NACRJ News


Leadership News

Recruitment for Vice President
The recruitment process to fill Rick Davison’s position as Vice President continues. We have identified some excellent candidates but are not yet ready to make a final recommendation. We hope to have the position filled during the next quarter.

The 5th National Conference on Restorative Justice

Dr. Mara Schiff, Lead Organizer and Organizing Committee have been working hard to design the 5th National Conference on Restorative Justice. Tentatively, it appears that the theme will focus on the use of community and restorative justice to help stabilize communities and build stronger and more livable neighborhoods.

Save the dates – June 1-3, 2015 in Ft. Lauderdale on the Beach
Update on the Membership Drive (Sept. 1 - Oct. 31, 2013)

Congratulations to all – your assistance in getting the word out about our Fall 2013 membership drive doubled our membership. When we started the Membership Drive on September 1, 2013 the NACRJ had about 130 members. We now have 261 members – in short our membership has doubled in less than 90 days. The membership is composed of:

- Regular Members 225
- Student Members 15
- Institutional Members 12
- Life Members 6
- Sustaining (non-voting) 3

**Total 261**

Thanks for your assistance. It enabled us to reach interested people and encourage them to join the NACRJ.

Collaborating Organizations

Check out the list of non-governmental organizations represented by our members or close associates working with NACRJ. These organizations are dedicated to exploring how community justice and/or restorative justice can be used to address harms caused by crime, institutional injustice and/or structural inequalities in ways that promote a more just society. See our website page on Collaborating Partners at [http://nacrj.org/resources/public-resources/institutional-partners](http://nacrj.org/resources/public-resources/institutional-partners).

Membership Directory

A second call for members to send in their Membership Directory Information and Consent Form was sent out last weekend. *If you have not* sent in your completed form please do so by Jan. 11, 2014 so that we can publish an on-line membership directory (limited information for public access, full contact information for members). The form is attached to the email along with this issue of the NACRJ News.

**Don’t Forget - Complete and Return** the membership directory form by January 11, 2014. Our goal is to have the directory accessible on-line by February 1, 2014.

Website Update

Recently the Home Page at [www.nacrj.org](http://www.nacrj.org) has been updated:

- The *Now Showing* has a new video “Sandy’s Story” about the use of restorative processes in a DWI death case.
- The previous *Now Showing* video “Being with the Energy of Forgiveness” is now posted under Public Resources, Recent Videos.
• The “Weekly Read” section on the Home Page has two new readings. Previous readings are posted at Public Resources, Recent Weekly Reads.
• A “Call for Papers” is now posted for *International Journal on Restorative Justice* is available on the Home Page.
• A list of “Collaborating Partners” is now posted at Public Resources.
• Minutes from business meetings have posted for member access. You must login to the website. Once logged-in the minutes for business meetings may be found at:
  ○ About NACRJ → Administration → Association Business.

**Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws**

At some point within the next 6 months, there will be a referendum among NACRJ members to make some changes to our constitution and bylaws. These need for these changes have been revealed in our first 6 months of operation as an association. The issues considered are likely to include:

- The process for replacement of an elected official who resign during mid-term,
- Establishing a Chair and Secretary for NACRJ Advisory Council, and
- Establishing an ad hoc membership on the Board of Directors for the Chair of the Advisory Council.

When you receive the electronic ballot please flag it and cast your vote within the voting period.

Together we are building an association that advances the field and speaks to important policy issues to fulfill our motto *“Shaping Justice for the 21st Century”*.  

Happy Holidays,

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Executive Director