

**General Business Meeting
ACJS
New York City, NY
Friday, March 16, 2012**

1. **President Melissa Barlow** opened up the meeting at 9:30 am. She welcomed everyone and introduced current Board members: **Craig Hemmens, First Vice-President; James Frank, Second Vice-President; Dave Owens, Treasurer.**

2. **James Frank (2nd Vice-President):**

Frank indicated that the auditors found that the finances of ACJS are in great shape as reported to the BFA. The BFA meeting took place on Monday, March 12, in New York City.

Frank outlined his call for volunteers to assist with ACJS Standing Committees. 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**

Frank 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. **Craig Hemmens (1st Vice-President):** Hemmens commented that the 2012-2013 committee membership is in place and all had received their charges for the year. The 2013 Annual Meeting is the 50th Anniversary meeting and many special events are being planned to honor this occasion.
4. **David Owens (Treasurer):** Owens thanked all for their support and indicated that our organization is very healthy and in good shape.

5. Melissa Barlow (President):

Barlow thanked everyone involved with the New York Annual Meeting and said that the meeting was a great success in terms of attendance and in terms of quality of research presented. The 2012 meeting was the largest in ACJS history. Attendees had commented that they were very pleased with the speakers, open seminars, and the panels, in general. Barlow spoke about her accomplishments in 2011-2012, including the valuable coalition with ASC giving ACJS a presence in Washington, DC, to address criminal justice issues with policy makers. The search for the ACJS Executive Director will be reopened and Dr. Mittie Southerland will be given the title of Executive Director Emeritus to mentor and assist in the transition of the incoming Executive Director. Congratulations were given to incoming ACJS Executive Board members Brian Payne, 2nd Vice President; Philip Reichel, Trustee-At-Large; and David Montague, Region Four Trustee. Barlow thanked her committees for 2011-2012 for their hard work and commitment to ACJS.

6. Question and Answer Period:

Martin Greenberg asked that the membership consider certifying students in criminal justice programs and, once certified, to receive the title of "Certified Criminal Justice Professional." Greenberg noted that other disciplines, such as social work, psychology, and the like, have similar certifications and that criminal justice should also. ETS has criminal justice field placement exams that could be used to devise standards and testing for certifications in criminal justice. Greenberg will propose to the ACJS Executive Board that an ad hoc committee be formed to examine this issue.