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## Greetings from the Chair

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer and that you are preparing to attend the annual meeting in Miami. The agenda and entertainment has been finalized and both look to be very educational and exciting. Many thanks to our Education Co-Chairs, Dave Corey and Phil Trompetter. They put a lot of time and energy into creating a topical and diversified program. Also, thanks to our entertainment expert, Scott Allen, for creating our Psychologist Night Out Program.

It has been a very busy year for police psychologists and the field of police psychology. Those of you who are on the email list can attest to that by following all of the issues and topics. To those members who are not on the email list, I would strongly urge you to sign up. It is a great opportunity to keep current on important issues and to interact with your colleagues.

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## Section Accomplishment

In April of this year I presented the pre-employment screening, fitness for duty, officer involved shooting and peer support guidelines to the Executive Committee of the IACP for ratification. All four guidelines were ratified unanimously by the Executive Committee. Many thanks to the members of the guidelines committees for your hard work.

## Sad Note

Our staff liaison, Kim Kohlhepp, will not be attending the IACP Annual Conference this year. Although he has other commitments during the conference, he will be available to help plan and coordinate prior to the meeting. Please contact him if he can be of assistance.

## ~ Reminder ~

For those attending the Conference's Saturday night dinner, please RSVP Scott Allen by August 29th with menu selections and the number of those attending the dinner. Details on page 2.

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### Committee Updates

The peer support guidelines that were submitted to the Executive Committee seem to be fast becoming outdated. As a result, a Peer Support Committee has been developed. I asked Sherry Harden to chair that committee, which she graciously agreed to do. Sherry was happy to report that the Peer Support Committee has been busy reviewing and modifying the confidentiality and administration sections of the guidelines, as well as incorporating information and strengthening recommendations. The Peer Support Committee will be presenting the revised guidelines in Miami.

On a related note, I am happy to say that Colorado passed a bill during the last congressional session providing confidentiality protection for law enforcement and fire fighting peer support members. The passing of this legislation was due in a large part to Dr. Dan Dworkin. Thanks, Dan!

Our illustrious past chair, the Honorable Andy Ryan, had as his pet project a goal to revise the membership guidelines. As a result, Andy has been busy as the Chair of the Membership Committee. The Committee is working on crafting a consensus amendment specifically addressing Rule 25 (status and objectives) and membership. Hopefully, the Committee will have a proposal to present at the meeting in Miami.

### Emerging Issues

Those of you who have been following the email list are aware of the discussions and concerns raised regarding lawful or abusive interrogation and psychologists' roles. The APA has issued a statement regarding the role of psychologists in interrogation situations. The statement raises concerns for police psychologists, specifically those of you who are actively involved in hostage negotiation. I feel, like many of you, that the outcome of this controversy could have significant consequences for the field of police psychology. Therefore, it seems it would be in our best interest to proactively deal with this area. A couple of months ago I asked for volunteers to be on a committee to deal with this problem. Unfortunately, the response was less than enthusiastic. So, I am once again asking for committee

Please contact me if you would like to participate in this worthwhile endeavor.

### Saturday Night Soiree

**At Smith & Wollensky-Miami Beach  
Washington Ave. & South Pointe Park  
(From Scott Allen)**

For our Saturday evening frivolity, I have been tasked with the enviable responsibility of finding a land-bound restaurant, near the beach.

Voila!! I am happy to announce that we will be dining at the southern-most point of South Beach at the famous Smith & Wollensky restaurant, which is on Government Cut (hopefully we will be able to see ships coming in and out of Miami Harbor). The restaurant is in easy walking distance of the beach. And I have arranged with the Miami Beach Police Department to have officers at the beach for those of you who may have some trepidation strolling along our beaches at night. Please forward to me your RSVP (preferably ASAP) so that you will not be left out of this evening of succulent dining.

Attached is also a poll for the evening's dining. We are going to have our own menu for the evening based upon your selections from the poll. I would greatly appreciate it if you could complete the poll and email/fax it to me so I can have the menu finalized with the restaurant. If by some twist of fate, you do not complete the poll, that's OK but then you can't gripe about the final menu selections. However, it is MANDATORY that you RSVP (with number of diners attending with you) by AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>.

For those of you who want to go on the gaming cruise (as Andy Ryan stated, "Let's do both!"), I thought we could do that either Sunday or Monday night. Please let me know how many of you would like to do the cruise and which night you prefer.

Finally, at the risk of appearing as a harbinger of doom, I would like to mention, in passing, that you will be attending the IACP conference during the height of our hurricane season. With this in mind, it might not be the worst of ideas to purchase a refundable airline ticket (just in case you need to get out of town sooner than you had anticipated).

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On behalf of the officers of the Police Psychological Services of the IACP, MDPD, and all the other hosting municipalities of Miami-Dade County, we look forward to being your hosts in the "Magic City".

If there are any problems or concerns prior to your travel to Miami, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at: 305-591-1106; fax: 305-597-7812; email: sallen@mdpd.com.

### Dinner Menu Poll

(Final menu will be based on results)

Salads: Please select ONE:

- Caesar Salad
- Mixed Greens Salad
- Tomato & Onion Salad

Entrée: Select THREE:

- Mustard-Crusted Tuna
- Grilled Atlantic Salmon
- Filet Mignon
- Filet au Poivre
- Prime Rib of Beef

Accompaniments: Select TWO:

- Whipped Potatoes
- Creamed Spinach
- Seasonal Steamed Vegetables
- Onion Rings
- Hashed Brown Potatoes

Dessert: Select ONE:

- Chocolate Crème Brulee
- Fruit Sorbets
- Red Velvet Cake
- Chocolate Cake
- Coconut Cake
- NY Cheesecake

The above Dinner Option is \$65.00 + 20% Gratuity + 9% Sales Tax/per person

Dinner Option #2 is same as above Plus One-hour Hors d'Oeuvres Reception

Hors d'Oeuvres: Select SIX:

- Lobster Dumplings
- Shrimp Spring Rolls
- Mini Beef Wellington
- Mini Crab Cakes
- Spicy Tuna dumplings
- Mini Steak sandwiches
- BBQ Chicken and Jack Dumplings
- Fried Oysters
- Thin Crust Pizza
- Smoked Pastrami Salmon
- Prosciutto Wrapped Asparagus
- Endive Stuffed with Bleu Cheese and Walnuts

This Dinner Option (with hors d'oeuvres) is \$77.00 + 20% gratuity + 9% tax/per person

Vote which Dinner option you prefer

Vote which Dinner selections you prefer

Finally, (hey, isn't this FUN!)

Vote for either 1-hour Open Bar (\$18.00 per person) or per drink per person  
(as an ex-bar manager & bartender, the breakeven point for the beverage consumer is approx. 2-2.5 cocktails/glasses of wine)

Last but certainly, not least, there are Premiere Menu Options/Special Entrees which are:

- Large Stone Crabs (Market price)
- Angry Lobster (Cajun-spiced baked lobster) \$12.00
- Lamb Chops \$7.00
- Rib-eye or T-Bone \$7.00
- Sirloin Steak \$5.00

If you would like to order any one of these entrees, you would add the premium price to your overall price (e.g.. if we decide to have the One Hour Hors d'Oeuvres Menu which is a base price of \$77.00 and you ordered the Angry Lobster then your overall base price would be \$77.00 + \$12.00= \$89.00).