

**General Business Meeting**  
**Saturday, February 17, 2018**  
**Agenda**

IN ATTENDANCE: Nicole Piquero (President), Faith Lutze (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President), Prabha Unnithan (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President), Marlyn Jones (Treasurer), Heather Pfeifer (Secretary), Aimee Delaney (Region 1 Trustee), Ricky Guitterez (Region 5 Trustee), Peter Benekos (Trustee-At-Large), Ashley Blackburn (Trustee-At-Large), John Worrall (Executive Director)

1. Introductions (Piquero)
  - President Piquero called the meeting to order at 11:00am. She welcomed the membership and introduced the Board members in attendance.
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report (Unnithan):
  - Unnithan updated the membership on the new journal (JEJ) which will come online later this year, and announced the new editor, Alex Piquero
  - Unnithan announced the call for volunteers for the committees for the 2020 annual meeting in San Antonio (Powerpoint slides describing all committees; sign up sheets will be provided) – Unnithan announced the theme will be “Envisioning Justice from Local to Global” – the hope is to elevate the international aspect of the Academy.
3. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Report (Lutze):
  - a. Presidency goals – Lutze reported she is currently focusing on the 2019 annual meeting plans for Baltimore.
  - b. Committees have been charged
  - c. 2019 Baltimore Plans – Lutze reported the theme for the meeting will be “Justice, Human Rights, and Activism.” The University of Baltimore will be responsible for the local arrangements, and will be helping coordinate Continuing Education Units for local practitioners to draw them to the annual meeting. In addition, there will be thematic days (e.g., corrections, policing, etc.) that will highlight panels, roundtables, keynote speakers who are leaders in the field from scholarship and/or practitioner.
4. Executive Director’s Report (Worrall)
  - a. Status of National Office – Worrall reported everything is fine at the National Office. He has worked with the Treasurer and the Budget and Finance Committee to review and manage the finances of the Academy. Everything is in good financial order, the plans for this year are to explore ways to make the money we have invested work more effectively for the Academy.
  - b. Future plans – Worrall reported an initiative is underway to publicize and market all of the affiliation agreements the Academy has entered into with other established professional organizations (national and international) to educate the membership about the shared benefits (e.g., reduced membership fees, reduced conference fees, etc.). He will continue to work with Kiz Comm and the CJRA

representatives to continue to find ways to promote the scholarship of the Academy's membership, as well as to inform policy at the national level. He noted CJRA will continue to sponsor a media-training workshop at the annual meeting which is a free service to the membership.

5. Treasurer's Report (Jones):

- a. Successful Internal/external audits – Jones reported she worked closely with the Executive Director and the Association Manager to complete all of the required audits. All of them were successfully completed.
- b. Overall Academy financial status – Jones reported echoed the Executive Director's assessment of the Academy's financial health. She noted, the Academy will be exploring hiring a financial advisor this year to help the Academy identify ways to be more “conservatively aggressive” with its investments to more effectively maximize our earning potential.

6. President's Report (Piquero):

- a. Conference successful – Piquero highlighted the reason for the conference dates shifted was to accommodate Mardi Gras (e.g., eliminate the need for people to travel on Mardi Gras), so the number of conference days was reduced. Fortunately, this change did not have a significant impact on registration/attendance which was about 1,650. Overall, the anecdotal feedback received from the membership has been very positive.
- b. Accomplishments from 2017-2018 Presidency – Piquero reported renegotiated the Taylor & Francis contract with the addition of the new journal (*Journal of Evaluation Journal*). Additionally, she collaborated with Bill Pridemore (SUNY Albany) and Karen Parker (University of Delaware) to help resume the ranking of Criminology/Criminal Justice doctoral programs in *U.S. World News & Report*. A survey was sent out to all of the doctoral program directors to collect the appropriate data (90% response rate), and the new rankings will be published in March 2018. One member inquired whether we could focus on getting the undergraduate and Masters programs included in the rankings.
- c. Piquero announced that Nominations for 2019 Academy Awards are now open (Call published in mobile app), as are Nominations for 2019-2020 Board: 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Secretary, Trustee-At-Large, Region One Trustee, and Region Five Trustee (Call published in mobile app).

7. Member Q&A

- A few members noted the only challenge they had was the long registration lines on Thursday, and a few of the panels had difficulty transitioning from one to the next with transferring technology (e.g., setting up laptops).
- Another member inquired whether the conclusion of ‘early registration’ will be pushed back to end of January next year.
- Another member noted that on the app, the maps were formatted in way that was not user friendly (e.g., saved as .pdf files), which made them hard to read even when you tried to expand them on the phone. Could the app be modified next year to include web-formatted maps?

- Another member shared that one neat feature of the app is that you can take a picture on the phone and have the image directly uploaded into the app. This is a great way for the Academy to build an archive of images from the annual conference.
- Finally, one member inquired whether the abstracts could be loaded onto the app.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40am