

National Associations Active in Criminal Justice **Associations nationales intéressées à la justice criminelle**

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Mission

The mission of the National Associations Active in Criminal Justice is to enhance the capacity of member organizations to contribute to a just, fair, equitable and effective justice system.

Its objects are to:

Contribute to the education of its member organizations, other organizations from the governmental and voluntary sector and the general public through activities that share and generate knowledge, information, ideas and values, in relation to current and emerging criminal justice issues.

Contribute to the capacity of the member organizations to carry out their purposes through activities that share and generate expertise and to serve as a catalyst for action by member agencies and to provide collective support for actions undertaken by individual member agencies where feasible.

Support the activities of its member organizations in the development of policy related to criminal justice by promoting the role and importance of the member organizations in consultation and policy forums with the federal government.

A Catalyst for Collaboration



The National Association provides

- Support to Member Agencies
- Multi-sectoral and inter-disciplinary knowledge
- Professional relationship building
- Research-based education and awareness
- Engagement with elected officials and public sector decision-makers

Through activities and initiatives such as:

- Development of conferences and workshops
- Generation and dissemination of justice-related information
- Research-based community and member education
- Promotion of comprehensive and integrated approaches that reduce crime
- Support research, evaluation, policy development and initiatives that strengthen the vitality of communities

Underlying Principles

Members and the Association:

- ⚖ Recognize the importance of due process provisions in the law;
- ⚖ Value research as the basis for sound social policy;
- ⚖ Support social development rather than punitive responses to crime;
- ⚖ Exist to serve the public good;
- ⚖ Depend on volunteers to a meaningful degree; and
- ⚖ Are supportive of human rights and the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

A Word from the President

It is my pleasure to submit my second report as President of the National Associations Active in Criminal Justice. We pursued our efforts in 2007-2008 to re-focus the Association's discussions and action plans towards accomplishing its mission with regards to enhancing the capacity of member organizations by gathering and disseminating information, sharing information, organizing meetings and fora for discussion and consultation opportunities and defining more clearly the partnership frameworks that define our working relationship with the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC).



This last year was heavily marked by the Minister of Public Safety's decision to conduct a review of the operations of the Correctional Service of Canada. A five-member Review Panel, under the chairmanship of Mr. Robert Sampson, was set up in April 2007 to that effect. A significant number of NAACJ members submitted briefs and met with all or some members of the Panel. After six months of gathering and analyzing information, a final report containing 109 recommendations was made public in December 2007. Since then, CSC has set up a Transformation Team with a view to implementing a number of the 109 recommendations contained in the Review Panel report and has engaged the voluntary sector in the process. NAACJ was most active throughout the process of the review and remains committed to facilitating member organizations throughout the implementation process.

Finally, I wish to thank all active members of the Board of Directors for their support and commitment during the last year. None of what we accomplished would however have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our one and only staff person, our Executive Director, Ms Susan Haines. I want to thank her personally and on behalf of the members of NAACJ.

Patrick Altimas

The Year in Review

The National Associations Active in Criminal Justice has persevered through its 33rd year, quite simply, by focussing on its strengths. By viewing uncertainties as opportunities, NAACJ was able to reaffirm its value to members, communities and partners through its work in 2007-2008. From contingency planning to the CSC Review Panel and the *Youth Criminal Justice Act* Review, the Association realized its mission to enhance the capacity of its Member Organization as a catalyst for collaborative opportunity and meaningful discussion.



Under our President's positive leadership, NAACJ refocused on its mandate to support the Member Agencies, represented by tireless community champions who not only share a passion for justice, but who also share a passion for people. And it is by remembering these people and their stories that we contributed to worthwhile member-driven initiatives and activities over the course of the fiscal year 2008,

This progress towards a more effective and just criminal justice system is owing to the inspirational commitment of its Membership, sensible guidance of its Board of Directors and unwavering leadership of its

Executive Committee. I thank you all, as well as our assiduous volunteers and supporters, and look forward to building upon these successes with you in the coming years.

