

MESSAGE

from the Executive Director

SCOTT BURNS



Spreading NDAA Good Will at the Olympics

I WAS ON THE LAST PLANE out of Washington, DC, on February 8, before a major storm paralyzed the city. I flew to Vancouver, Canada, and had the privilege of serving as the chairman of the Independent Observer (IO) Program that is charged by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) to ensure that athletes compete fairly and drug-free in the Olympics. My team consisted of ten people from around the world (Kuwait, Germany, UK, Luxembourg, Canada, Australia, Norway, Latvia, Japan and the U.S.) who are lawyers, doctors, laboratory directors and sports and doping experts. I had a front row seat at the opening and closing ceremonies, saw every major event and had a hotel balcony view of the Olympic flame and Olympic rings. I was honored to represent NDAA (the opening Olympic Press Conference made clear that I was associated with America's district attorneys) and I hope I was able to spread a little good will for all of us around the world.

Upon my return, I encountered all of the things that we (NDAA) have been working on over the past year (IG audit, grant applications, NAC funding, John R. Justice Loan Forgiveness funding, the Webb Commission, National Academy of Sciences Report, Executive Working Group with AG Holder, Web site upgrade, College course attendance, policies and procedures drafting, and a hundred other issues); and I also encountered the incredible people that make up NDAA who go to work every single day to support the great work of prosecutors across our country. I attended our Board meetings in Charleston in April and updated the Board with respect to our financial situation (our number one priority) as our long Inspector General's Audit is winding down. I want to thank those brave souls that came to our NDAA Capital Conference (especially those that were snowed-in and stranded in the Liaison Hotel) and thank all of you that reached out to your Senators and House Members regarding NAC and JRJ funding. I also want to thank the entire Board and the Executive Committee for allowing me to serve at the Olympics and represent our great country.

As always, if you need anything, please call me (mobile: 703.919.9286) or e-mail me (sburns@ndaa.org).

NEW FACES AT NDAA

Grants Manager

NDAA's new grants manager, Patrick St. Clair, worked as a contractor in the Office of Justice Program's Office of the Chief Financial Officer from 2000-2010. He served as a financial analyst with OJP's Customer Service Branch where he assisted grantees nationwide with all manner of questions concerning OJP financial guidelines and policy. While at OJP he also assisted in the development of several of OJP's proprietary systems, including Web-based SF425 financial reporting and the forthcoming GPRS grant payment system that will be rolled out in FY2010. Patrick managed to submit one grant application in his first week and, while managing the daily grind of active grants, he is preparing to submit several more.

Scott Burns, NDAA Executive Director, said "we are very fortunate to have someone with Patrick's experience and skill onboard at NDAA; because we deal with millions of dollars in training grants every year, and because it is imperative that we follow technical federal grant requirements, Patrick is a welcome addition to our NDAA Family."

Chief Financial Officer

NDAA has hired a CFO with extensive experience providing operational leadership in high performing nonprofit organizations with assets ranging from \$2 million to \$2 billion. Tom Harrison is a MBA with over 20 years experience in strategic planning, financial analysis, budget development, monthly forecasting, grants, human resources and benefits, bank and investment management, internal controls and procedures, and IT/MIS.

Scott Burns, NDAA Executive Director said "one of our goals at NDAA has been to recruit a "top notch" Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to assist us in making sure that all financial aspects of NDAA (budget, investments, grant compliance, accounting, internal controls, etc.) are consistent with state and federal laws and that we have a sound basis upon which to move forward—I am pleased to say that we have found that person in Tom Harrison. Tom brings over 20 years of experience working with nonprofit and for-profit entities, has a great reputation in the field and is anxious to join NDAA."