



National Criminal Justice Association Elects New Leadership

The National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) is proud to announce its new leadership for the 2018-2019 term. Members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee were elected on July 22 at the 2018 National Forum on Criminal Justice in Fort Worth, Texas.

Christian Kervick, executive director of the Delaware Criminal Justice Council was elected President of the NCJA Board of Directors and will lead the Executive Committee. Michael Schmidt, director of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission was elected Vice President.

"I am both honored and humbled by the confidence placed in me by my peers to help lead our organization," Kervick said. "I look forward to working with my colleagues from around the nation to improve the criminal justice system at this challenging time in our field."

"Being elected the Vice President of NCJA is a tremendous honor for me personally," Schmidt said, "and a recognition of the great work being done in Oregon on criminal justice reform."

Mr. Kervick succeeds Karhlton Moore, executive director of the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services who served two terms as president. Mr. Moore will now serve as Immediate Past President and serve on the Executive Committee.

NCJA is a national voice shaping and implementing criminal justice policy. Representing state, tribal and local criminal and juvenile justice practitioners, the NCJA works to promote a balanced approach to communities' complex public safety and criminal justice system problems by coordinating juvenile justice, criminal justice and other federal programs to use limited federal funds most effectively. Its governing body is comprised of high-level state, territorial and tribal officials and regional representatives from across the country.

Joining Kervick, Schmidt and Moore on the Executive Committee are four Regional Chairs: Glenn Fueston, executive director of the MD Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention; Andrew LeFevre, executive director, AZ Criminal Justice Commission; James Neal, director, GA Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and Lori Pesci, deputy director, Summit County (OH) Division of Public Safety.

New members of the Board of Directors include those listed above along with: Christine Cole, vice president and executive director of the Crime and Justice Institute at Community Resources for Justice; Constance Kostelac, director, Bureau of Justice Information and Analysis, WI Department of Justice; Scott McLaren, deputy director, DE Criminal Justice Council; David Murtaugh, executive director, IN Criminal Justice Institute; Navin Puri, senior criminal justice planner, NC Governors Crime Commission; Dan Spencer, director of Administrative Services, AK Department of Law; John Tilley, secretary of the KY Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and Anthony Vidale, deputy director, AZ Criminal Justice Commission.

Burke Fitzpatrick, director, Crime Victim Services Division, SC Attorney General; Anne Jordan, manager of criminal process and specialty dockets, ME Administrative Office of the Courts and Joe Thome, director, Division of Criminal Justice, CO Department of Public Safety are alternates. In addition, Paul Mitchell, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Court was appointed as a Tribal representative and Alfred Blumstein, Carnegie Mellon University was appointed to an At-Large seat.

The NCJA Board of Directors and the Executive Committee formulate and guide the policy and direction of the association.

Based in Washington, D.C., the NCJA represents state, territorial, tribal and local governments on crime prevention and public safety issues. Its members represent all facets of the criminal and juvenile justice community, from law enforcement, corrections, prosecution, defense, courts, victim-witness services and educational institutions to federal, state and local elected officials. To learn more about NCJA please visit www.ncja.org.