

Basic Examiner's Course:  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
08/18 – 10/24/2014  
07/07 – 09/12/2014

JPCOT/PCSOT  
10/27 – 10/31/2014

## **Veridicus International Polygraph Academy**

Director: Sabino Martinez and Yasmine Rios Carmona  
<http://www.veridicuscinc.com>

Post Conviction Sex Offender 40 Hour Course  
Austin, Texas  
08/04 – 08/08/2014

Basic Examiner's Course:  
San Antonio, Texase  
09/15 – 11/21/2014

## **National Center for Polygraph Studies, Mexico**

Director: Luz Del Carmen Diaz



## **REGION V NEWS**

### **Frank Suddreth**

The 37<sup>th</sup> AAPP Annual Polygraph Seminar in Henderson, Nevada was a record breaking success as about 700 people attended. Great speakers and a fabulous hotel were the main ingredients to that success. Kudos go out to Ron Hilley, Gordon Moore and Jennifer Herring for laying the foundation to make it such a successful seminar. Being the seminar chairman for last year's Seminar in Charlotte, I now know firsthand the significant amount of hours and work that go into an event like this. Also, it should be noted that Karen Clark in her first year as AAPP President provided effective leadership in preparation of the event.

Region I Director, Ron Hilley put together a diverse group of speakers who made presentations on a number of unique topics. One presentation I attended by Dr. Charles Honts was very interesting. Dr. Honts spoke his mind on a number of polygraph issues and one issue he addressed, the use of tactical polygraphs, proved to spark some debate. The FBI and several other law enforcement agencies have been administering polygraph tests on suspects involved in child pornography; often times on the same day law enforcement officials have converged on the suspect's house and confiscated computers and other potential pieces of evidence. The purpose of these polygraph tests is to determine if these individuals have actually engaged in molesting children themselves. One FBI agent I talked with feels the tactical polygraphs have proven their worth in the fact that a number of these child pornography suspects have confessed to having molested children leading to their arrest. Dr. Honts feels that testing these suspects so soon after being converged upon by law enforcement is unethical and doesn't produce reliable test results but rather establishes a situation that would significantly increase the probability of a false positive test result and/or a false confession. Certainly, no one wants to allow a child molester to evade justice but at the same time no one wants a potentially inaccurate polygraph test result to be the catalyst leading to the arrest of an innocent person. Both sides of this issue make valid points, but it raises an interesting question, at what point in time in a situation such as this would it be appropriate to administer a polygraph?

At the awards ceremony Amanda Nosalek with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) was the recipient of the 2014 Regional Director's Award for AAPP Region V. During August 2012, Michael and Bonnie Vincent, a husband and wife in their mid-fifties

who had been married for almost 25 years were murdered in Lincoln County, NC. They were last seen on a Sunday walking home from church. A neighbor concerned that he had not seen them for several days found them both dead in their home. An investigation revealed that they had sustained significant blunt force trauma to their heads and bodies leaving a bloody crime scene. After a potential suspect was developed, SBI Examiner Nosalek administered a polygraph test to the suspect who produced polygraph charts that indicated a deceptive test result. A post-test interrogation by Amanda culminated in the suspect confessing to having brutally killed the couple with a claw hammer. The suspect was charged on two counts of first degree murder and incarcerated at the Lincoln County Jail. In September 2013, the suspect pled guilty to two counts of second degree murder and was sentenced to 21-24 years in prison. Congratulations go out to Amanda for a great job in helping to bring a quick resolution to this case.

A sad farewell was given to outgoing Region II Director, Vince Hernandez at the awards ceremony. Vince turned over the reins to newly elected Director Derek Piasecki. Vince felt it was time for a change and highly recommended Derek as a possible successor. I truly enjoyed working with Vince and appreciated his guidance as I was settling into my position as Region V Director several years ago. Vince left the Nebraska State Patrol last year and is enjoying his much deserved retirement. Vince, thank you for being a friend and volunteering to lend me a hand last year when I got backed up with AAPP applicant background investigations while preparing for the seminar in Charlotte. Your assistance was much appreciated.

Also special recognition goes to my colleague, Don Carroll, who served as our designated chauffeur for this year's seminar. He did a tremendous job picking up and returning our featured speakers to the airport in Las Vegas, doing so without a single fender bender.

## REGION NEWS

**Alabama Association of Polygraph Examiners**  
President: Brian Williams  
Vice president: Dwight Hale  
Secretary: Kathy Pierce  
Treasurer: Jimmy Flanagan

The AAPE Annual Training Seminar will be held October 19-23, 2014 in Orange Beach, Alabama at the Hampton Inn & Suites Hotel. Topics of in-

struction have yet to be determined.

For information about the seminar or AAPE contact Jimmy Flanagan at 251-680-5995 or E-mail him at [jflanagan@asdd.com](mailto:jflanagan@asdd.com)

### **Arkansas Polygraph Association**

President: Becky Clark  
Vice President: Douglas Ray  
Secretary/Treasurer: Vacant

The Arkansas Polygraph Association usually has one meeting a year, traditionally in December, but there has been some discussion to consider moving the annual meeting to a possible date in September.

