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## **LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

It is the beginning of another year. With the beginning of this New Year, many thoughts are often given to New Year's Resolutions. As for me, I gave up several years ago trying to determine just what I was going to change about my life and myself in the next 365.25 days. Oh, I had a lot of ideas about what needed to be changed but I knew that I often got so caught up in the day-to-day happenings that the changes just never seem to take place. All the while, I knew changes would be taking place around me that would affect my life and me personally. Perhaps, you have occasionally found yourself in these same shoes.

I have begun 2005 as President of the KPIA. There are changes that need to be made in our Association. There are many licensed investigators in the state of Kentucky that need to be brought into the fold as members of KPIA. There are topics to discuss, issues to confront, ideas to explore, and dreams to be realized. Many of you have told me you do not envy my position as KPIA President. However, most of you know there are many challenges that we face and many changes that need to be addressed within our Association.

In the past, many members have been disappointed in the growth and involvement of KPIA in many areas. As is often the case, we sat in judgment with things not happening as we felt they should. Too often we fail to realize the need to get involved in the very issues we complain about. Let me encourage you as a member of KPIA to roll your sleeves up and get involved in our Association. There are many areas of service in which you can get involved. Don't be a negative member in 2005. Be positive that KPIA will grow and be a voice for its members. Consider KPIA as your business because it is. You have a decision to make in whether to let it fail in your expectations or to take actions to see that it grows and prospers towards success.

The success of KPIA in 2005 depends on the members. You and I! I assure you that I will do my best as your President to lead this organization to new heights. I will promise that changes will be made for the good of the order. Let me assure you that I will be counting on you to do your part, too!

In closing, let me remind you of the words of the famous Inaugural Address of President John F. Kennedy. "Ask not what your country can do for you...Ask what you can do for your Country!" With the same interest for KPIA as President Kennedy had for the United States, I ask you, what can you do? **What will you do for KPIA?"**

I sincerely wish for you and your family a most prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

David W. Duncan  
KPIA President

## **Meet Our President - David Duncan**

I am the current President of the Kentucky Private Investigators Association. I am married to Michelle and enjoy being the stepfather to her three sons, Kyle (age 10), Adam (age 9), and Eric (age 6). My family lives in Madisonville, Kentucky and we attend the Grapevine Baptist Church. I have been a member of KPIA for the past three (3) years having served on the Board of Directors of KPIA and was appointed by the past President to the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

I was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky on June 28, 1950. After completing grade school, my parents moved to Russellville, Kentucky where I graduated from Russellville High School in May 1968. In the fall of 1968, I enrolled in Campbellsville College (now Campbellsville University), Campbellsville, Kentucky. During my junior and senior years, I served as the pastor of a small Baptist church in Central Kentucky. In 1973, I graduated from Campbellsville College with a Bachelor of Science degree with an Area in Business Education. This was basically a major in Business with a minor in Education. I received certification as a secondary (high school) teacher.

Upon graduation, I moved to Madisonville, Kentucky where I joined the staff of the First Baptist Church as their Minister of Youth. Over the next few years, I served in various area churches in the youth and music director positions. After some time, I became a Juvenile Counselor with the Hopkins County Juvenile Court Project (a trial run at Juvenile Court as we know it in KY today). I later entered the retail marketing world holding positions such as Customer Service Supervisor, Assistant Manager, and Manager of various retail businesses.

In May 1977, I became a police officer with the Madisonville Police Department in Madisonville, Kentucky. I was the first college graduate hired by the Department. While a member of the MPD, I moved through the ranks. I served as Detective for over 12 years eventually being appointed to the position of Supervisor for a period of years. Other positions I held while a police officer were Public Information Officer, Crime Prevention Officer, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police, and Traffic Division Supervisor. I retired with the rank of Captain with just over 24 years of service. In addition to the local department responsibilities, I served on various civic group boards. I received the Governor's Award in Crime Prevention during the term of KY Governor John Y. Brown. For the last half of my police career, I was certified as a Police Instructor through the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training and traveled to various locations in Kentucky teaching police officers in the traffic enforcement, radar operation, and criminal investigation areas. I have been an adjunct professor at the Madisonville Community College teaching Criminal Investigation courses. I am currently in my third year as Vice-President of the Pat Collins Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #19 in Madisonville.

