

ACJS Annual Board Meeting
Friday, March 22, 2013
Sheraton Dallas Downtown Hotel, Dallas Texas

The meeting of the ACJS Executive Board was held on Friday March 22, 2013. It began at 3:30 p.m. in the Executive Boardroom of the Sheraton Dallas Downtown Hotel

Present were James Frank, President; Brian Payne, First Vice President; Brandon Applegate, Second Vice President; Craig Hemmens, Immediate Past President; David F. Owens, Treasurer; Prabha Unnithan, Secretary; Jill A. Gordon, Trustee-At-Large; Heather L. Pfeifer, Trustee-At-Large; Philip Reichel, Trustee-at-Large; Denise Kindschi Gosselin, Region One Trustee; Alexis J. Miller, Region Two Trustee; Brad Smith, Region Three Trustee; David Montague, Region Four Trustee; Marlyn Jones, Region Five Trustee; Mary K. Stohr, Executive Director and Cathy L. Barth, Association Manager

Lorenzo Boyd, Program Chair for the 2013 Annual Conference and Peter Wood, Chair of the ACJS Public Policy Committee were present as guests for part of the meeting.

The meeting began with introductions from all present

1. 2013 Program Chair's Report: Lorenzo Boyd presented a post-conference assessment. This was the first Conference in which all attendees received flash drive and no printed program. Boyd reported that most participants were fine with this and the technology available at the sessions. The "one day at a time" program apps provided by ACJS were popular as they were easier to download compared to the whole program. A lot of ACJS events were listed on various Facebook pages. Boyd also noted that Twitter followers increased and he considered this will be the "wave of the future." There were some cancellations, especially by Federal government employees due to the sequestration imposed by Congress. Hemmens thanked Program Chair Boyd and his Program Committee on behalf of the Board, and this was followed by a round of applause.

The agenda for the meeting was approved unanimously following a motion made by Hemmens which was seconded by Gordon

2. President's Report. Frank complimented Hemmens for his many initiatives as President (e.g., improved contracts with our journal publishers, Taylor and Francis). He intended to continue what Hemmens's efforts. He reported that the various ACJS Committees had been charged and were moving forward. The planning for the next Annual Conference in Philadelphia at the Marriott Downtown in 2014 was going well. Hemmens moved and Gosselin seconded that the Report be accepted. Frank abstained.

3. First Vice-President's Report. Payne reported that he is soliciting volunteers for various ACJS Committees. We needed to make official announcement regarding the same. Hemmens moved and Gosselin seconded that the Report be accepted. Motion carried unanimously. Payne abstained.

4. Second Vice-President's Report. As part of the duties of the Second Vice President, Applegate appointed four committee members. These include one member of the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee, two members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee (one as

Assistant Deputy Chair), and the Assistant Deputy Chair of the Program Committee. The following individuals had agreed to serve in, and were appointed to, the positions indicated next to their names:

- Deeanna Button, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee Member;
- Jeff Bouffard, Sam Houston State University, Constitution and Bylaws Committee Assistant Deputy Chair, and, Wes Jennings, University of South Florida, Constitution and Bylaws Committee Member;
- Joe Sanborn, University of Central Florida, Program Committee Assistant Deputy Chair;

Hemmens moved and Owens seconded a motion accepting the Second Vice-President's Report. Motion carried unanimously with Applegate abstaining.

5. Immediate Past President's Report: Hemmens reviewed major happenings at the 2013 Dallas Conference. He noted that events with featured speakers (e.g., David Dow, Craig Watkins) went well, although attendance was a bit low and it would have helped if there had been more publicity about them. The major receptions went smoothly and were well-attended. The Sage professional development workshop for junior faculty was a success. Payne moved and Gosselin seconded a motion to accept the report. Motion carried unanimously with Hemmens abstaining.

6. Treasurer's Report. Owens mentioned that there was nothing new to report beyond what was presented at the Tuesday Meeting of the Executive Board.

7. Secretary's Report. Unnithan had nothing to report as this was his first meeting in the role of Secretary.

8. Executive Director's Report. Stohr described the 2013 Dallas Conference. Discussion centered on our new procedure dispensing with printed programs and providing attendees with flash drives containing the Conference program. She noted that it was helpful to have a staffed search station available for those who had difficulty finding panels and locations. Several ideas for further improvement were generated. More detailed maps were needed for the electronic program. It was mentioned that some participants missed the printed program and there were suggestions that this reflected generational differences in comfort with new technologies. Placing a shortened printed program in the packets handed out at registration with only events, panel titles and locations mentioned was suggested. There was general agreement that a survey regarding "going green" should be done. An email would be sent to all members (or attendees) with a link to Survey Monkey regarding this issue.