Annual membership dues for the Arkansas Polygraph Association are \$50. For additional information about the Arkansas Polygraph Association contact Douglas Ray at 501-339-1584 or E-mail him at [dmvray@windstream.net](mailto:dmvray@windstream.net)

### **Florida Polygraph Association**

President: Tammy Wildy  
Vice President-Private: Wade Moss  
Vice President-Public: Scott Walters  
Secretary: Ben Blalock  
Treasurer/Editor: John Thorpe

The most recent FPA Seminar was held June 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Marriott Suites Clearwater Beach on Sand Key. The speakers were Dr. Bob Wright, Ph.D. who spoke on the topic "PCSOT Issues". He is a psychologist who assisted in setting up and writing the sex offender treatment and therapy program in Florida. Attorney Dennis Devlaming presented on topics that included "An Update on the Daubert Case" and "How to Testify in Court". Dennis is a past president of the Florida Trial Lawyers Association.

For additional information about the FPA, contact John Thorpe at 407-733-7023 or E-mail him at [Ltthorpe@iag.net](mailto:Ltthorpe@iag.net)

FPA seminars are open to all polygraph examiners and credit for continuing education is normally recognized by the AAPP and APA. Most new information is posted on the FPA website immediately in the online newsletter file. FPA also accepts member applications from polygraphists who reside outside the state of Florida. Membership applications can be accessed at the FPA website: [www.floridapolygraph.org](http://www.floridapolygraph.org).

The FPA Board voted to stop printing a FPA "Polygram" Newsletter at a professional print shop, due to the rising costs associated with

the production and mailing of the newsletter. The last professionally printed and mailed newsletter was the 2013 October-November issue. In lieu of a professionally printed newsletter, the FPA Board will load four (4) Newsletters in the online newsletter file of the FPA Web Site. The newsletter will be updated as new information, articles and seminar information becomes available.

All FPA members are asked to go online to the FPA website and update your member profile and e-mail address. FPA Editor John Thorpe also stays in touch with the membership by utilizing a "mass e-mail system." Members whose member profile and e-mail address are not on the website may miss out on important information as it becomes available.

#### **Georgia Polygraph Association**

President: H. Lawson Hagler  
Vice President: Phong Nguyen  
Secretary: Leland Hester  
Treasurer: Marc Persson  
Board Chairman: Joel Montezinos  
Board Member: Don Imbordino  
Board Member: Brenda Nix

The most recent GPA meeting was held May 13, 2014 at the Douglasville Police Department and included a 2 hour presentation by APA President Chuck Slupski on PCSOT.

The date of the next GPA meeting will be on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 due to the Independence Day holiday. The meeting will be held at the Warner Robins Police Department in Warner Robins, Georgia. A training topic and speaker were not determined prior to this article's publication submission date.

Any members who are interested in hosting a meeting can contact H. Lawson Hagler or Phong Nguyen to make arrangements. GPA meetings are held every other month on the second Tuesday of the month at various locations throughout Georgia. For more information about the above noted meeting or the Georgia Polygraph Association contact Joel Montezinos at 770-640-4469 or e-mail him at: jmontezinos@roswellgov.com

#### **Kentucky Polygraph Association, Inc.**

President: John Fyffe  
Vice President: Lorhn Frazier  
Secretary/Treasurer: Marvin Hayden

The most recent KPA meeting was at the annual seminar that took place on March 19 -

21, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, at the Clarion Inn & Suites. Featured speakers included Gil Witte with a presentation on "Countermeasures", Walt Jones spoke on "Post-Conviction Sex Offender Testing" and Skip Webb presented a course of instruction on "Interview and Interrogation".

For additional information about the Kentucky Polygraph Association contact Lorhn Frazier at 270-687-8820 or e-mail him at: frazierlg@owensboro.org.

#### **Louisiana Polygraph Association**

President: Mike Wilson  
Vice President: Vacant  
Secretary/Treasurer: Brandy Landry

The LPA is in the process of putting together a 2 day 20 hour block of instruction to be held later this year at the Dixon Correctional Institute in Jackson, Louisiana. According to LPA President Mike Wilson, breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided. The topics, speakers and exact dates are still in the planning stages.

For more information about the above noted training and the Louisiana Polygraph Association contact Mike Wilson at 225-634-6343 or e-mail him at: MWilson2@corrections.state.la.us The cost for LPA membership is only \$20 a year.

#### **Mississippi Association of Polygraph Examiners, Inc.**

President: Gregory Travis  
Vice President: Robert Campbell  
Secretary/Treasurer: David Clayton

MAPE has been having one training seminar per year in the recent past but is now having 2 seminars per year. This move will allow members the opportunity to get a total of 24 hours of training each year.

For additional information about the Mississippi Association of Polygraph Examiners contact David Clayton at 601-606-1736 or e-mail him at: claytonpolygraph@hotmail.com.

#### **North Carolina Polygraph Association**

President: Cory Kramer  
Vice President: Dustin Nowatka  
Secretary/Treasurer: Diane Chapin  
Board Chairman: Michael "Eddie" Lane  
Law Enforcement Board Member: J.C. Bais  
Private Board Member: Andrew Goldstein

The next NCPA training seminar will be at the Winston -Salem Police Department on Thurs-

day, August 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday, August 22nd. The featured speaker will be APA President Chuck Slupski who will present several topics to include 4 hours on "Chart Evaluation with the 7 Position and ESS Scoring Techniques", 4 hours on "Extended Testing and Interviewing after DI and INC Test Results" and 8 hours on "Testing Emotional Issues" which addresses issues such as; testing the parents of a missing child, or a parent or some other family member accused of molesting someone within the family.

