NACRJ News

Good Morning,

It has been nearly two months since our 4th National Conference on Restorative Justice was held in Toledo. It was during that conference that the National Association of Community and Restorative Justice became fully and legally formed. Since then things have been moving forward. Here is an update.

Leadership News

The Officers of the Association (Pres. Mark Umbreit, Vice Pres. Rick Davison, Sec. Marilyn Armour, and Treas. Sheryl Wilson) have recently developed a set of operational policies to guide the management of our association. These policies will soon be presented to the Board of Directors for review and approval.

In addition, they are working to identify ways that the NACRJ could facilitate networking and professional development across the fields of restorative and community justice. In the last month several local, regional and national organizations have contacted us to discuss collaborative efforts aimed at serving the needs of practitioners, trainers, educators and researchers. For example, NACRJ might be able to create:

- A national on-line directory of collaborative groups with a summary of their mission, contact information and links to their websites.
- A national on-line directory with searchable listings of upcoming events and training opportunities to make identification of area resources easier.
- A national a searchable data base of legislation, laws and legal issues.

We welcome your ideas and suggestions about how NACRJ might better serve the field.

Website Improvements

In the last month we have updated the website (www.nacrj.org) with many additional public domain resources and new features. On the home page we have:

Now Showing - is a regular feature that will present videos related to restorative and community justice themes. The current video is "Being with the Energy of Love and Forgiveness" produced by Mark Umbreit. Featured videos will be swapped out as we find others to be featured. If you find a video you think should be featured on our home page please send me a link to them at exec.director@nacrj.org.

Weekly Read - is a feature that will be changed every week. It will feature one or two articles that are likely to of interest to NACRJ members and those who happen to come across our website. The featured readings for Aug. 10-17, 2013 are:

- Greensboro Truth and Recociliation Commission Report - Executive summary
The previous week's featured readings are posted under the RESOURCES tab (click on "Resources").

**Legal News** - is feature that will be updated periodically as news on legal developments in restorative and community justice emerge. At present we are featuring a summary of the Colorado Restorative Justice Laws by Rep. Pete Lee. The *full text of each of these laws is accessible to members* after logging into the site. They can be found under "Other Related Topics" ----> "Legislation and Laws"

**If you have not visited our website recently check it out** ([www.nacrj.org](http://www.nacrj.org)).

While you are there, consider adding a subscription to ProQuest - Social Science Index of published research. This resource is rarely available to practitioners. Subscribers have unlimited access to full-text publications in:

- restorative justice,
- community justice,
- victimization,
- sociology,
- social work,
- criminology,
- criminal justice,
- psychology,
- public policy,
- public administration, and
- many other fields.

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*This is your association - we need to hear your voice. Send us your ideas and suggestions.*

**How can NACRJ best serve its members and the field?**

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*Mike*

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