After retiring from the Madisonville Police Department in October 2001, I started Global Investigation Agency in Madisonville. In early 2003, I attended the National Association of Fire Investigators Advance Training Seminar receiving national certification as a Fire and Explosion Investigator (C.F.E.I), Vehicle Fire Investigator (C.V.F.I.), and as a Fire Investigator Instructor (C.F.I.I.). In addition to my own PI business, in April 2003, I became the Western Kentucky area fire investigator for Forensic Fire Investigation Bureau. As an offspring to Global Investigation Agency, Michelle and I also own GIA Process Service ([www.kentuckyprocessservice.com](http://www.kentuckyprocessservice.com)).

With the ebb and flow of the economy, other business interests have surfaced in the

Duncan household. Michelle and I are the co-owners of Mini Moto Mall ([www.minimotomall.com](http://www.minimotomall.com)). Now, we are venturing into the "glowing" business of soy candles. I must admit that I do not have that much "free time" on my hands and, Michelle often finds me AWOL while I am conducting a fire scene investigation or other such investigative cases. With so much going on in the Duncan household, I find little time for any hobbies or other adventures.

### ***Legislation Update:***

The Electronic Privacy Information Center has sent a letter dated December 16, 2004, to the Federal Trade Commission requesting examination of information brokers use of credit headers. I suggest that investigators review this document at:

<http://www.epic.org/privacy/choicepoint/fcraltr12.16.04.html>

This is a long document which will serve as a precursor of privacy advocates' attempts to push through their agenda in the 109th Congress that will affect our profession. Although much of the document concerns ChoicePoint the positions of EPIC are consistent with their past attempts to close our profession's access to personally identifiable information and shield derogatory information concerning the subjects of our investigations.

Our thanks to Tamara Thompson and Francie Koehler for the heads-up on the existence of this document. NCISS will continue to take the necessary steps to protect our profession's present access to credit header information. On behalf of NCISS I also wish to thank all of you that helped defeat the Clay Shaw bill that would have denied our continued access to such sources. Your many letters to the various congressional committees reviewing Shaw's bill and your financial contributions during 2004 played a great part in our achieving this legislative victory. Your continued support and hopefully your efforts in increasing the membership of NCISS and our legislative war chest will achieve the same results in 2005.

Information concerning NCISS membership or offering financial assistance to the NCISS legislative Committee to refute the positions of organizations such as EPIC can be obtained by contacting NCISS at 1-800-445-8408, or [nciss@verizon.net](mailto:nciss@verizon.net) or [www.nciss.org](http://www.nciss.org) or just mailing your check in any amount to the NCISS Legislative Fund, 7501 Sparrows Point Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21219.

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## George Washington University Law School

How would you like to join the only organization representing the interests of professional investigators in Kentucky? Not sure? Want to learn more? Join us as our guest at the next regular K.P.I.A. membership meeting. For the exact time date and location please visit our website: [www.kpia.org](http://www.kpia.org) .

### ***Editor' s Corner:***

As you know, the K.P.I.A. has not published a newsletter since the Spring of 2002. Some of the reasons were valid and some may not be so valid. It would be of no value to debate the reasons for the absence of this very important voice of the membership. Instead let's move forward with our quarterly publication and on occasions, a special issue may be approved by the K.P.I.A. President, David Duncan. When David became our fourth president, I asked him to let me try editing the Kentucky Investigator in 2005. I have previously assisted with the K.I., however, mainly in providing information to be published but I have never put together our newsletter from A to Z. This past month has been a real learning experience, sometimes frustrating and sometimes rewarding when my research and keystrokes work together. So I guess what I'm asking for, is your patience and promise to improve your association newsletter with each new issue .

I thought about our theme "Voice of the Membership" and maybe for the first time realized that the Kentucky Investigator is not suppose to consist of just articles from the president, editor, member profile, training, recent events, etc. but, for our newsletter to be successful it needs to truly be the "Voice of the Membership". So my next question was how can this be accomplished along with the very important articles mentioned above?