For information about the NCPA contact Secretary/Treasurer Diane Chapin at 252-675-8523 or e-mail her at: northcarolinapa@aol.com

### **South Carolina Association of Polygraph Examiners**

President: Nate Brooks

Vice-President: Brian Godfrey

Secretary/Treasurer: Michael Crumley

At- Large Board Member: Michael Woodcock

At- Large Board Member: Bryan Jones

At- Large Board Member: Trevor Petoskey

At- Large Board Member: Michael Lark

At the most recent SCAPE meeting this past March, Maryland Institute of Criminal Justice Director Billy Thompson gave a presentation on countermeasures and a variety of other polygraph issues and topics. Billy's presentation was informative and well received.

The next SCAPE meeting is on Friday November 7, 2014 at the South Carolina Sheriff's Association office in Columbia, SC. Dr. Jennifer Vendemia a professor at The University of South Carolina will speak on "The Future of Lie Detection".

For information about SCAPE contact Nate Brooks at 864-467-5480 or e-mail him at: nbrooks@greenvillecounty.org

### **Tennessee Polygraph Association**

President: Jeff White

Vice President: Scott Jones

Secretary/Treasurer: Jim Humphrey

No specific information about the next TPA meeting was available at the time of this publication.

The TPA has a training seminar once every two years with the next one scheduled to occur sometime in 2015.

For additional information about the Tennessee Polygraph Association contact call Jeff

White at 615-308-1980 or e-mail him at: jawhite86@yahoo.com

### **Virginia Polygraph Association**

President: Alan D. Moore

Vice President-Police: Jennifer Luckritz

Vice President-Government: Paul Timko

Vice President-Private: A. J. Spencer

Secretary/Treasurer: Karl Holzbach

Director: John Patterson

Sergeant at Arms: Bill Chittenden

The next Virginia Polygraph Association training session will be at the 2014 VPA/APA annual seminar to be held at the Hilton Virginia Beach on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14th. PCSOT will be the featured topic on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Additional topics and speakers will be announced at a later date.

For information about the Virginia Polygraph Association contact association Director, John Patterson at 804-241-6033 or e-mail him at: PolygraphExaminer@consultant.com

### **West Virginia Mountain State Polygraph Association**

President: Christopher C. Smith

Vice President: C.W. Cush

Treasurer: Dean Capehart

Board Co-Chair Persons: Dayton Whitt and Tracy Blyer

West Virginia Mountain State Polygraph Association has no training seminars planned at this time but they have expressed an interest in co-hosting a seminar with another state association.

For inquiries about this and the WVMSPA contact Chris Smith at 304-256-6700 or e-mail him at: ccsmith@wvsp.state.wv.us

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Academy of Polygraph Science**

**Director: Benjamin Blalock**

The Academy of Polygraph Science under Director Ben Blalock recently graduated another class at its home campus in lovely Fort Myers, Florida. This graduating class at the Fort Myers campus graduated on March 14, 2014:

Captain Chaisan Pulpipat – Thailand

Captain Rawi Juntarapaso – Thailand

Investigator Diana Magaard - Minnesota DHS

Investigator Lisa Epps - Minnesota DHS

Detective Kung-Sang Lee - City of Miami

(Florida) Police Department  
Detective Matthew Garrett - City of Miami  
(Florida) Police Department  
Marcus Cortese - Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
Matt Lampo – California  
Detective Robert Neale - Highlands County  
(Florida) Sheriff's Office  
Detective Stan Stasaitis - Waterbury (Connecticut) Police Department  
Special Agent Teresa Beacham - South Carolina Law Enforcement Division  
John Burton - United Kingdom  
Nikki Wagner - Charlotte County (Florida)  
Sheriff's Office

The Academy of Polygraph Science has a low student-teacher ratio that affords each student high quality instruction and individualized feedback. It is located only a few miles from Fort Myers Beach, which gives students the ability to unwind after a long day/week of training. Its students are thoroughly trained in Criminal, Diagnostic, Pre-employment, Screening, Utah Zone, Federal ZCT, Federal You Phase, AFMGQT, Directed Lie Screening Test (DLST), LEPET, CIT, Empirical Scoring System (ESS), Probable Lie Comparisons (PLCs), Directed Lie Comparisons (DLCs), along with many other topics. The academy also holds Post Conviction Sex Offender Testing (PCSOT) and Examiner Refresher Courses where these topics are taught. Those specifically interested in the use of DLCs, ESS, Utah and DLST are strongly encouraged to attend the Examiner Refresher Courses listed below. Contact Director of Credibility Assessment Training Ben Blalock at: (630) 258-9030 or visit the academy's website at: [www.apsPolygraphSchool.com](http://www.apsPolygraphSchool.com)

#### **Basic Examiner's Course**

Fort Myers, Florida 07/14 – 09/19/2014  
Fort Myers, Florida 10/06 – 12/16/2014

Advanced Polygraph Techniques Certification will be scheduled upon request-40 hours (equipment and technical updates also).