Susan Haines
Executive Director

Treasurer's Report

The fiscal year 2007 -2008 finished as expected, with no major changes in the financial status of our organization. We had planned increases in the management fees paid to our Executive Director due to the increase in her working days and this was somewhat offset by lower than projected expenditures for NAACJ meetings. Overall, we finished the year with a small deficit of \$3549 which is somewhat negligible in relation to the size of our budget.

We contracted the services on Hendry Warren LLP to conduct our audit for the past fiscal year and they have presented us with a satisfactory financial audit which will be presented to the membership at the Annual General Meeting for approval.

Looking forward, we have projected a slightly increased budget for 2008-2009 due to the increase in contract fees for the Executive Director. We would hope to recover this increase through contributions for project funding. No other extraordinary expenses are anticipated.

Internal bookkeeping continues to be done by the Executive Director – Susan Haines and is reviewed on a regular basis by the Treasurer. Based on the report presented by Ms. Haines, I am quite comfortable to present our financial records as a fair representation of our transactions in the last year. I would further recommend that we continue to retain the services of Warren Hendry LLP as Auditor.

George Myette

Accomplishments

NAACJ's accomplishments this year included:

- Coordination of multi-sectoral conferences among members of NAACJ, the Correctional Service of Canada, the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Justice, such as *Having an Impact: Crime Prevention for At-Risk Youth*;
- Rejuvenation of its relationship with the National Parole Board;
- An invitation to consult with Olivia Chow, MP, NDP (Trinity-Spadina) on youth criminal justice;
- Partnership creation with the Insurance Bureau of Canada to provide public education in collaboration with CSC;
- The generation of a Press Release to highlight evidence-based approaches within justice;
- Dissemination of a fact sheet and criminal justice information to Members of Parliament;



Patrick Altimas, President of NAACJ (left) and Don Head, then Senior Deputy Commissioner, Correctional Service of Canada, sign the Terms of Reference for Consultations, February 2008.
Photo: Bill Rankin.

- Ratification of the *Terms of Reference for Consultations between NAACJ and the Correctional Service of Canada*;
- An invitation to meet Minister Stockwell Day at a Public Safety Canada news conference;
- Development of a *Protocol for Partnership* with the Correctional Service of Canada, with a view to generating a Joint Community Corrections Strategy;
- Ongoing communications with the Office of the Correctional Investigator and the Corrections Directorate of Public Safety Canada;
- Design of NAACJ's Operations and Management Guide for Directors and Officers.

Member-Driven Services

NAACJ's mission to enhance the capacity of its Member Organizations by gathering and disseminating information and coordinating opportunities for dialogue was further achieved by providing support to the following Member Agency projects:

- ✓ **L'Association des Services de Réhabilitation Sociale du Québec:** Survey on Parole Supervision
- ✓ **The Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies:** Media Summary
- ✓ **The Canadian Training Institute:** Research on gangs
- ✓ **The Church Council on Justice and Corrections:** Public Messaging and a New Investment Logic
- ✓ **The Conflict Resolution Network Canada:** *Interaction 2008: Building Bridges of Understanding* conference planning in collaboration with **The National Association of Friendship Centres**
- ✓ **The John Howard Society of Canada:** Development of *Talking Back: Toward Public Education on Criminal Justice in Canada*
- ✓ **St. Leonard's Society of Canada:** *Working Safely for Public Safety - Risk Management: A Discipline for Dealing with Uncertainty*, in partnership with the Saint Leonard's Society of Nova Scotia and the Atlantic Halfway House Association
- ✓ **The Seventh Step Society of Canada:** International transfer of a Canadian imprisoned abroad

Moreover, representation was made on issues identified by the Membership to:

- Members of the 39th Parliament;
- The Honourable Rob Nicholson, Minister of Justice and Attorney General for Canada;
- The Honourable Stockwell Day, Minister of Public Safety;
- Olivia Chow, Member of Parliament for Trinity—Spadina
- The Commissioner, Correctional Service of Canada;
- University of Ottawa Criminology classes; and
- The National Crime Prevention Centre.

