NACRJ News

In the News

• Constitution and By Law Changes - VOTING STARTS SOON

The membership vote on the proposed changes to the NACRJ Constitution and By Laws will begin sometime during next week or so. Once voting is open you will receive an email announcing the start of voting. You will then have 14 days to cast your votes on the proposed changes to the Constitution and By Laws. Our on-line voting service provider is Votnet.com and we will provide you with a link to their site for the vote.

We delayed the vote on these changes for a couple of months because we had became aware of a need for changes to Article VII of the constitution. The proposed revision of this Article allows the formation of “Specialized Sections” and “Chapters” within NACRJ and the ability to establish formal relationships with other organizations as “Affiliate Organizations”. The additional time allowed us to craft and approve the proposed changes so that they could be included with this membership vote. Those changes have now been added to previously approved changes to the Constitution and By Laws.

A Summary of the Proposed Changes is posted on www.nacrj.org for your review before voting on the proposed changes before the vote. It is located from the home page under “About NACRJ → Constitution” (http://www.nacrj.org/about-nacrj/constitution/constitution-by-laws). The current Constitution and By Laws can be views from the same page.

• Harley Eagle Steps Down from the Advisory Council

Last month Harley Eagle stepped down from the Advisory Council. He has taken a new job in Vancouver, BC. He felt that he needed to be fully present for his new position and so resigned from the Advisory Council. He is a terrific guy and has served the Association well and are comforted by the fact that he remains an NACRJ member and will continue to walk with us on our journey to the creation of more just societies. We wish him and his family well in a new city, new home and the new job.
• **1st Official Election (Jan. – Feb. 2015) for Officers and Members of the Board of Directors**

We are in the process of developing a slate of candidates for Officers and the Board of Directors. The NACRJ is currently in what we call the “Interim Period”. This means that the NACRJ is in its initial period of governance with a “care-taker” leadership team established to legally establish the association and to make it operational. This was done through a voice vote of those present at our first business meeting on June 21, 2013. All the officers and members of the Board of Directors were appointed for the first two years. The first election of Officers and Board Members will be in Jan.-Feb. 2015 to comply with our Constitution.

The current Officers and Board Members may stand for election. Holding office during the Interim Period is not counted under the term limit provisions of our constitution. We also encourage others to put their “hat in the ring” for an elected leadership position. This is part of our development as a professional association with a strong tradition of democracy in governance.

If you are interested in running for an elected position please contact Justice (Ret) Janine Geske at janine.geske@marquette.edu.

**5th National Conference on Community and Restorative Justice**

Planning for the 5th National Conference on Community and Restorative Justice is at full speed now. The latest *Save the Date* flyer is available under the “Conferences” tab on the www.nacrj.org home page (http://www.nacrj.org/conferences). It lists our keynote speakers and provides a short biographical sketch of each. They are:

- **Dr. Cornel West**, renowned speaker and author on peace, race and justice.
- **President Jeremy Travis**, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and leader in addressing the impacts of mass incarceration and reentry of the formerly incarcerated.
- **Mr. Dominic Barter**, restorative circles innovator.
- **Prof. Margaret Burnham**, founder of Northeastern University School of Law’s Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project.

• **Early Bird Registration**

*Early Bird Registration* will begin shortly as we finalized the fee structure for the conference last week. Compared to Non-Members, NACRJ Members will receive a substantially lower registration rate in each period (Early Bird, Regular and Late). You will be able to register online with a credit card. If you want to register with another means of payment (i.e., personal check, purpose order, etc.) contact the Executive Director at exec.director@nacrj.org.
• **Call for Papers**

The call for papers and presentations during the 5th National Conference on Community and Restorative Justice will come out in mid-November. You will be able to submit proposals online. All presentations will be *panel presentations* with three or four speakers on a themed panel. Each presentation will be about 15-20 minutes long within a 75 minute session. The Organizing Committee will review all proposals received, select the best for presentation, and compose panels with substantively related presentations. Notifications of acceptance will be sent in late January or early February.

The Organizing Committee may consider a few proposals as potential “Dedicated Sessions” where a full 75 minute session is devoted to that presentation and speaker(s). Authors of selected submissions will be contacted about whether they would be willing to expand their presentation to a longer format.

• **Hotel Registration**

Hotel registration is currently open. To make your reservations – please visit:

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=11710814

• **Awards Nominations**

In a month or so you will receive an email calling for nominations for NACRJ Awards. You could begin to consider whom you might nominate now. The awards are:

- **John Byrd Pioneer Award for Restorative and Community Justice** - Recognizes individuals, organizations or groups for their record of sustained and important contributions to restorative and/or community justice education, research and/or practice aimed more producing safer and more just communities.