Director Ben Blalock indicates that regardless of the instrument the student will use, they will be trained on that type of instrument, not just Stoelting instruments. The Academy of Polygraph Science has a new address and is now located at 8695 College Parkway, Suite 2160, Fort Myers, Florida 33919. For more information or to register for any of these classes, please contact Ben Blalock by phone at 239-424-9095, or e-mail him at: [Ben@StoeltingCo.com](mailto:Ben@StoeltingCo.com) or visit their website at: [apsPolygraphSchool.com](http://apsPolygraphSchool.com)

#### **Academy of Polygraph Science Latin America, Inc. Director: Arno Horvath**

The Academy offers advanced and specialized training, including PCSOT that can be scheduled according to specific demand in English or Spanish. Director Horvath says that native Spanish speaking instruction for examiners can be scheduled at their Largo, Florida facilities and anywhere in Latin America. He indicated they offer personalized attention with class size ranging from a minimum of 5 students to a maximum of 10. All their courses are contingent on attendance with duly registered candidates. The Academy of Polygraph Science Latin America, Inc. has announced a basic polygraph examiner course for the latter part of 2014 at their main location in the city of Largo, Florida. The dates for that class are as follows:

#### **Basic Examiner's Course**

Largo, Florida 06/30 – 09/05/2014

For additional information call 727-433-6266 or e-mail them at: [polygraphacademy@hotmail.com](mailto:polygraphacademy@hotmail.com). Their website is: [abhpolygraphscience.com](http://abhpolygraphscience.com).

#### **American International Institute of Polygraph Director: Charles E. Slupski**

The AIIP is offering a Professional Polygraph Examiner Basic Training Courses for the second half of academic year 2014. This course will be offered at the main their location in Stockbridge, Georgia with the following schedule:

#### **Basic Examiner's Course**

##### **United States**

Stockbridge, Georgia 08/25 – 10/31/2014

##### **International Courses**

Pretoria, South Africa 09/22 – 11/25/2014

All interested parties can enroll by e-mail at: [aiip@qpolygraph.com](mailto:aiip@qpolygraph.com) or by phone at 770-960-1377. You can find their web site at: [polygraphschool.com](http://polygraphschool.com).

#### **International Academy of Polygraph Director: Scott Walters**

The International Academy of Polygraph has announced the following ten week basic polygraph course for the second half of 2014:

#### **Basic Examiner's Course**

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 09/15 – 11/21/2014

The school has developed specialized and advanced training sessions to include Polygraph Test Techniques, Pre-Test Interviewing, Pre-employment interviewing/testing, Test Data Analysis and other relevant topics. These are being designed to educate polygraph examiners as to the most current trends now being used. Interested parties can register on-line through the school registrar Marietta Michaels at: [Marietta@deception.com](mailto:Marietta@deception.com) or visit their web site at: [dci@deception.com](mailto:dci@deception.com) for further information.

**Latin American Polygraph Institute**  
**Director: Sidney Wise Arias**

For current information about their 2014 academic calendar you may contact them at: [swarias@bellsouth.net](mailto:swarias@bellsouth.net) or by phone 571-482-9421 in Bogota.

**National Center for Credibility Assessment**  
**Director: William Norris**

The National Center for Credibility Assessment polygraph courses for the remainder of academic year 2014 are as follows:

**Basic Examiner's Course:**  
Fort Jackson, South Carolina Class  
14-3 06/03 – 09/03/2014  
Fort Jackson, South Carolina Class  
14-4 08/19 – 11/20/2014

The 2014 calendar is also available on their website, however, there is a waiting list. For more information, contact Susan Gatlin at: [Susan.Gatlin@ncca.mil](mailto:Susan.Gatlin@ncca.mil) or visit their web address: <http://www.ncca.mil/>.

The NCCA classes and courses are available to federal personnel, and are also offered to state and local law enforcement personnel on a space available cost reimbursement basis. Individuals not meeting these criteria should visit the AAPP website for information regarding private polygraph schools. There is also a list of approved polygraph schools in this journal as well.

**National Polygraph Academy**  
**Directors: Pam Shaw and Mike Gouglar**

The National Polygraph Academy was founded with the objective and mission to provide first class polygraph training to qualified, highly motivated persons in law enforcement, governmental organizations and the private sector. The Academy provides an intensive 400-hour

training program focused on forensic detection of deception procedures and related disciplines. During the 10-week course students are afforded the opportunity to develop and refine the knowledge and skills necessary for successful administration of polygraph examinations. Students are exposed to a broad range of techniques designed to maximize the benefit of polygraph to their departments and/or clients. The Academy provides training consistent with the American Polygraph Association's Standards of Practice, validated techniques and U.S. government standards. The National Polygraph Academy is led by instructors with over 40 years combined polygraph educational experience. For additional information about the National Polygraph Academy, contact Continuing Education Director Mike Gouglar at: 512-466-0471 or Basic Education Director, Pam Shaw at: 859-494-7429. Mike's e-mail address is: [gouglar.national@gmail.com](mailto:gouglar.national@gmail.com) and Pam's is: [shaw.national@gmail.com](mailto:shaw.national@gmail.com)

**Basic Examiner's Course:**  
Jefferson City, Missouri 06/23 – 08/29/2014  
Columbus, Ohio 10/06 – 12/12/2014

Additionally, a variety of PCSOT courses and Advanced Continuing Education (ACE) courses are being offered at various locales throughout the U.S. If you are interested in attending one of the courses, or to determine if a course is occurring near your location, contact Pam Shaw at [shaw.national@gmail.com](mailto:shaw.national@gmail.com) or Mike Gouglar at [gouglar.national@gmail.com](mailto:gouglar.national@gmail.com).

