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President's Message

From the desk of... Barbara Oswald, FPPOA President

After four years as FPPOA president, I thought my days of leading this organization were but fond memories. However, fate had other ideas. In October of 2013, I received a call from FPPOA Vice President Chris DeRicco. Chris informed me President Karin Storm had resigned from the agency - Chris' news did not stop there, as he advised me our national treasurer had also resigned from the Board. For those of you who do not know Chris, it is very difficult to say no to him. That being said, a motion and a Board vote later and I was appointed President once again.

Other changes included a new President of the Great Lakes Region, SUSPO Eileen Vodak from Wisconsin Eastern. Recently elected Central Region President, Senior USPO Amy Kord from New Mexico was appointed by the Board as the national Treasurer. USPO Jennifer Morris from Northern Texas was recently appointed Central Region President. We also have a new Newsletter Editor, Senior USPO Art Bowker, from Ohio Northern. Many thanks to all of those that stepped up to the plate during the organization's time of need.

The FPPOA was founded in 1955 as a nonprofit professional service organization, composed of strictly feder-

al probation and pretrial services officers and others who support the agency. We are the only group that is representing the sole interests of Probation and Pretrial. Most of our income is derived from annual membership dues. These dues are used to support the outreach, research, scholarships, and other causes that the association promotes. One of our proudest accomplishments is being able to recognize outstanding line officers across the country on a yearly basis. Congratulations to the 2013 Line Officer of the Year award winners, who are recognized in this newsletter.

Over the years, FPPOA has led the call for change and has supported issues facing the federal probation and pretrial services system. Through the current national board's efforts, we will continue to make our voices heard and make a difference. FPPOA has laid a solid foundation for continued communication and change through our networking with CAG (Chief's Advisory Group), PPSO (Probation and Pretrial Services Office), the Judicial Conference, FJC, NTA and many other groups and agencies.

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