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The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines passion as an emotion of "intense, driving, or overmastering feeling or conviction." Many of us would define our role in protecting victims and the public as passionate. Whether we work in the fields of medical care, victim advocacy, investigation, prosecution, supervision, treatment or registration compliance, we all have the same goal: NO MORE VICTIMS! What better comrades to have – those working with you to fight against sexual violence. While our roles may be different, we share a common plight and understand what each other faces in this daunting task. Your MRNISO organization thanks you.

We thank you for your commitment and support as our organization has gone through many changes over the past couple of years. We now have revised bylaws which include formal election of officers to provide a continuity of leadership from within the organization. Our MRNISO Board membership has expanded to incorporate juvenile treatment and the federal system. We have taken on an Administrative Assistant to assist the organization in the various day to day needs. The board has assigned a committee to oversee the website (www.mrniso.org) and newsletter. I continue to be amazed at the willingness of our organization's members who take on MRNISO tasks in light of their own job responsibilities. THANK YOU! While with all these exciting additions, MRNISO continues to provide the best of the best in presenters and conferences.

As with many of us personally, the recession has made its way to our own organization. The past couple of conferences have had lower attendance and in turn has required us to dip into the checkbook a little more than ever before. We know that training budgets are much less if even still there – and that you have a choice on what conferences you choose to attend. The board believes strongly in continuing to provide the best conference that we can with the most pertinent issues and

trainers out there at the lowest cost. We also want to continue our offering of lunch and networking opportunities. Speaking of phenomenal presenters – you asked and we have delivered. The board is pleased to announce that Dr. Anna Salter is coming back to central Indiana to present for MRNISO at our fall conference. Additional details are included on page 2 of this newsletter.

The board has decided to forego a spring conference this year in order to focus our resources to the fall conference. We are currently considering new ideas for 2012 which will provide more opportunities to membership. We hope that you can plan to set aside time and resources and plan to join us in October for the Fall Conference.

Although we will not be hosting a conference this spring, a reminder – membership dues are due May 1. The board has decided to maintain the current membership fee of \$25.00 for the 2011 – 2012 membership year. A renewal form is included inside the newsletter. Please share membership information with your friends and colleagues. We welcome new members and look forward to everyone's input and participation.

The board has worked hard to include pertinent information in the newsletter,

so I hope you will take time to review and share your thoughts with us. MRNISO is YOUR organization and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

A special THANK YOU to the board for their behind the scenes work. If you are interested in showcasing your talents and gifts for our organization as a member of the board, please contact a board member. We are always interested in expanding the board membership.

Thank you for all you do each and every day to make our communities a safer place.

Best wishes for a wonderful Spring,

Christine Kerl, President



President's Message

MRNISO TIMELINE

May 1, 2011

Renew your
Membership!

June 1, 2011

Early Bird
Registration Expires

October 7, 2011

2011 Fall Conference
with Dr. Anna Salter

You Won't Want to Miss This!

Early Bird Special

Register by June 1, 2011 and receive a discounted rate on your registration for the 2011 Fall Conference. After June 1, 2011, rates will increase by \$50.

\$125 Registration plus
2011-2012 MRNISO Membership

\$175 Non-MRNISO
Member Registration

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Melanie Pitstick
Vice President

We are excited to announce details for our 2011 MRNISO Fall Conference. On October 7, 2011, Dr. Anna Salter is coming back to central Indiana to present. Dr. Salter received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and Public Practice from Harvard University and obtained a Masters Degree in Child Study from Tufts. She was a Teaching Fellow at both Universities.

Dr. Salter has lived in Madison Wisconsin since 1996 and consults half time to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. In addition, she lectures and consults on sex offenders and victims throughout the United States and abroad. She has keynoted conferences on sexual abuse in Australia, New Zealand, Scotland and England. In all, she has conducted trainings in 45 states and 8 countries. Dr. Salter also evaluates sex offenders for civil commitment proceedings and other purposes. She testifies as an expert witness in sexual abuse civil and criminal cases.

This years Fall Conference will be held at the Fishers Conference Center which is located at: 9775 North by Northeast Blvd, Fishers, Indiana 46307. Upon registration more detailed directions will be provided if needed. Lunch will provided on-site and is included in the price of registration. Registration will begin at 8:30am with the conference starting at 9:00am and ending at 4:30pm. A special rate for membership and/or registration is available through June 1, 2011. After that date, prices will increase by \$50.

Membership Renewals

Anthony Williams
Administrative Assistant

Memberships for MRNISO run from May 1 to April 30 each year; thus the renewal process for 2011-2012 is approaching quickly. With the decision to forgo a 2011 Spring Conference, a common renewal opportunity for our membership, it is important for current and/or new members to submit their membership to us to receive the

benefits of membership, including a discount on our 2011 Fall Conference. **Those who submit their renewal along with 2011 Fall Conference before June 1, 2011 will receive a discount of \$50. That is like getting two memberships for free.** Those who are interested in renewing their membership at this time may complete the form to the right and mail it back.

YES, I want to be a member and enclosed is my check for \$25.00

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