**Virginia School of Polygraph**  
**Director: Darryl Debow**

**Basic Examiner's Course:**  
Newport News, Virginia 09/08 – 11/14/2014  
Manassas, Virginia 03/02 – 05/08/2015  
Newport News, Virginia 09/08 – 11/13/2015

The school's courses are recognized by the Virginia Department of Commerce, AAPP and APA and are approved for VA training for those eligible for GI benefits. For any additional information about the school, you may call them at: 703-396-7659 or 571-435-1207. You can visit their web site at: [www.virginiaskoolofpolygraph.com](http://www.virginiaskoolofpolygraph.com).

You can also contact them by e-mail at: [info@virginiaskoolofpolygraph.com](mailto:info@virginiaskoolofpolygraph.com) or [Polygraph1@verizon.net](mailto:Polygraph1@verizon.net). The mailing address is: 7885 Coppermine Rd., Manassas, VA 20109.



## **WILLIAM “BUDDY” SENTNER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD \***

### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The American Association of Police Polygraphists, Inc. sponsors an annual educational scholarship to any deserving and qualified graduating high school senior or student currently attending college. Each applicant must complete the following application for eligibility. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The American Association of Police Polygraphists (AAPP) may award scholarship(s) annually. AAPP Scholarship Selection Committee members consist of the current Officers and Board of Directors of the Association. The Selection Committee is presided over by the Chairperson of the Board or a designee. The Selection Committee determines the monetary amount awarded on an annual basis for this scholarship program. If the submitting applicant is a dependent of a Selection Committee member, said member will not act in the selection process.

The submitting applicant must be a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or adopted or dependent child under the age of twenty-three. The applicant must have at least one parent, grandparent, uncle, aunt or legal guardian who is a FULL, LIFE, or HONORABLY RETIRED member in good standing with the AAPP. The applicant's relative may be deceased as long as he or she was a member in good standing with the AAPP at the time of death.

Requests for applications will be made to the AAPP Chairperson and the AAPP Board of Directors. Applications must be completed and returned to the chairperson no later than February 15th of the year in which the applicant applies. The chairperson will present all completed applications to the Selection Committee for evaluation during the AAPP's scheduled board meeting prior to the annual business meeting. Recipient(s) of the scholarship will be announced during the annual seminar meeting; recipient(s) name and photograph may be published (unless specifically requested not to) in the *AAPP Journal*.

The Selection Committee must approve any deviation or changes required as part of this program. Requests for any changes must be submitted in writing to the chairperson. The Selection Committee will make all decisions regarding the rules and information of the scholarship application. All applications are to be evaluated in the same manner. Decisions about the amount of the award; disbursement of scholarship monies; and, selection of recipients will be made by the Selection Committee. The chairperson will notify the recipient of the scholarship award, and the AAPP Treasurer will ensure proper disbursement of monies to the recipient(s) or to the recipient's school.

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE PRINTED OR TYPED. ANY INFORMATION NOT INCLUDED OR ILLEGIBLE WILL BE CAUSE FOR APPLICATION REJECTION.**

**APPLICANT NAME AND ADDRESS**

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

FAX NO. (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**AAPP MEMBER INFORMATION**

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ LIVING  DECEASED

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

LIST THE COLLEGE, INSTITUTION OR UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

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ACCEPTED: YES  NO  WHICH SCHOOL(S) \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR FINANCIAL AID AT THE COLLEGE, INSTITUTION OR UNIVERSITY LISTED ABOVE? YES  NO

ARE YOU THE RECIPIENT OF ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD? IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE: \_\_\_\_\_

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ESTIMATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED PER YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL GOALS: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PERSONAL HISTORY**

(1) Have you ever been the subject of a criminal investigation or an offense involving moral turpitude? YES  NO  (2) Have you ever been discharged or released from any branch, department or agency of federal, state, county or municipal government, including the armed services of the United States of America and its Reserve or National Guard affiliates for reasons other than honorable conditions? YES  NO  (3) Have you ever been discharged or asked to resign from any employment, organizational membership or society? YES  NO

*(Provide detailed information on a separate sheet of paper if you answered YES to any of these questions)*

ARE YOU PRESENTLY EMPLOYED: FULL TIME  PART TIME

LIST EMPLOYER (S): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ARE ANY MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING COLLEGE NOW? IF YES, GIVE PARTICULARS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

LIST ANY SPECIAL RECOGNITION YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOL WORK, SUCH AS PRIZES, AWARDS OR HONORS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

LIST ACTIVITIES AND/OR ANY OFFICES OR POSITIONS HELD: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

LIST YOUR EXTRA CURRICULAR OR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND HOBBIES:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

IN THE SPACE BELOW IN YOUR HANDWRITING (DO NOT TYPE) STATE YOUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE FUTURE.

## **ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1) Applicant must submit with this application an official transcript of all courses and grades received throughout high school and/or other educational institution most recently attended.
- 2) Applicant must provide with this application two character reference letters, one from your current institution's faculty and one from a non-relative.
- 3) If extra space is needed, the applicant may include (by enclosure or attachment) additional pages to this application. All information will be retained by the AAPP and will not be returned to the submitting applicant.

