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Public Policy Committee

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At the convention meeting in June, the public policy committee established two priorities for 2008-2009, namely responding to the call from the Department of Justice on amendments to the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA), and preparing a statement on bullying. At the June 14th board meeting it was decided that the CPA President would serve as liaison to the board.

The committee communicated via e-mail and submitted to the board draft guidelines for policy statements that will be reviewed by the board.

Juanita Mureika championed the YCJA initiative and with the input of three members with special expertise in the area, a response to the proposed amendments to the YCJA was submitted to the Department of Justice by the August deadline. The Committee posted its response via CPA news and on the website. In addition, articles on the response were published in *Psynopsis* and in the section newsletter, *Crime Scene*.

The bullying subgroup is working on a statement.

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