First, I believe we have very talented members in the K.P.I.A. and what better way to share those talents with the other members then to submit an article of interest or expertise. Another important way to be a "Voice of the Membership" is to make suggestions as to what you would or would not want to see featured in the K.I. Members could also submit an interesting article about our profession or a private investigator who was featured in the media.

The Kentucky Investigator is the "Voice of the Membership" but when you really think about it, the K.I. doesn't belong to just the members. One of the principles our association was founded on was to benefit all private investigators and their clients, the citizens. It is our responsibility to forward our newsletter to a non-member, businesses, legislators, other associations, not just private investigator associations.

I will be including the K.I. in the 22 "Association Newsletter Exchange" program to get started. And I would ask you to please email me the name and address of any person , business, or organization you believe would benefit and also benefit the K.P.I.A. by receiving a copy of our newsletter. Do you know someone who is taking a criminal justice course and would be willing to give a copy of the K.I. to their professor? Kentucky has at least one college offering private investigation in their curriculum; however, I'm not sure which college. If you know, I would appreciate their contact information and I will see that each new issue of the K.I. is mailed to them.

Please take note of the pricing for an ad placed in the Kentucky Investigator. I am currently sending out emails / letters to vendors quoting these prices and asking them if they would be interested in advertising in the K.I. Hopefully, by the time the Spring issue is ready, our K.I. budget will be completely covered by advertisers or at least a good portion of it. I will be extending the FREE business card ad for members throughout 2005. Just place your business card in an envelope and mail to me and I will be sure it is displayed in one of our issues before the year end.

Thank you for your support and confidence as your Editor of the Kentucky Investigator and it will be my goal to always keep the K.P.I.A. newsletter informative and interesting.....

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## Here Come The Glamour Gumshoes

By WARREN ST. JOHN

For a seasoned private investigator like Richard Dietl, it was a standard case. A wealthy Greenwich, Conn., executive was desperate to find his 15-year-old daughter, who ran away to follow the band Phish. Mr. Dietl knew that the easiest way to track her down was to go undercover as a tie-dyed Phish fan. But for someone his age (52) and sartorial tastes (pinstripes with white collars and French cuffs), blending in wasn't an option.

So Mr. Dietl called upon a 24-year-old associate, Sean Lanigan. Mr. Lanigan flew to Las Vegas, where Phish was playing. He disguised himself as a hippie, hit the parking lot party scene and soon found the girl -- selling peanut butter and jelly sandwiches from the back of a Volkswagen van. By nightfall, her father was on board his private jet, on his way to pick her up.

"You send in a 40-, 45-year-old retired police officer, he looks suspicious," Mr. Lanigan said. "When you see me, your first impression is not 'This guy's a cop.' "

In the old days, private investigation firms were staffed mostly by former police officers supplementing their pensions with a little gumshoe work. But times, along with the investigation and security industry, have changed. Private investigators now devote themselves to corporate background checks, high-tech surveillance, retrieving deleted e-mail messages from company hard drives and, of course, the occasional old-style sleuthing, like trailing cheating spouses.

These new snoops are more likely to have liberal arts or computer science degrees than experience walking a beat. They're much more likely to pack iPods than .38 Specials. And unlike Jake Gittes, the reluctant P.I. played by Jack Nicholson in "Chinatown," who urges the suspicious wife Mrs. Mulwray to "let sleeping dogs lie," today's young sleuths comb through databases to learn the particulars of private lives with the same sense of eagerness with which they might Google their next dates or play the latest edition of Grand Theft Auto.

"It's exciting and voyeuristic to be looking into people's lives," said Amy Gray, 28, a graduate of Brown, who wrote about her three years as a private investigator in "Spygirl" (Villard). "The work intrinsically has a satisfying quality of solving a puzzle or playing a video game. There's a 'getting the bad guys' kind of feeling."