The Member Agencies



L'Association des Services de Réhabilitation Sociale du Québec is devoted to the promotion of community action in the field of criminal justice. It supports and fosters citizen participation in the management of justice-related problems. It brings together non-profit community agencies involved with people in conflict with the law and who seek to promote crime prevention through social development. The ASRSQ is made up of more than 55 Quebec-based community agencies that provide services to more than 20,000 people annually. Established in 1962, the Agency has extended its reach into social justice and training.



The Block Parent Program of Canada is an affiliation of 12 registered Block Parent Committees, one from each Province and Territory who oversee 1,200 Block Parent Community Programs. It provides immediate assistance through a safety network and offers supportive community education programs. The Program is based on volunteers working to educate children about safety, develop materials to educate the community about the Program and other safety needs and work together with the police, educators and other community groups toward safer communities.



The Canadian Association for Community Living recognizes that all people with an intellectual disability should be able to participate in and contribute to life in their own communities. The individual Associations for Community Living are grass-roots organizations connected throughout Canada by a vast network of parents, volunteers and professionals working together to achieve inclusive communities into which people with an intellectual disability will be able to participate. At all levels, the Association's emphasis remains on the family to achieve opportunities and supports that enable families to stay together, regardless of the severity of the disability they are dealing with.



The Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies is an association of self-governing, community-based Elizabeth Fry Societies that work with and for women and girls in the justice system, particularly those who are, or may be, criminalized. Together, Elizabeth Fry Societies develop and advocate the beliefs, principles and positions that guide CAEFS. The association exists to ensure substantive equality in the delivery and development of services and programs through public education, research, legislative and administrative reform, regionally, nationally and internationally.



The Canadian Bar Association represents over 35,000 lawyers, notaries, law teachers and law students from across Canada. An Association that represents Canadian jurists both nationally and internationally, the CBA is dedicated to the following purposes: to improve the law; to improve the administration of justice; to improve and promote access to justice; to promote equality in the profession and the legal system; to improve the knowledge, skills, ethical standards and well-being of members of the legal profession; to represent the legal profession

nationally and internationally; to promote the interests of members of the CBA. NAACJ is proud to maintain the long-standing membership of Canada's premier provider of wide-ranging supports to legal professionals.



The Canadian Criminal Justice Association recognizes that the criminal justice system must serve the needs of all people. An umbrella organization representing all elements of the criminal justice system, including the public, CCJA exists to promote rational, informed and responsible debate in order to develop a more humane, equitable and effective justice system. Founded in 1919, the Association's reputation has garnered approximately 900 members from across Canada who are involved in various aspects of corrections and criminal justice.



The Canadian Families and Corrections Network provides programs to assist families of offenders throughout the incarceration cycle. This includes a) a national toll-free information and referral service; b) internet-based information and print resources; c) orientation and information to families and offenders; d) operating Visitor Resource Centres in several federal penitentiaries; e) research on families affected by incarceration; f) training workshops and conferences which train and educate all sectors to increase the effectiveness of service provision; and g) offering consultation services to representatives of all sectors about restorative justice, policy development and service delivery.



The Canadian Psychological Association represents the interests of all aspects of psychology in Canada which promote unity, coherence and a sense of identity across diverse scientific and professional interests. CPA was established in 1939 to ensure psychology's contribution to the war effort. Over the ensuing 63 years, CPA has been active in promoting high standards in science, education and practice, and it has taken an active interest on issues affecting the ability of psychology to contribute to the welfare of Canadian society. This includes people who are incarcerated or in conflict with the law.



The Canadian Training Institute provides training, consultation, promotes collaboration and undertakes applied research projects that contribute to effective service delivery by social service agencies across Canada. Through its commitment to foster inclusion, equality and life long learning, CTI assists in the development of knowledge, skills and services that reduce crime, promote active participation and ultimately contribute to healthy individuals, agencies and communities.



