

**General Business Meeting
ACJS
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Friday, March 4, 2011**

INTRODUCTIONS:

1. President Jim Marquart opened up the meeting at 9:30 am. He welcomed everyone and introduced those seated on the dais: Melissa Barlow, First Vice-President; Craig Hemmens, Second Vice-President; Dave Owens, Treasurer; Roslyn Muraskin, Secretary.

2. Craig Hemmens (2nd Vice-President):

Hemmens reported that George Higgins will be the new Editor of the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education* (JCJE) and thanked the current editor, Christopher Schreck, for his outstanding service as Editor.

Hemmens also indicated that the auditors found that the finances of ACJS are in great shape as reported to the BFA. The BFA meeting took place in January by conference call (due to the weather) and with the majority of the Committee onsite at the National Office in Maryland. The new policy will be that the BFA will meet on the Monday prior to the start of the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS).

Hemmens outlined his call for volunteers to both work on the Program Committee headed by Lorenzo Boyd for 2013 (Dallas, Texas) and other committees. In Dallas, ACJS will be celebrating its 50th anniversary and the hope is that it will be a big and very special meeting. The Standing Committees are:

- a. Academic Review Committee
- b. Affirmative Action Committee
- c. Assessment Committee
- d. Awards Committee
- e. Budget, Finance and Audit Committee
- f. Constitution and By-Laws Committee
- g. Ethics Committee
- h. Membership Committee
- i. Nominations and Elections Committee
- j. Program Committee
- k. Publications Committee
- l. Student Affairs Committee

Hemmens asked that any members wishing to volunteer for any of these committees (all volunteers must be a member in good standing) should come up after the meeting and volunteer their services.

3. **Melissa Barlow (1st Vice-President):** Barlow commented on the many, many volunteers for all the 2011-2012 committees and looks forward to a very successful meeting in New York City in 2012.

- a. Barlow thanked President Jim Marquart, Leanne F. Alarid, (Program Chair), and Cathy Barth and Mittie Southerland for all their hard work in putting together this year's program in Toronto, Canada. The "star" of this year's program was the play, "Who is the Enemy?" When the "members" of the "jury" stood up, it showed people who care about justice.
- b. One of the goals of Barlow's presidency will be to work with the Program Chair, Heather L. Pfeifer for the 2012 program in New York, the theme for which is "Sustainable Justice." The hope is that many of the plenary sessions, panels and roundtable sessions will address the theme, looking at how criminal justice policies, practices, and institutions relate to the theme of "Sustainable Justice."
- c. Important to ACJS will be the work of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy Coalition (between ACJS and ASC). The CCJPC is working to get decision makers in Washington to provide funding for our research activities and to make policy decisions based on research findings
- d. All the Standing Committees have received their charges for the year, and the hope is that they will be keeping us well informed about their activities.

4. **David Owens (Treasurer):** Owens thanked all for their support and indicated that our organization is very healthy and in good shape. He stated that if each member would ask another to join, we would be able to double our membership. He will be looking for new ideas to save monies and reiterated that the BFA will be holding their meeting on the Monday prior to the ACJS annual meeting. Our goal is to save money so that we will be able to accomplish all our goals and remain in good standing.

5. **Jim Marquart (President):**

Marquart indicated that it became a trying year due to the illness of Mittie Southerland, but with everyone pitching in, and with Cathy Barth there, everything was running smoothly. We knew that coming to Toronto (an International location) that there were some risks involved, but we did come close to making our room block quotas and there appeared to be a very positive feeling all around about this conference. Marquart stated that we all look forward to future meetings in New York, Dallas, Philadelphia, Orlando, Denver, and Kansas City. Our membership is at 2800 and we are forever growing. He thanked Richard Tewksbury for his role as editor of *Justice Quarterly* and welcomed Cassie Spohn as the new Editor who was doing a great job.

He indicated that by working together with the American Society of Criminology (ASC) that we will continue with our research endeavors so that we can talk about our research and its impact on policies from a practical point of view. We are sending representatives to a Congressional briefing in the latter part of March in the hopes of emphasizing the need for evidence-based policies and funding.

We now have online voting bringing us into the 21st century and allowing ACJS to be “green.” He ended by stating that we are healthy and a very vibrant organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Roslyn Muraskin, Secretary