In recent years the number of college students studying forensic science has boomed, in part because media portrayals of private eyes and crime solvers in shows like "CSI" and "Cold Case" have glamorized the field, especially its computer-driven technical side. Where in the past P.I.'s were portrayed as "fumbling, bumbling people," said Robert J. Loudon, a professor of science and protection management at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Manhattan, "more and more they're showing digital video and the use of electronic devices, which portrays it as high-tech and

exciting."

Another reason is simple economic opportunity. Although there are no statistics about employment in the risk management industry -- as private investigation companies now call themselves -- many firms say that in the wake of last year's corporate scandals and the threat of terrorism, the paranoia business is booming. Revenues at Kroll, a 2,300-employee company with offices around the globe, were up nearly 40 percent in 2002, to \$289 million, compared with 2001. Robert Tucker, 33, who is the chairman and chief executive of T&M Protection Resources, one of New York City's largest security and investigations firms, said his company now has 800 employees, six times as many as it had in 1999.

"If you're good at it, there's an untold amount of work," he said.

Perhaps the biggest change has been in the industry itself, which has come to favor computer-savvy database wizards over the old-school door-knocking detective. Mike Pattishall, 26, a researcher at Corporate Risk International in Fairfax, Va., said that by searching the online services his company subscribes to, he can get the skinny -- court records, motor vehicle information, property filings, even photographs -- on almost anyone.

"Where in the past it required sending a field agent out to gather information," he said, "now 9 times out of 10 you can find it online."

A walk around the Midtown office of Beau Dietl & Associates, Mr. Dietl's firm, paints a vivid picture of this new way of sleuthing. While former police officers occupy the corner offices -- law enforcement plaques on their walls, pistols on their desks -- a group of people in their 20's with "Law & Order" looks sit in a row of cubicles, clicking away at computer terminals and checking résumés of potential hires of Fortune 500 companies to see, for example, if they really graduated from the schools they list.

Around town, other investigation firms have similarly youthful staffs. At BackTrack Reports, a background checking firm with offices in a Flatiron district loft, most of the staff members are in their 20's, according to the company's president, Chris Manthey, 37, and no one is older than 40. Mr. Tucker of T&M Protection said that his company employs perhaps 100 people in their 20's, mostly as researchers, to work alongside former F.B.I. agents and police officers.

At Kroll, only about 5 percent of the employees are former police officers, said Jules B. Kroll, the company chairman. The rest, he said, "are the same people who go for analyst positions at Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs, consulting positions at McKinsey or paralegal positions at top law firms."

At Beau Dietl & Associates, the young researchers are supervised by Frank Renaud, who has a Ph.D. in economics and whose desk is neatly stacked a foot high with color-coded case files. Mr. Renaud said he is less interested in the educational backgrounds of job candidates than in their curiosity.

"I like people who play chess and do crossword puzzles, people trained to ask questions," he said. Starting salaries at a large firm can range from \$35,000 to \$50,000, depending on experience and expertise. Top-notch investigators can make well into six figures.

Jennifer Elliott, 24, a researcher on Mr. Renaud's team, said that in the course of her computer searches, she had found executives at prominent companies who lied about their college educations. ("We got 'em," she said.) She has been on a couple of surveillances and has found she is good at what the industry refers to as "pretext calls" -- calling people under false pretenses to get information from them.

"People will tell you anything about themselves," she said.

Ms. Elliott said there is an additional benefit to her job -- telling dates what she does for a living. "I guess you could say they're impressed," she said.

A few desks over, Stephen Heskett, 27 a graduate of the American Musical and Dramatic Academy -- "My formal training," he says -- is working on behalf of a businessman who says he was wrongly accused of attempted murder by a jilted former spouse. Mr. Heskett is out to establish that the accuser is unstable, and he says he is well on his way.

"I don't have a gun and we never jump on cars," Mr. Heskett said when asked if the job lived up to its television billing. "The only weapons we have are laptops."

