



Florida Polygraph Association Quarterly Newsletter



March 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

We hope this newsletter finds you all well. We want to share some important messages from our Board Members:

From Richard Tullis:

Join us in making a difference with the Len Umanoff Memorial Scholarship Raffle! Our annual scholarship fund raffle will be during our next FPA Seminar in November, and we need your help. Do you have items to spare? Whether it's artwork, crafts, gift baskets, collectibles or gift cards, your donation to the scholarship fund raffle can change a student's life! Reach out to Board Member Richard Tullis if you have any questions about contributing items for this year's raffle. Let's make an impact together. Your generosity can brighten someone's future!

Also, please note **the DEADLINE** for scholarship submission of the Len Umanoff Memorial Scholarship is **MAY 05, 2024**. The application **must be completed and received by MAY 05, 2024**. Applications cannot be Faxed or E-mailed. These will be awarded at the November 2024 FPA Seminar. The application document and further information can be found at <https://www.floridapolygraph.org/umanoff>.

From Joe Waters:

Joe was kind enough to contact DCF regarding a question posed by members as to whether polygraph examiners are part of the professional class of mandatory reporters. This is what he learned from DCF:

Florida law specifies that everyone, including polygraph examiners, **MUST** report child and elder abuse. However, since examiners are **NOT** in the professional class of mandatory reporters, they do not have to provide their names. They can report such abuse by telephone to the hotline number, by mail using the online report, or through the online abuse website. Remember, failure to report or making false reports are classified as felonies.

From Sandy Dunn:

The Board of Directors would like to thank Chris Conley for his service on the board. Unfortunately, Chris made the tough decision to step down from the board due to his increasingly busy schedule. Chris was a great asset to the board and was instrumental with setting up a system to send out surveys so we can get much needed feedback from our members.

Wishing Everyone a Happy Spring!

IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to Joe Pirro for being awarded a FPA Lifetime Membership. We are thankful for his service as FPA President!



SAVE THE DATE

2024 FPA Seminar will be at Daytona Beach Shores Resort & Spa from 11/20 - 24, 2024

Schedule will be announced in April

POLYGRAPH NEWS

1. A new article authored by Raymond Nelson discussed multiplicity effects in using serial single-issue (SSI) screening testing as it has been suggested with the SIST. The SIST was first suggested in 2022. The suggestion was to use the DLST format (renamed as SIST) with one relevant screening issue being asked twice during one test (2RQs, same issue). This would require most agencies/examiners to run four single issue screening tests on each applicant. The results of Nelson’s research “Failed to support the SSI hypothesis as advantageous when compared to the results of traditional multi-issue screening [tests]”. The evidence thus far does not support it. See Nelson, R. (2024) Short Report: Bootstrap Analysis of Serial Testing Effects Using Laboratory Data. *Polygraph & Forensic Credibility Assessment: A Journal of Science and Field Practice* 53(1):63-68
2. In an article from the APA Magazine, the authors suggested utilizing the Utah CQT 4RQs for single issue screening testing as an alternative to the BOST. This was presented as an option at the November 2023 seminar. See Blalock et al., (2023) An Effective Strategy for Improving Single-Issue Screening Exams. *APA Magazine* 56(5): 136-139

CURRENT FPA BOARD MEMBERS

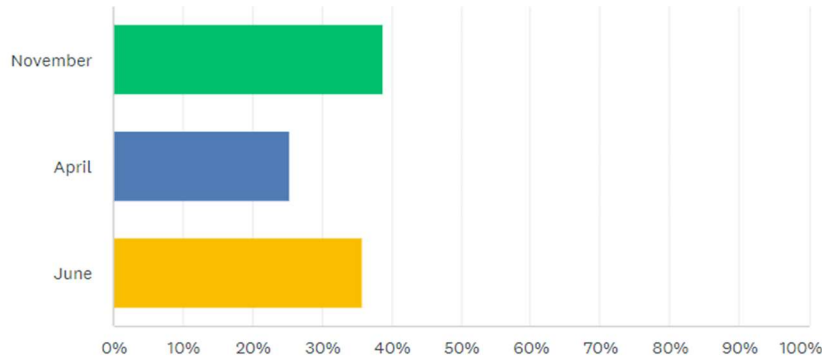
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SURVEY RESULTS

A survey was sent to all members regarding the 2025 Seminar. Thank you to all the members who participated in the survey! Below are the results of the survey:

What month would you like to have the seminar?

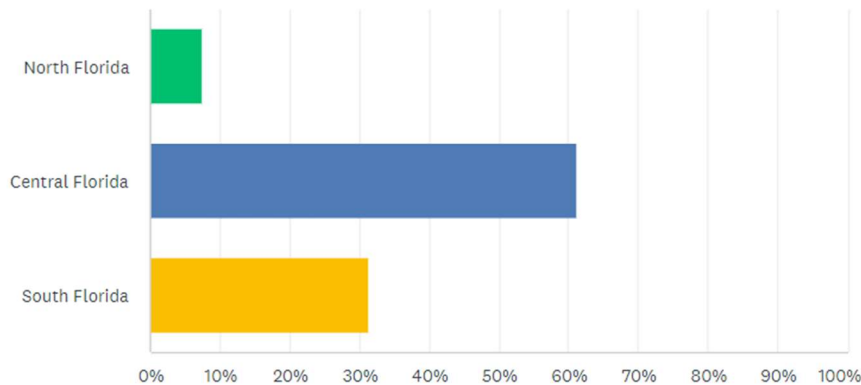
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ November	38.81% 26
▼ April	25.37% 17
▼ June	35.82% 24
TOTAL	67

What area of Florida would you like to have the seminar?

Answered: 67 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ North Florida	7.46% 5
▼ Central Florida	61.19% 41
▼ South Florida	31.34% 21
TOTAL	67