## **APPLICATION AGREEMENT**

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN AND DATE YOUR APPLICATION. FALSIFICATION OR OMISSION OF INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE APPLICATION. NOTE: YOUR SIGNATURE AUTHORIZES THE AAPP TO REQUEST AND VERIFY ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR APPLICATION.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:	_____	DATE:	_____
WITNESS' SIGNATURE:	_____	DATE:	_____

PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

AAPP, P.O. Box 657, Waynesville, OH 45068-0657  
BUSINESS PHONE: (888) 743-5479 FAX: (937) 488-1046  
EMAIL ADDRESS: aappnom@hughes.net

### \* WHO IS WILLIAM "BUDDY" SENTNER

Special Agent Buddy Sentner, a 44 year old AAPP member, was shot and killed in the Tallahassee Federal Correctional Institution while serving arrest warrants on six federal corrections officers on June 21st, 2006. The officers had been charged with smuggling contraband to prisoners in exchange for money and other favors. As agents served the warrants in the lobby, one of the six corrections officers opened fire with a weapon he had smuggled into the prison. Agent Sentner returned fire while he shielded the other agents in the room from the gunfire. Before he was fatally shot in the chest, Agent Sentner's shots fatally wounded the assailant. A corrections lieutenant, who assisted the agents serve the warrants and make the arrests, was also shot and wounded by the assailant. The other five corrections officers were taken into custody. Agent Sentner had served in law enforcement for 17 years. He was assigned to the U.S. Department of Justice - Office of the Inspector General, Orlando Field Office. He had formerly served as a special agent with the United States Secret Service and as an officer with the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division.



## AAPP Scholarship Evaluation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Each member of the selection committee (AAPP BOD) completes this form and returns it to the Chairperson for the tally.

### FACTORS FOR EVALUATION

**SCORE 1 - 10**

#### **Education:**

Evaluate the type of studies enrolled, degree program, honors classes, college prep classes, GPA, grade percentage, ACT and/or SAT score(s), honor roll, etc.

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#### **Merit:**

Evaluate the programs the applicant have been involved in such as volunteer programs in school or community, fellowship, sportsmanship, school spirit, good citizenship, concern for fellow students.

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#### **Leadership Qualities:**

Has the applicant participated in any student associations or organizations, school programs, athletic programs or clubs, etc., and held and office or leadership role in that area?

\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Overall Preparation and Presentation of the Application:**

Information written and recorded, thoroughness, information submitted to include transcripts, reference letters, (one from current institution's faculty and one from a non-relative), attachments

\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:**

\_\_\_\_\_



## MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS

### How do I become an ACTIVE member of AAPP?

No sooner than six months after successful completion of an AAPP recognized polygraph school, and successful completion of a minimum of 50 polygraph exams, an Intern member may apply for Active membership by sending a letter to AAPP Vice President James Wardwell, who serves as the AAPP Membership Chair. The letter must be signed by a supervisor or Polygraph School Director and must confirm that the upgrade applicant has successfully completed the required 50 exams and the six month requirement. Mail or email a pdf file with requested documents to: AAPP Vice President James Wardwell, New Britain Police Dept., 10 Chestnut Street, New Britain, CT 06051 or email [james.wardwell@newbritainct.gov](mailto:james.wardwell@newbritainct.gov).

### New Members

**Intern applicants** are Law Enforcement Polygraphists as defined in Article III section C, who have completed the classroom portion of an AAPP recognized school but have not completed an internship. No sooner than six months after successful completion of an AAPP recognized polygraph school and successful completion of a minimum of 50 polygraph exams, an Intern member may apply for Active membership by sending a letter to the AAPP Membership Chair. The letter must be signed by a supervisor or Polygraph School Director and confirm the applicant has successfully completed the required 50 exams and the six month requirement.

**Active applicants** must be a law enforcement polygraphist as defined in Article III section C. The applicant must have also demonstrated proficiency in the administration of polygraph examinations.

**Life Membership** consists of all Past Presidents and those persons who have demonstrated exemplary support of the AAPP, have been nominated by the Board of Directors and approved by majority vote of the membership.

**Retired Membership** is granted to those AAPP members who have been active for a minimum of five consecutive years and are no longer engaged in polygraph.

**Honorary Membership** is granted to those persons who are not eligible for active membership, but have rendered distinguished service and support to the polygraph profession.

**Affiliate Membership** is granted to persons who demonstrate a genuine interest in the polygraph profession.

Additional information regarding these six classes of membership can be found on the web at: [www.policepolygraph.org](http://www.policepolygraph.org)

### Certification

Questions regarding AAPP Certification need to be directed to AAPP Secretary Bob Heard at [appsecretary@aol.com](mailto:appsecretary@aol.com) or by phone at (909) 387-0343, Tue.-Fri. 0700-1700 PST.

**\*Do not mail AAPP the certified application, fee or training documents to the AAPP National Office Manager in Ohio. The AAPP National Office Manager does not handle certification.**

The list of all current AAPP Certified members is posted on the AAPP Web page under the Membership Information link at: [www.policepolygraph.org](http://www.policepolygraph.org)

Requirements to obtain, or retain, the AAPP Certified Forensic Law Enforcement Polygraph Examiner Certificate are listed on the **AAPP Application for Review and Designation as: Certified Forensic Law Enforcement Examiner**.