### *World Association of Detectives*

## *Attorney—Investigator Relationship*

The good working relationship between the attorney and their investigator is often crucial to the success of both professionals, and more importantly, the client they both serve. Here are some important investigative points to consider:

- Determine how the attorney located you and why they wish to hire you.
- Use good judgment regarding whether to accept the assignment.
- Follow the litigation timeline.
- Focus on long-term relationships with attorneys by helping them find other appropriate sub-specialists.
- Be prepared to refer work to colleagues if you don't have the skills to handle the assignment.
- Investigators should work close with the attorney to determine what information he or she has.
- What information is still needed.
- Try to brainstorm with the attorney about what evidence can be sought.
- Remember attorneys are specialists in the law not always laws impacting investigation procedures.

- Attorney– Client privilege exists when attorneys, as opposed to parties to a lawsuit, retain investigators.
- Determine what kind of information will help win the case.
- Consider attending trials for information that may need further investigations.

Be aware some conflicts between attorneys and investigators may not be able to be resolved and in those cases it would be the better course for both attorney and investigator to approach the demise diplomatically and professionally.

### ***Court TV is investigating “Parco, P.I.”***

The cable network has green lighted the reality docudrama series, which centers on a family of private investigators in New York and their cases. The Parco family includes patriarch Vinny, who heads the P.I. service; Carol, his no-nonsense wife; Danielle, their headstrong daughter; and Chris and Vinny Jr., their rambunctious twin sons.

The half-hour series, which is set to premiere in the first quarter of 2005, is described as a cross between the comedy " Arrested Development " and real-life series " Growing Up Gotti".

Court TV has ordered four episodes so far, with an option to pick up an additional nine. "Parco" is the next evolution of reality-based programming because it combines the excitement of a real-life private investigator with the mystery and intrigue of the real cases that he solves," said Marc Juris, who joined Court TV last week as general manager.

Parco, who specializes in marital cheating cases, came to prominence in 1991 when he found himself enmeshed in the Carolyn Warmus "Fatal Attraction" murder case.

Warmus was convicted of murdering her married lover's wife in a fit of jealousy with a gun supplied by Parco.

Parco had been employed by Warmus to determine if her lover, Paul Solomon, was cheating on Warmus with his wife or other women.

More recently, Parco was hired by the family of a Flight 800 victim to look into the possibility

that the jetliner was downed by a military accident.

Eventually he concluded that it was a terrorist incident though there has never been any independent or verifiable evidence of that. He says his suspicions were confirmed by a contact in U.S. intelligence. "After 9/11," Parco told reporters, "I am all the more convinced it was terrorism." Juris added that "Parco" is typical of the programming that Court TV viewers are going to start seeing on the network.

"It's about continuing to evolve Court TV as a relevant, entertaining cultural phenomenon, and out of that comes a lot of different kinds of shows in that investigation and justice category," he said.

## ***Useful Information***

### ***Criminal Records:***

#### ***Criminal Records Federal:***

(NCIC) National Crime Information Center is law enforcement's massive nationwide criminal history database. Although operated by the FBI, it is used by virtually every federal, state, and local law enforcement agency. NCIC has over 39 million records and is available nationwide to over 80,000 federal, state, and local authorized users. Access to NCIC is through a tightly monitored computer system over high security telephone lines. Access by unauthorized users is a federal crime.

NCIC currently consists of seventeen separate databases or "files". By far, the largest file is the Interstate Identification Index (also commonly known as the "Triple I") which has criminal records from all 50 states. Most of these are felonies, but some serious misdemeanors are also included. The "Triple I" is only as complete as the records that are supplied to the FBI by the states. Felony arrests could have occurred which would not be reflected in a person's Interstate Identification Index record due to shortcomings in the reporting process.

The remaining files are Stolen Articles, Foreign Fugitives, Missing Persons, both Gang and Terrorist Members, Unidentified Persons, U.S. Secret Service Protective file, Stolen Vehicles, Persons Subject to Protection Orders, Wanted Persons, and Canadian Police Information Center. Additional NCIC features include mug shots, right index fingerprints, sex offenders, and persons on probation or parole.