The Church Council on Justice and Corrections is a national faith-based coalition of eleven founding churches, created in 1974, to promote a restorative approach to Justice with an emphasis on addressing the needs of victims and offenders, mutual respect, healing, individual accountability, community involvement and crime prevention. It is primarily by education, advocacy and community development initiatives that CCJC tries to foster healthier communities and crime prevention through social responsibility. Since 1974, The Church Council

has demonstrated in publications, pilot projects and numerous other initiatives how to strengthen community through its understanding that real justice requires the pursuit of wholeness for all.



The Conflict Resolution Network Canada is a leading Canadian association that stimulates collaborative approaches to conflict. It does this by convening national conferences and regional events, providing quality resource materials, initiating and managing research projects and other select programs, promoting ethical and competent practice, and facilitating links among individuals and organizations within conflict resolution and communications.



The John Howard Society of Canada is an organisation of provincial and territorial Societies comprised of and governed by people whose goal is to understand and respond to problems of crime and the criminal justice system. In furtherance of its mission, the Society works with people who have come into conflict with the law, reviews, evaluates and advocates for changes in the criminal justice process, engages in public education on matters relating to criminal law and its application, and promotes crime prevention through community and social development activities.



The National Association of Friendship Centres represents the concerns of 99 core funded and 15 non-core funded Friendship Centres, as well as 7 Provincial Territorial Associations across Canada. The primary objectives are: to act as a central unifying body for the Friendship Centre Movement; to promote and advocate the concerns of Aboriginal Peoples; and, to represent the needs of local Friendship Centres across the country to the federal government and to the public in general. It serves as a central communications body and facilitates external liaisons among the Friendship Centres and the Associations, and is active on external committees related to urban Aboriginal people in areas such as: literacy, racism, AIDS, employment equity, economic development and justice.



Native Counselling Services of Alberta, established in 1970, contributes to holistic development and wellness of Aboriginal individuals, families and communities. By respecting differences, we promote fair and equitable treatment and advocate for the future development of our partners. It continues to strategically plan and deliver culturally sensitive programs and community education through accountable resource management. The organization has been recognized for pioneering successful court programs and restorative correctional programming. It provides services to individuals, families and communities utilizing both individual and group counselling methodology.



The Salvation Army, founded in 1865, is an international religious and charitable movement that is a branch of the Christian church. The mission of the Salvation Army is to minister to offenders, victims, witnesses and other persons affected by and serving in the justice system by practical assistance and through a demonstration of Christian love and concern.



St. Leonard's Society of Canada is dedicated to community safety. SLSC endorses evidence-based approaches to criminal and social justice; conducts research and develops policy; supports its member affiliates; and advances collaborative relationships and communication among individuals and organizations dedicated to social justice. Since 1967, the Society has evolved to provide a variety of community-based programs and services including LifeLine™ In-Reach, as well as coordinate national workshops, conferences and pilot projects, such as those around Community Residential Facilities and the criminalization of people with mental health problems.



The Seventh Step Society of Canada was incorporated in 1981 to unite Seventh Step Agencies and Chapters throughout the nation with the primary purpose of reducing recidivism. Realistic thinking, positive peer pressure and the self help philosophy can help incorrigible and recidivist offenders to change their behaviour and attitudes to help them become productive members of the community by: providing weekly discussion fora for ex convicts; considering the interests of Seventh Step and ex convicts, initiating and watching over and, if necessary, promoting deputation; promoting or innovating improvements to the general welfare of its members and other ex convicts; promoting, acquiring and operating a resident headquarters to assist its members; promoting the principles of good citizenship and co-operation; and providing public education in the area of crime and criminal rehabilitation.



YOU CAN is committed to focusing on peaceful conflict resolution, the prevention of violence and consensus building through youth led initiatives. It is dedicated to building a culture of peace among youth. It is Canada's leading organization run for-youth-by-youth. Its vision, to foster a nation where all youth work in partnership with their communities to grow in peaceful and conflict resolving lifestyles, is achieved by: promoting peaceful resolutions, non-violence, peacebuilding and conflict resolution; facilitating national and International networks; and affirming the work of Peacebuilders, especially that of young Canadians. Crime prevention, conflict resolution and violence prevention programs in the community and in correctional settings are delivered through workshops, forums and national conferences.

