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I would like to encourage you to join or reconsider becoming a member of the NYSPOA. This organization has truly been both professionally and personally beneficial to me having been a member and actively involved for over a decade. I feel the association could also benefit from your participation, support, professionalism, and membership. Because together, we can do better!

Over the last year we have worked with the Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (OPCA) on the Caseload Explorer workgroup to provide valuable feedback on ways in which the statewide system can be improved in the near future for those who use it daily. We have also been a part of a newly formed OPCA workgroup to promote officer wellness throughout the state. Officer wellness has been something that the NYSPOA has also been focusing its efforts on over the last few years, and we have and will be obtaining feedback from our membership to determine what is needed, helpful, and would be of most support to benefit our line personnel.

The NYSPOA Legislation Committee continues to work diligently to monitor legislation in Albany, New York and how it will impact Officers and our profession. Although the Governor again vetoed the 207c bill in November 2018, the NYSPOA Legislation Committee had it reintroduced this session. Additionally, on February 5, 2019 members of the NYSPOA and its Executive Board met with over sixty elected officials (State Assembly and State Senate) to educate and discuss various pending legislation, the budget, bail reform, legalization of marijuana, and criminal justice reform policies.

As a NYSPOA member you also have access to the Legal Defense Fund if you are involved in a critical incident. In addition, members can enter into the conference scholarship drawing to win a registration scholarship to this year's conference, which will be held on July 31, 2019 - August 2, 2019 at [Resorts World Catskills](#). For more information on our conference [click here](#).

Because members of our executive board are located throughout the state, we transitioned to a membership database software program in January 2018 to expedite membership transactions and processing. You can renew your membership [here](#). **All membership accounts have a user ID and are linked to an email address.** If you have used a different email address in the past to set up your account and/or are unsure of your membership status, please email veronica@nyspoa.com with any membership account access questions OR you believe your membership is linked to a different email and need to change your current email address.

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Membership dues may be paid online by credit card. If paying by credit card, once you complete the online membership process you will be directed to the payment page via PayPal. If you do not have a PayPal account, you may check out as a PayPal guest.

You may also choose to mail your membership dues to us after creating or logging into your NYSPOA account and completing your membership form. Please note: if you pay by check or money order, your online account and membership will not be re-activated until the check is received by the NYSPOA Treasurer.

Should you prefer to reach out to your NYSPOA Regional Vice President for assistance with renewing your membership and/or all things NYSPOA, you can connect with your representative by [clicking here](#).

If you did recently join our professional association through the efforts of our board members or colleagues, Thank You!

I hope you will consider joining and continue to renew your NYSPOA membership and will also consider becoming more active with the association and its longstanding mission. Thank you for your consideration and service to Probation! Please feel free to share this letter with your co-workers.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Wargo
NYSPOA President