#### ***Statewide Criminal Checks:***

Statewide criminal checks can be run in 43 of 50 states by non-law enforcement persons. This includes states that offer statewide criminal conviction data and / or state prison histories. State prison histories, as a rule, will detect convictions for serious felonies, but not for less serious crimes which may have resulted in local jail time, probation, or both. Several commercial data vendors make criminal record information available to their customers as well.

#### ***Kentucky***

Criminal History Record Information includes information on arrests, detentions, indictments, and other criminal charges, as well as the disposition arising there from, including sentencing, correctional supervision, and release.

Kentucky is one of the few states with centralized collection of criminal court conviction records. The person whose record is being checked is notified, however. Name checks are done by mail only. Cost is \$10.00 each and they take a week to fulfill. Call 502-573-2350, ask for Records, and then request to be faxed a Record Request Form.

The Kentucky D.O.C. will release information on previously incarcerated felons. Their records go back to the early 80's. Call Offender information directly at 502-564-2433.

Names of inmates currently held by the Kentucky Department of Corrections can be viewed on the internet at [www.cor.state.ky.us/~kool/ioffsrch.asp](http://www.cor.state.ky.us/~kool/ioffsrch.asp)

***Kentucky Sexual Offender Registry:***

Kentucky State Police, 1250 Louisville Road, Frankfort, KY 40601 Website:  
[www.kentuckystatepolice.org/sor.htm](http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/sor.htm)

***Kentucky State Incarceration Records Agency:***

Kentucky Department of Corrections, P.O. Box 2400 Frankfort, KY 40602 Website: [www.corrections.ky.gov](http://www.corrections.ky.gov)

***Hint:*** A private company offers free web access at [www.vinelink.com/index.jsp](http://www.vinelink.com/index.jsp)

***On the lighter side: (This Atkins diet just doesn't seem to be working for me.....)***

***Some dumb criminal stories, I think you'll enjoy.....***

A man walked into a convenience store and placed a twenty dollar bill on the counter, asking for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the robber pulled out a gun demanding all the cash in the register. Quickly, the clerk acquiesced and the man fled leaving the twenty on the counter. The total amount of money he got from the cash register was less than fifteen dollars.

**Location Unknown**

One criminal broke into the basement of a bank through a street-level window. In the process, however, he suffered from several lacerations. After he realized that he could neither get the money nor climb back through the window from whence he came, the robber panicked. Realizing he was going to bleed to death if he did not get help, he located a phone and dialed 911. The rest, as they say, is history.

**Location Unknown**

A man from the town of Grand Forks, North Dakota, decided to travel to Fargo so that he could rob the First Community Bank. The criminal quickly scribbled a note demanding money and gave it to the teller. Frightened, she gave the man what he asked for and watched him run out of the door. Police were called and searches of the surrounding area turned up nothing. Upon reviewing the ransom note, it was noted that the message had been written on the perpetrator's bank deposit slip. Police traveled to the man's house and arrested him on his front porch

**Virginia Beach, VA**

Police in Virginia Beach, Virginia charged Charles Robertson, 19, with bank robbery after he made a series of dumb mistakes. After handing the teller a note of demands, Robertson retrieved the money and began to flee. Realizing he had forgotten the note, Robertson rushed back to the bank and grabbed the incriminating evidence. Racing back to his getaway car, he discovered that he had left the keys at the bank. Managing to elude police, Robertson made his way home and told his roommate, whose car he had borrowed, that it had been stolen. Very upset, his roommate called and reported his car stolen. Less than twenty minutes later, Officer Mike Koch spotted the car just a block from the bank. The officer retrieved the keys that had been left at the scene of the crime. When the keys fit the car, the officers went to the address the car owner had

given and arrested Robertson.

### **Arlington, VA**

A Virginia man went to the bank and presented a check for \$1,450, but the teller said that she would have to get approval from the Vice President and left. Melinda Babson, Vice President, recognized the woman's name on the check, but did not recognize the signature. Babson called the woman who said that she had not written a check for the amount. The unsuspecting man waited calmly out front sipping a cup of coffee until police arrived and arrested him for forgery. Police noted that the man was a "knucklehead" for staying at the bank. Had he left, however, police still could have easily tracked him down as he had given the teller his driver's license.