*Collaborating to generate
balanced approaches that
contribute to well-informed
dialogue and decision-making
on criminal justice matters.*



The Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee is nominated by the Board of Directors to govern the organization and its operations during the intervals between Meetings of the Board of Directors.

President	Patrick Altimas
Vice-President	Claire Carefoot
Past-President	John Sawdon
Treasurer	George Myette
Secretary	Irving Kulik



The Board of Directors:

Association des Services de Réhabilitation Sociale du Québec	Patrick Altimas
Block Parent Program of Canada	Kelly Pater
Canadian Association for Community Living	Anna MacQuarrie
Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies	Kim Pate
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Canadian Training Institute	John Sawdon
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John Howard Society of Canada	Craig Jones
National Association of Friendship Centres	Alfred Gay
Native Counselling Services of Alberta	Claire Carefoot
Salvation Army, Correctional & Justice Services	Hugh Osler
Seventh Step Society of Canada	George Myette
St. Leonard's Society of Canada	Elizabeth White
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NAACJ and Member Agencies in Canada

NAACJ and the Member Agencies are active in approximately **200** Canadian communities:



This is above and beyond the coalition of 11 national churches in approximately **14, 000** communities represented by the *Church Council on Justice and Corrections*. NAACJ and Member Organization presence includes:

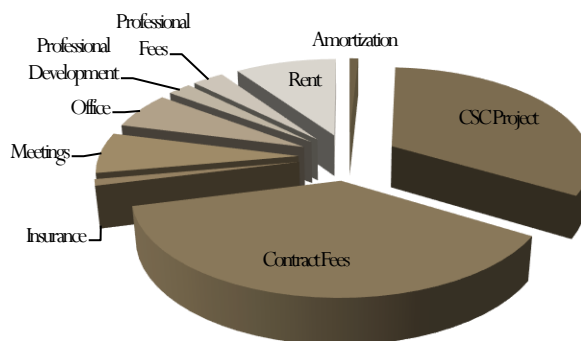
-  Addictions and Substance Abuse Programs and Supports
-  Community-based Parole and Supervision Programs and Services
-  Community Residential Facilities
-  Cross-cultural Conflict Resolution Training Programs
-  Employment Programs and Services
-  Family Wellness Programs
-  Friendship Centres
-  Gambling Programs
-  Housing Services
-  Local Offices
-  Mental Health Programs and Services
-  National Offices
-  Parenting Programs
-  Regional Offices
-  Restorative Justice Programs
-  Residential School Healing
-  Universities
-  Visitor Centres in Federal Correctional Facilities
-  Youth Ambassador Leadership Employment Programs
-  Youth-At-Risk Programs
-  Youth Gang Exit Programs

Evaluation and Financial Information

Year ended March 31 2008

Revenue	
Ministry of the Solicitor General	51,332
CSC Project	35,000
Interest Income	672
Membership Fees	5,400
	92,404
Expenses	
Amortization	790
CSC Project	31,431
Contract Fees	35,965
Insurance	1,037
Meetings	6,606
Office	5,943
Professional Development	2,131
Professional Fees	2,875
Rent	9,175
	95,953
Expenditures over revenue	(3,549)
Accumulated surplus	21,758

How Dollars are Spent



A Membership survey conducted in August 2007 confirms that NAACJ, in addition to its mandate:

- promotes the value of community groups and Member Agencies;
- brings together Member Agencies and Government officials to work together; and
- provides Agencies with exposure to decision-makers who may not otherwise be personally accessible.

Moreover, evaluations from NAACJ/CSC Consultation Meetings in 2008 reported 100% satisfaction with the opportunities they provided for participants to:

- Acquire information about correctional policy and approaches;
- Engage in dialogue on emerging and ongoing issues; and
- Enhance professional relationships and networks.

Support

The National Associations Active in Criminal Justice is grateful for the following individual and organizational contributions that allow us to continue and improve:

Grants and Contributions



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