Leadership News

The Executive Committee approved the proposed changes to the NACRJ Constitution and By Laws and they have referred to the Advisory Council for review and comment. Their comments should be received in Mid-June and will be provided to the Board of Directors for their consideration before their next meeting in July.

If the Board of Directors approves the proposed changes they will be submitted to a vote of member in good standing at the time. If approved by a majority of members voting, the proposed changes will go into effect at the end of that month.

On April 15, 2014 during the quarterly meeting of the NACRJ Advisory Council the council members attending the meeting elected Harley Eagle and Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz to serve as Co-Chairs. Congratulations Harley and Lorraine.

5th National Conference on Community and Restorative Justice (June 1-3, 2015)

SAVE THE DATES – Ft. Lauderdale, FL – Harbor Beach Marriott Hotel – See You There

Conference Theme:

“The Future of Restorative Community Justice: Building Sustainable Communities”.

To date we have obtained commitments from three exceptional keynote speakers. They are:

- **Dr. Cornel West**, Professor of Philosophy and Christian Practice, Union Theological Seminary (see [http://www.cornelwest.com/](http://www.cornelwest.com/))
- **Dr. Jeremy Travis**, President, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and former Director of the National Institute of Justice, U. S. Department of Justice (1994-2000) (see [http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/900.php](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/900.php)).
- **Dominic Barter**, Director, Dialogue and Restoration Project, State Education Department of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He has earned broad recognition around the world for his use of restorative circles in some of the toughest shantytowns (“favelas”) in Brazil (see [http://cultureofempathy.com/References/Experts/Dominic-Barter.htm](http://cultureofempathy.com/References/Experts/Dominic-Barter.htm)).

The call for papers and presentations will come out in September 2014 with a due date in mid-to-late November 2014. Start thinking now about a paper or presentation you would like to make at the conference.
Membership News

- **NACRJ – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary on June 21, 2014**

On June 21, 2013 the NACRJ was fully and legally formed as a non-profit professional and academic association with a mission to advance the practice, study and evaluation of non-traditional justice in the U. S. It has been a year of rapid growth and development. Every member has contributed, in their own way, as we build a meaningful and effective association that represents and supports the interests of the field.

*Take a moment on June 21, 2014 to celebrate the 1st Anniversary of your National Association of Community and Restorative Justice.*

- **On-Line Membership Directory – NOW ACTIVE**

After several months of work the on-line membership directory is now available. Thanks for your patience. Making an on-line directory that provided non-members with a listing of members and provided members with full contact information for other members was much more complicated than anticipated. So, it took much longer than anticipated to develop. But it is here now and serves as our primary networking tool.

If you are not listed it is because we did not receive your [Membership Directory Information and Consent Form](mailto:exec.director@nacrj.org). If you want to be added to the membership directory download the form, provide the information you want published and return it to [exec.director@nacrj.org](mailto:exec.director@nacrj.org). *Please send the completed form in .doc, .docx or .rtf formats (not .pdf).*

- **Membership Renewals for 2014-2015 - Due by June 30, 2014**

The current membership year lapses at the end of May. However, membership renewals are due by the end of June for all membership categories except Life Members. *See the attached flyer for instructions for on-line membership renewal.*

- **NACRJ’s First Year – Look at What We Accomplished in One Year…**

The NACRJ is nearing the end of our first full year of service to the field. In that time we have accomplished many things:

- Establishing a new federally recognized non-profit professional membership association.
- Growing the membership to nearly 300 members (286 to be precise)
- Establishing a functional governance structure and active association leadership,
- Planning our 5th National Conference (June 1-3, 2015) – National Conference on Community and Restorative Justice;
- Creating a website with that provides a wide range of resources to support members and non-members:
  - Full Text data bases of public domain resources
  - Some accessible to non-members
Many more accessible to members
- NACRJ Policy Statements
- Recent Videos
- Recent Weekly Reads
- NACRJ News
- Training-Conferences
- Collaborating Partners
- Sample Position Papers (from collaborating organizations)
- Membership Directory
- Minutes for Business Meetings (members only)
  - Expressing our collective voice on a policy issue before the U. S. Sentencing Commission and American Bar Association;
  - Publishing the NACRJ News at least once a quarter;
  - NACRJ on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/nacrj2015)
  - Creating an on-line membership directory as a networking tool for members;
  - Establishing formal relationships with other organizations within the field; and,
  - Many other things.

We hope that you find value in these efforts and will renew your membership for the 2014-2015 membership year.

Website Update

Recently the Home Page at www.nacrj.org has been updated:
- There is now a link on the home page to our Facebook page.
- The “Call for Papers and Presentations” now has two new listings for:
  - NACRJ members to speak at a panel session at the IIRP Conference (Oct. 27-29, 2014).
  - Maryland’s 5th Restorative Justice Conference (Nov. 6-7, 2014)
- The new “Training-Conference” page (found under “Public Resources”) now lists five upcoming training and conference opportunities around the nation between May and December 2014.
- 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.

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”.

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