*It is not necessary to send copies of your AAPP Seminar Certificates as AAPP Secretary Bob Heard has the AAPP Seminar Blue Sheets to verify classroom training hours. The majority of the Certification delays involve Requirements #1 & #6 listed above. Please comply with all 6 requirements.*



## American Association of Police Polygraphists, Inc. (AAPP)

### Application for Review and Designation as: Certified Forensic Law Enforcement Examiner

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Active or Life Member in good standing of the American Association of Police Polygraphists.
2. Graduation from a formal Polygraph training school recognized and approved by the Board of Directors of the American Association of Police Polygraphists.
3. Completion of a supervised polygraph program by an experienced polygraph examiner, commonly referred to as an internship whether formal or informal.
4. Completion of a minimum of two hundred (200) polygraph exams.
5. Currently active in the supervision or administration of polygraph examinations.
6. Completion of twelve (12) hours annually of continuing professional education in polygraph technique and instrumentation approved by the Board of Directors the American Association of Police Polygraphists, to include attendance at a minimum of one (1) AAPP seminar during the past three (3) years. Certification will be valid for a period of three (3) years from the date of the last AAPP Annual Seminar attended. I understand that I must re-apply for certification when my certification expires.

I certify that I possess the qualifications listed above for certification and hereby make application for same. I understand that by accepting certification I agree to comply fully with the Law Enforcement Polygraph Standards and Principles as set forth by the American Association of Police Polygraphists. I understand that any false statement or representation on my part associated with this application for certification will be sufficient cause for the revocation of certification.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS:  
Street Address or P. O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Line for Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: The \$25.00 processing fee must accompany application.  
Make check payable to AAPP.**



**American Association of Police Polygraphists, Inc.  
(AAPP)  
Supporting Documents to Accompany  
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION**

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ AAPP No. \_\_\_\_\_  
*First*                   *Middle Initial*                   *Last*

Name of polygraph school: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Intern Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of polygraph examinations conducted: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of continuing education hours completed in the last three years

Total number of continuing education hours completed in the last three (3) years:

The last AAPP Conference I attended took place in [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

The last AAPP Conference I attended took place in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Please attach copies of continued professional education)*

Please attach photocopies of "Continuing Education" Training Certificates for the last three (3) years.

This detailed information sheet must accompany the application for certification. If sufficient requirements have not been completed during the present calendar year you may use the previous three (3) calendar years for consideration. The information contained must be verifiable upon request. You are notified that verification will be requested on a random basis or at the specific request of any member of the American Association of Police Polygraphists (AAPP).

Send completed application along with the \$25.00 processing fee to:

Bob Heard – Polygraph Detail  
SBSD – Headquarters  
655 E. Third St  
San Bernardino, CA 92415



# American Association of Police Polygraphists, Inc.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### VISIT OUR WEB SITE: [www.policepolygraph.org](http://www.policepolygraph.org)

Answer all sections completely. Incomplete or false statements will be grounds for disqualification and/or removal from membership. *Please type or print clearly.*

#### CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP

##### CHECK ONE:

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- AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP:** Granted to persons who demonstrate a genuine interest in the polygraph profession.

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ WK PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?  YES  NO

DOES YOUR STATE HAVE POLYGRAPH LICENSING?  YES  NO (IF YES) ARE YOU CURRENTLY LICENSED IN YOUR STATE?  YES  NO

LICENSE # \_\_\_\_\_ LIST ALL POLYGRAPH LICENSES YOU HAVE HELD: \_\_\_\_\_

#### POLYGRAPH TRAINING

SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ INTERN SUPERVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL DIRECTOR: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

(If this school is not currently active, please provide a copy of your graduation certificate and detailed information about the school on a separate sheet)

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT POLYGRAPH EXPERIENCE

HOW MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE? \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EXAMS CONDUCTED? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF YOUR WORK TIME IS DEVOTED TO POLYGRAPH? \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT AND TECHNIQUE(S) CURRENTLY USING: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ANY CURRENT OR PAST POLYGRAPH ASSOCIATION(S) IN WHICH YOU ARE (WERE) A MEMBER OR TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED: \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DENIED MEMBERSHIP INTO ANY POLYGRAPH ASSOCIATION?  YES  NO  
(Provide detailed information on a separate sheet of paper if you answered YES to this question)

#### CURRENT EMPLOYER

AGENCY/COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPERVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR DUTIES: \_\_\_\_\_

(If not currently employed by a law enforcement/governmental agency, please list any former law enforcement / governmental agency employment on page 2)

#### FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYMENT

AGENCY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPERVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

HIRE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ (CIRCLE ONE) RETIRED, RESIGNED, TERMINATED DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DID YOU CONDUCT POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS WHILE EMPLOYED BY THIS AGENCY?  YES  NO

If you were/are not a full-time salaried law enforcement or governmental agency employee, please list a law enforcement/governmental agency for which you provide polygraph services:

AGENCY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

#### PERSONAL HISTORY

(1) Have you ever been convicted of a crime?  YES  NO (2) Have you ever been discharged or released from any branch, department or agency of federal, state, county or municipal government, including the armed services of the United States of America and its Reserve or National Guard affiliates under other than honorable conditions?  YES  NO (3) Have you ever been discharged or asked to resign from any employment, organizational membership or society?  YES  NO

(Provide detailed information on a separate sheet of paper if you answered YES to any of these questions)