### **Location Unknown**

A would-be robber carefully entered the entrance of the bank, however, it would be the only thing he did correctly. He tripped on the step, causing his mask to fall off. His foot got caught under the doormat, causing him to slide across the floor to the counter. Staggering to his feet, the dazed and confused man waved his fake gun and said "This is a stuff-up!"

### **Location Unknown**

One man thought a good way to rob a bank and not get caught was through the drive through. Pulling up to the window, he wrote the teller a note, demanding money. The man even went as far as to holding up a knife. Laughing hysterically, the woman called the police and the suspect was eventually apprehended.

## ***Special Thanks ....***

*The K.P.I.A. would like to thank the Texas Association of Licensed Investigators Association (TALI) and long time TALI member and TCI Chairman, Rob Smith, for their generous invitation to attend their T.A.L.I. 2004 seminar as their guests and to observe first hand the association's continuing education program, the new distance learning program, and how Texas licensed investigators can earn a Texas Certified Investigator status. Less than three dozen of Texas 4000 investigators hold this nationally and internationally recognized designation . After January 1, 2005, all license renewals are required to have twenty (20) hours of Continuing Education credits in each license renewal period.*

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*We also want to thank K.P.I.A. past president John Arbogast and current president David Duncan who took time out from their busy schedules to attend the TALI seminar and also thanks to TALI members and Certification Chair Rob Smith. John and David were able to return with valuable information that will enable the KPIA's continuing efforts to work toward implementing similar programs for our members and licensed investigators in the state of Kentucky, especially since the Kentucky legislators dropped the CE requirements for now from the licensing statute. We look forward to receiving updates from the KPIA as they work to develop our own certification committee.*

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**KPIA MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 1-15-05**  
Elizabethtown, KY

President David Duncan called the meeting to order at 10:22 AM with eleven (11) members and two (2) guests present.

The invocation was led by Ron Marshall, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

President Duncan addressed the meeting and asked that past problems be left in the past and that the membership become involved to move the association forward.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously after a motion by Tommy Swango and a second by Patricia Suyak. The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved after a motion

by Eric Evans and a second by Kenneth Beach.

President Duncan listed this year's committees and the members of each one. He encouraged the members to become involved in a committee.

A discussion was held regarding the PI Licensing Board meeting. President Duncan stated that no member has been appointed to represent KPIA at the board meetings, and that no member should do so without permission from him. Donn Altmann reminded the members that the by-laws also restrict the use of the KPIA logo. Ron Marshall asked that President Duncan inform the PI Board that Gary Tinker is the legislative coordinator for KPIA.

Discussion was held regarding the requiring of 6 CEU hours in order to continue as a member of KPIA, as was approved by vote of the membership at the Madisonville meeting. Donn Altmann stated that this requirement should be included in the by-laws, and Tom Loos agreed to present a proposal to the By-Laws Committee.

A discussion was held regarding the KPIA membership directory. John Sabol asked that members be listed by locality. This will be looked into by the Directory Committee.

Discussion was held regarding the Fall Conference. It was agreed to invite other associations/parties to participate, but to have no co-sponsor for this event.

Ron Marshall and Sherron Halter will comprise the Election Committee.

Tom Loos asked that a list of committees be placed on the website.

President Duncan announced that, as he had been appointed President and had appointed Gary Tinker as Vice President, following the resignations of John Arbogast as President and Danny Triplett as Vice President, two one year term board vacancies were created, and that Ron Marshall was running unopposed for the three year board vacancy. Ron, as Chair of the Election Committee, suggested that one of the candidates for the one year vacancy be appointed to the position by the President. President Duncan appointed Patricia Suyak. Ron then moved that he and Tommy Swango be election by acclamation. John Sabol seconded the motion, and it was approved. Sherron Halter had previously been appointed by President Duncan as Secretary/Treasurer. The officer and board members having been duly approved, Tom Loos conducted the swearing-in ceremony, and the officers and board members were formally introduced to the membership.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

An amendment to the by-laws regarding dues was given a second reading. Tommy Swango moved that the amendment be accepted as read and added to the by-laws. John Sabol seconded the motion, and the amendment was approved.