- **Bert Thompson Pioneer Award for Faith Based Community and Restorative Justice** – Recognizes individuals for faith based servant leadership and volunteerism in service to address harms, injustices and communities problems through restorative and/or community and restorative justice values, principles and practices.

- **Dennis Maloney Award for Youth-Based Community and Restorative Justice** – Recognizes individuals, groups, programs or programs for a record of important and sustained contributions to youth-based community and restorative justice programs.
• **Lifetime Achievement Award** – Honors a person for achievements across their lifetime in restorative and/or community justice. Nominees should have made vital contributions of outstanding significance to restorative and/or community justice education, research and/or practice.

• **Leadership Award** - Recognize individuals, groups or organizations that have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in the fields of restorative and community justice.

**Membership News**

- **Fall 2014 Membership Drive**

We are in the midst of our Fall 2014 membership drive. Our goal is to reach 300 members across all membership categories. The Home Page of [www.nacrj.org](http://www.nacrj.org) includes an announcement on the Membership Drive. It also includes a link to a 50% Discount Flyer for all new memberships. Please download it share it with those who might be interested in the NACRJ.

In June we celebrated our first year of operation. At that time, about 100 members did not renew their memberships for 2014-2015. Of these, 80% were those who had obtained free memberships during the 4th National Conference in Toledo when the NACRJ was established.

In the last month we have added about 50 new members and our current membership is composed of:

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(Note: Each Institutional Member may sponsor up to 5 Regular members affiliated with that organization at no additional cost. Those members represent institutional interests when membership votes are take. Students are non-voting members but full access to the website and discounts offered to the membership.)

Our goal for the Fall 2014 Membership Drive is to reach 300 memberships by December 1, 2014. This goal is attainable and we would appreciate your help in getting there.
• **On-Line Membership Directory**

You can check to see if you are listed on the membership director at [www.nacrj.org](http://www.nacrj.org) under the “Member Directory” tab. If you are not listed and would like to be listed completed and send in a Membership Directory Information and Consent Form (form attached with this issue.)

Fill out the form in .doc, .docx or .rtf formats (not .pdf) and return it to exec.director@nacrj.org.

**Website Update**

Recently the Home Page at [www.nacrj.org](http://www.nacrj.org) has been updated to focus on educational application of restorative practices. This is a growing subfield within community and restorative justice and an outreach to educators is a significant component of our 2014 Membership Drive. The first “Specialized Section” under the revised Article VII will probably be one focused on school based applications of restorative and community justice.

Our listings for upcoming training and conferences continues to grow. There are eight listed events in October and November. They are:

**Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17** - "**Leading with a Restorative Mindset: School Administrator Training**"
- **Fee:** $150/person for 8 hours of training (2 hrs. on four successive Monday evenings 6-8 pm.)
- **Sponsored by:** Office of Community and Restorative Justice, Policy Studies Center University of Texas at San Antonio - Downtown Campus

**Oct. 27-29, 2014:** 17th IIRP World Conference
- **Sponsored by:** International Institute for Restorative Practices at Bethlehem, PA.

**Nov. 6-7, 2014:** Maryland's 5th Restorative Justice Conference
- **Sponsored by:** Circle of Restorative Initiatives & Howard Community College, Columbia, MD.

**Nov. 6, 2014:** "City Wide Restorative Justice Meeting - Chicago"
- **Sponsored by:** Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice
- **Location:** Cook County Juvenile Facility, 1100 S. Hamilton Ave., Multi-Purpose Room

**Nov. 7, 2014:** "Even the Administrators were Pleased: Disrupting the School to Prison Pipeline using Restorative Practices and Family Engagement"
- **Featuring:** Dr. Nancy Riestenberg, School Climate/Restorative Discipline Specialist, Minnesota Department of Education
- **Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series, College of Public Policy** (Free, Public Event)
Sponsored by: Office of Community and Restorative Justice, Policy Studies Center
University of Texas at San Antonio - Downtown Campus

Nov. 8, 2014: "Restorative Practices in Schools"
Featuring: Dr. Nancy Riestenberg, School Climate/Restorative Discipline Specialist, Minnesota Department of Education
Fee: $150/person for 8 hours of training (9-4 pm)
Sponsored by: Office of Community and Restorative Justice, Policy Studies Center
University of Texas at San Antonio - Downtown Campus

Sponsored by: University of Leuven (Belgium) in collaboration with three other universities.

Nov. 17-18, 2014: "Creating Impact through Engagement - Chicago"
Sponsored by: Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice
Location: University of Illinois - Chicago, Student Center East, 750 S. Halsted, St., Chicago, IL 60607

Please help us update our listings of conferences and training opportunities by sending in information on these events to exec.director@nacrj.org. We want to increase the visibility of these events.

Our collection of full-text resources continues to grow as we add new items every month. Once you login, go to the “Full Text” (under the “Resources” tab) and follow the links to the categories that are of interest to you.

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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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