

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We are please to report, thanks to you, that our Annual Conference in Reno was successful. We've already completed the arrangements for our 2010 Annual Conference which will be held in the Orlando area at the Radisson Resort Orlando-Celebration in beautiful Kissimmee, Florida on September 27-29! We are proud to announce that our General Session Keynote Speaker for the 2010 conference will be **Dr. Stanton Samenow**, author of *Inside the Criminal Mind* and *The Criminal Personality*, and our Banquet Dinner Keynote Speaker will be **Terence Gorski**.

We've made a few changes to the scheduling of workshops and will be offering tracks next year for those interested, so please visit our updated website for details on the conference and speakers. Presenter proposal forms can also be downloaded, its never too early to submit! Be certain to register and book your rooms early to take advantage of the special room rates for conference attendees.

Due to the struggling economy and budget cuts for 2010, NAFC's magazine, *The Forensic Therapist*, will become an e-magazine beginning with your November/December issue, and will be available for download on our website. Hard copies will still be available for free upon request for members without computer/internet access. Hard copies will also still be provided to article contributors for distribution.

The Forensic Therapist is always looking for quality articles, so please consider writing an article for the magazine for your fellow members. Submission guidelines have been updated, so check out our website for more information.

NAFC is in the process of working with SAGE Publishing to publish an Annual Research journal, which will be available to members. Any members interested in contributing to the Journal, please contact NAFC at 260-426-7234.

In an effort to provide affordable training without the added expense of travel, hotels, time off of work, etc., beginning in January 18, 2010 NAFC will be offering online trainings for certification and continuing education through its division. Information and registration information can be found on our website.

**On October 8, 2008, it came to my attention that statements were published on ATSA's LISTSERV regarding NAFC and its officers that we found to be defamatory. These remarks were made by then President of the New Hampshire chapter of ATSA, Kimberly Marsh. I made numerous attempts to resolve the issue, to no avail. Being met with much resistance, as a last resort NAFC filed a lawsuit in federal court in an attempt to have these inflammatory statements retracted. As a result of negotiations, on the following page, you will find a letter of retraction written by former President of the New Hampshire ATSA chapter, Kimberly Marsh.**

**NAFC has adopted and will maintain a zero tolerance policy regarding slanderous, malicious, and faulty statements regarding the Association, its certifications, and the training it provides. NAFC has worked, and continues to work hard to provide quality certification and training to its members and has several of its certifications accredited. We value our members, and believe it to be our responsibility to you, our members, to maintain that standard.**

Once again, the holidays are upon us. Everyone at NAFC wishes you a Happy Holiday season and hope that all will have a joyous and safe time with your loved ones.

Sincerely,



Karla Taylor, MS, CCCJS  
President and CEO

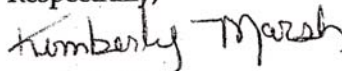
To All Concerned:

I am the former President of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (NH ATSA) and was its President on October 8, 2008. I also am a member of the national organization of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers and was a member on October 8, 2008.

On October 8, 2008, I was participating in a discussion on the ATSALIST listserv, an email discussion forum in which ATSA chapters participate. On that date, when a fellow participant posted a query regarding the National Association of Forensic Counselors (NAFC). In response to this query, I posted a lengthy and detailed reply. I hereby retract my comments and opinions made in the October 8, 2008 email. My comments were based on personal opinion and faulty factual premises.

First, I want to make it clear that at no point have I worked for NAFC and at no point have I had personal access as to the internal workings of NAFC. So my knowledge of NAFC is necessarily limited for these reasons. I encourage all readers of this letter to conduct their own inquiries into NAFC when determining whether to join that organization and not rely on the comments and opinions in my letter. Third, NAFC, as well as NHATSA and I, have dedicated ourselves to the noble cause of treating people who have lost their way. NAFC and NHATSA are in agreement that there is no need for dissension or competition as we each explore the best way to provide treatment. We believe more collaboration and open-mindedness would go a long way toward meeting our collective goals.

Respectfully,



Kimberly Marsh  
Former President of  
NH ATSA