The joint meeting with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and members of the ACJS Board went well. The IACP expressed a desire to connect with ACJS more. For example, ACJS could have one of our members on their research board and they would welcome "Research in Brief" articles for their publications. Further their members could attend our Conferences with waivers of registration provided, if needed. Given that IACP is a large organization it would be in the interest of ACJS to pursue this further. A separate panel presentation by IACP members was, unfortunately, not well-attended.

Barth noted that the Dallas Conference had 1480 attendees with a room pickup of 82%. Several attendees had to cancel due to problems associated with the ongoing Congressional sequestration. Hemmens moved and Applegate seconded a motion that the Executive Director's Report be accepted. Motion carried unanimously

9. Public Policy Committee: This Committee has been upgraded from an ad hoc one to a standing committee. Wood briefed the Board regarding issues pertaining to ACJS and its possible involvement with criminal justice policy making at the Federal level especially in relation to Congress. The extended discussion that followed centered on whether ACJS, as an organization, should take policy positions or not. For example, should we get into the debate on guns and violence? Should we take positions on the issues such as the death penalty and wrongful convictions? Suggestions emerged such as constituting a directory of experts who could write policy briefs; beginning a section in our newsletter, ACJS Today, that might be named, "Policy Corner" similar to the white collar crime page of the national white collar crime group, Further, should ACJS advocate a position or simply lay out the issues? Further discussion ensued about whether issues should be tied to a particular person tagged as an expert.. Interest was expressed in having experts write white papers. A motion was made to ask the Public Policy Committee for a process to produce white papers, especially on the questions of who will write them and how they will be generated. Gordon made the motion with Hemmens seconding it. Motion carried unanimously. A friendly amendment was made by Applegate that the Committee examine processes utilized by other professional associations such as the American Medical Association and its official publication the Journal of the American Medical Association. Vote in support of the amendment was unanimous

A second discussion centered on whether ACJS should join with the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) to advocate our interests in Washington, DC. The Public Policy Committee was asked to report back to the Board the nature of services that COSSA would be providing if we joined them along with benefits and costs to doing so. Gordon made a motion to charge the Committee to do so and was seconded by Hemmens . The motion carried unanimously.

[At 5:00 pm Secretary Unnithan had to depart to catch a flight at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. At this point, Owens began taking minutes of the meeting..]

10. New Business: Executive Board Liaisons to various ACJS Committees needed to be named. Board members volunteered as follows for the committee assignments before their names:

- Student Affairs (a new standing committee) Marlyn Jones
- Assessment – Heather Pfeifer
- Ethics – Craig Hemmens
- Awards – Denise Gosselin
- Publications – Brandon Applegate
- National Criminal Justice Month - Brian Payne
- Constitution & By-laws - Alexis Miller
- Membership – Jill Gordon
- Public Policy – David Montague

- Affirmative Action-- Marlyn Jones
- Academic Review--Brandon Applegate (by Policy 401.01)

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ)/ACJS Partnership Committee and the Employment Exchange Committee are both ad hoc committees whose terms and charges have to be extended through Board action. A motion to extend the ad hoc Committee on NIJ/ACJS Partnership was made by Hemmens and seconded by Montague. The vote in support of the motion was unanimous. Another motion to extend the ad hoc Committee on Employment Exchange similarly was made by Gordon and seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

11. General Discussion: A number of questions pertaining to how to make the Conference more enjoyable for attendees were raised. For example, would it be possible to expand WiFi to hotel rooms with our attendees? It was suggested that we form an ad hoc Committee to make suggestions on improving the Conference (to report by mid-year). Smith moved and Applegate seconded the establishment of an ad hoc Committee on Annual Conference Improvements. The motion carried unanimously

Frank discussed selecting a date for the mid-year meeting in Philadelphia. It was suggested that the meeting be scheduled to begin on a Thursday afternoon, continue into the evening and finish on a Friday. Some Board members would leave on Saturday. Frank will send an email to Board members with possible mid-year meeting dates.

12. Adjournment. Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting. Smith seconded. Vote: in support of the adjournment motion was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Prabha Unnithan
(with thanks to Dave Owens)