#### CHARACTER REFERENCES – MUST BE POLYGRAPHISTS

NAME	AGENCY	PHONE #	E-MAIL
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			

#### APPLICATION AGREEMENT

I hereby apply for membership, pursuant and subject to the Constitution and By-laws of the American Association of PolicePolygraphists, Inc. (hereafter referred to as the AAPP). I further agree to be bound to the AAPP's Constitution and By-laws. I agree to hold the AAPP, its officers and agents and anyone acting on its behalf free from damage, liabilities or complaint by any action taken in connection with this background or information obtained to determine membership. I hereby request and authorize any and all persons, agencies, firms, companies, educational institutions, courts, law enforcement or government agencies, having information or documents related to or about me, to furnish such information and/or documents to an authorized representative of the AAPP. Enclosed is \$150.00 - U.S. currency (\$175.00 for foreign members). I understand that \$125.00 (\$150 for foreign members) represents a one-year membership fee, and \$25.00 is a non-refundable AAPP filing and administrative fee. I further grant permission to the president of the AAPP, or a designated representative, to release any and all information that the AAPP has learned while conducting a background relative to this application or information concerning my membership. Such information may be released to any national, regional or state polygraph association making such request. The information I have provided on this application is true and accurate. Submit completed application with check or money order payable to: American Association of Police Polygraphists, Inc. and forward to: AAPP, P.O. Box 657, Waynesville, Ohio 45068-0657. Call AAPP toll free at 1-888-743-5479 with any questions.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY** APPLICATION APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ NOT APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

REGIONAL DIRECTOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## **JOHN REID PREFERRED GROUP OF ASSOCIATIONS DISCOUNT PROGRAM (RPGA)**

The American Association of Police Polygraphists has arranged for AAPP members to receive substantial discounts on training programs offered by John Reid & Associates.

To access the unique AAPP - RPGA code you must log onto the members only section of the AAPP website.

You will see a link on the left labeled "John Reid Training Discounts".

Click on this link to view the information necessary to receive your AAPP members discount.

Please do not provide the RPGA code number to anyone who is not a member of the AAPP.

John Reid & Associates will verify AAPP membership before providing the discount.

If registering online, you MUST AT THAT TIME provide the RPGA Association Code Number.

If registering by phone, you MUST AT THAT TIME provide the RPGA Association Code Number to the registrar.

To view the John E. Reid & Associates training schedule visit:  
[http://www.reid.com/training\\_programs/r\\_interview\\_schedule.html](http://www.reid.com/training_programs/r_interview_schedule.html)

**JOHN E. REID & ASSOCIATES  
209 W. JACKSON BOULEVARD, SUITE 400  
CHICAGO, IL 60606  
(800) 255-5747**

# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE POLYGRAPHISTS, INC.



## CHANGE NOTICE TO UPDATE AAPP DIRECTORY

PLEASE CHECK THE AAPP DIRECTORY TO ENSURE THAT YOUR ADDRESS AND RELATED INFORMATION ARE CORRECT. ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS (SEMINAR, DUES INVOICES AND THE JOURNAL) ARE SENT TO THE ADDRESS LISTED. IF THE INFORMATION IS INCORRECT, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND FORWARD IT AS LISTED BELOW.

### NAME AND ADDRESS

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ WK PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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### POLYGRAPH TRAINING

SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE LICENSE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

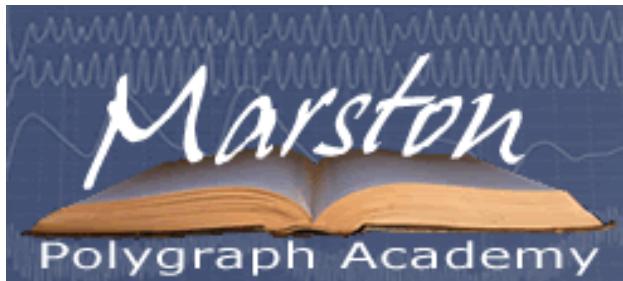
### CURRENT EMPLOYER

AGENCY/COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

FAX, SEND OR E-MAIL TO:

AAPP National Office  
P.O. Box 657  
Waynesville, Ohio 45068-0657  
FAX: 937-488-1046  
E-MAIL: [aappnom@hughes.net](mailto:aappnom@hughes.net)

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*Recognized by the National Polygraph Association*

*Approved by the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education*

### **Cynthia L. Saenz, AA**

Ms. Saenz retired as a Master Sergeant from the United States Air Force where she served as Chief of Information Management, Headquarters 4th Air Force Crisis Action Team. She has been a member of the American Polygraph Association and the California Association of Polygraph Examiners since 2005 and is the owner of Omega Polygraph where she conducts polygraph examinations for public agencies and PCSOT components of the containment model. She is a retired California peace officer.

### **Thomas M. Kelly, MA**

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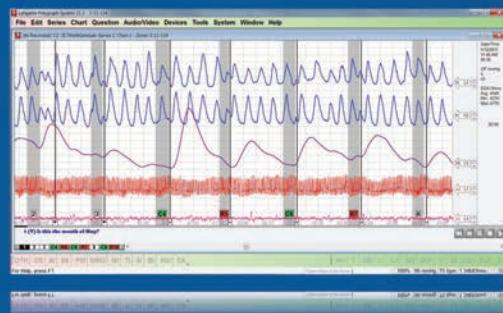
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