An amendment to the by-laws regarding unethical/unprofessional conduct complaint procedures was given a second reading. Ron Marshall moved that the amendment be accepted as read and added to the by-laws. John Sabol seconded the motion, and the amendment was approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Tommy Swango suggested that election procedures be looked into and possibly revised, specifically that a person should be required to have been a member for a certain length of time before being able to run for office and that he/she should have served on the board before running for another office. He also asked for elimination of the requirement that a person be able to run for only one office.

Tommy also suggested that ethical standards or some sort of rules and regulations be adopted regarding use of the group e-mail. Pat Suyak suggested continuing the welcoming e-mails to new members.

Gary Tinker announced that the board had voted to remove associate and student members from the website searchable database and that those members would be placed at the bottom of the membership list. Donn Altmann proposed that only the name, address, and phone number be listed for such members. The question was raised about whether those members could be set up on the group e-mail to receive only, but Gary Tinker stated he didn't think that was possible. It was suggested that associate and student members be excluded from the group e-mail. Donn also suggested that all specialties be allowed to be listed on a member's website listing. This issue was turned over to the Website Committee for their review.

Gary Tinker stated that he had turned over to Senator Denton a proposed addition to the PI law which would allow a licensed PI to serve process in all counties of KY, that PI's follow the state laws of other states, and that the PI license number be placed on the service return. He has also proposed that a photo or other information be required to be provided by law enforcement to PIs to assist them in serving process. He stated that the Sheriff's Association has opposed this, but he does not know if they will actively oppose it to the legislature. Gary is now awaiting a response from Senator Denton on the proposals. John Sabol suggested that Gary contact NAPPS (national association of process servers) for possible assistance regarding the process service issue. Gary stated that Senator Buford has proposed legislation to exclude repossession businesses from the PI licensing law.

President Duncan reported the following regarding the PI Licensing Board: The PI licensing board has \$71,000 in funds at this time. Administrative Regulations are being drafted at this time. A problem has arisen with the reciprocal agreement with Tennessee, because TN PI law requires a PI from another state to have been licensed in that state for two years before being granted a TN license. Therefore, no KY PI can currently be granted a license in TN. Reciprocal agreements are being drafted with all states surrounding KY. The administrative contact with the state is leaving, and Wendy Satterly will take over the position until someone else is appointed. Complaints have been made that phone calls to the board administrator have not been answered. It was suggested that e-mails be sent instead, as these seem to be answered more quickly. The Legislative Research Committee has asked for clarification of the definition of an investigator in regards to the repossession business question/possible legislation. Neil Alioto is the new board chairperson, and Norman Williams is a member of the board. All applications for licensing have now been reviewed. David reiterated the wish of KPIA to assist the board and turned over to them a database containing 400 names of investigators. The issue was raised of how to file a complaint against an unlicensed PI. An affidavit is required with the signature of the complainant for quick action. Anonymous complaints may be made, but this will take longer. David also stated that when the board takes up the issue of continuing education, KPIA would like to be considered as the provider of such education. There are now 205 licensed investigators. David summarized the meeting as productive and stated that the board seems to want to work KPIA.

Tom Loos spoke to the group about the newsletter and the website. He suggested that the KPIA website link with usafreedomcorps.com so that members can make contributions for tsunami relief. Donn Altmann suggested that a link also be provided for donations to the troops. Tom showed examples of other state association newsletters and stated that there will be at least four newsletters per year, with the possibility of special issues if warranted. He said that PI Licensing Board minutes will be printed in the newsletter and that he has invited the board to have space in the newsletter for other issues if needed.

David spoke to the group regarding the number of meetings and asked for input. The consensus was that four quality meetings be held per year, with special meetings as needed. David stated that the next meeting will be held on 4-9-04 at the KRMCA Building in Frankfort, KY.

A drawing was held for the door prize. This was won by John Sabol.

There being no further business, Patricia Suyak moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ron Marshall seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherron Halter  
KPIA Secretary/Treasurer

