

General Business Meeting

Friday, April 1, 2016

Agenda

Board Members in Attendance: Brandon Applegate (President), Lorenzo Boyd (1st VP), Nicky Piquero (2nd VP), Brian Payne (Immediate Past President), Ed Day (Treasurer), Prabha Unnithan (Secretary), Marlyn Jones, Heather Pfeifer, Camille Gibson, Aimee Delaney, Mary Stohr (Executive Director)

Members in Attendance: Cassandra Reyes, Jennifer Bourgeois, Rebecca Murray, Janice Iwama, Sema Taneri, Craig Hemmens, John Thomas, Molly Buchanan, Wes Johnson, Damon Camp, Jill Gordon, Tasha Youstin, Marv Krohn, Keith Smith, Veronyka James

1. President Brandon Applegate began the meeting at 10:30am and welcomed everyone. He then introduced himself and the current Board members in attendance (see above).
2. Nicky Piquero (2nd Vice President's Report)
 - a. Piquero called for volunteers to assist with various ACJS Standing Committees during her presidential year, 2017-2018. (Note: A powerpoint slide describing all committees was displayed). She reviewed the functions of each committee, and then asked that any members in good standing who are interested in volunteering for any of these committees to come up at the end of the general meeting and sign up on the sheets she has placed on the front table.
 - b. Piquero reported that The Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee held its meeting on Monday, March 28th, at the conference hotel. She stated that the auditors found the finances of ACJS to be in good shape, and Treasurer Day would share more about the financial status of the organization. Details of the audit can be found in the minutes of the Tuesday, March 29th, 2016 Board meeting.
3. Lorenzo Boyd (1st Vice President's Report)
 - a. Boyd spoke about his goals for the coming year. He noted that the membership for the 2016-2017 Standing Committees are now in place, and all of the committees have received their charges.
 - b. Boyd reported that the theme for the 2017 Kansas City meeting is "Linking Research, Teaching, and Practice." As such, he is working on creating panels with both academics and practitioners to help reinforce this theme, and he asked the membership to help recruit practitioners to participate on panels, roundtables, etc. (especially those from the Kansas City area). Boyd stated he dubbing next year's meeting as the "cultural conference" because he intends to incorporate a number of cultural events that showcase the city and the region into our conference.

- c. Boyd also reminded the membership that the NCAA Sweet 16 tournament will be in Kansas City at same time as our annual meeting, so hotels will be at premium. Therefore, rooms are going to go fast, so he encouraged the membership to book their rooms early.
4. Mary Stohr (Executive Director's Report)
 - a. Stohr reported that the National Office in Greenbelt, MD was doing well under the leadership of Association Manager, Cathy Barth.
 - b. Stohr reported that work on a new website is underway (we have contracted with yourmembership.com), and ACJS is also nearing a completed contract to automate the program submission system for our annual meeting.
5. Ed Day (Treasurer's Report)
 - a. Day reported that ACJS successfully completed internal and external audits. He noted that the external auditors were very pleased with how well the organization has managed its finances.
 - b. Day reported that that ACJS is in good financial shape. The organization has grown financially every year, and has built up substantial reserves. Therefore the Board is exploring different ways to give back to the membership. Some of the initiatives that are underway include redoing the website, offering a Doctoral Student Summit, partnering with ASC with CJRA to expand research opportunities, etc.
 - c. Day also reported that ACJS will continue to look at alternate revenue streams (e.g., expanding the organization's portfolio of journals) in order to avoid raising membership dues.
6. Brandon Applegate (President's Report)
 - a. Applegate thanked everyone for helping to make the Denver meeting a successful conference. He noted there was great attendance (@1,800 registrants – one of ACJS largest!), over 450 events, and a number unique outside events. He invited the membership to be sure to attend the Awards luncheon, which is scheduled at 12:30pm this afternoon, and to the Research/Pictorial Showcase at 7:30pm this evening. He also noted that he would be hosting a karaoke event after the Showcase.
 - b. Applegate shared a few highlights of the what he accomplished during his term as President this past year. Most notably, he has promoted Certification and Program Review by educating academic institutions and programs about the new, amended standards. He also noted that he was able to negotiate more formal relationships with other professional organizations (e.g. ANSOZ, Canadian Criminal Justice Association, British Society of Criminology) which enables ACJS members to now attend any of those organization's annual meetings and pay their membership rate. He also stated ACJS is in the process of institutionalizing a relationship with NIJ. Applegate stated that the organization's flagship journal, Justice Quarterly, is doing really well – its Impact Factor has improved consistently (2.889) and is now 3rd

among all CJ journals. He noted that its current editor, Cassia Spohn, will be completing her term at the end of June, and the Board has appointed a new editor, Megan Kurlychek, from the University of Albany.

- c. Applegate thanked all of the members of various committees for 2015-2016 for their hard work, and he welcomed the incoming ACJS Executive Board members.
- d. Applegate noted that he is currently seeking nominations for the 2017 Academy Awards, and he encouraged the membership to submit nominees. He also noted the elected positions that would become vacant next year (e.g., 2nd VP, Treasurer, Trustee-At-Large, Region Two Trustee, and Region Three Trustee.) and encouraged the membership to consider nominating a peer or themselves to serve on the Board.

7. Membership Q & A

- a. Cassandra Reyes wanted to share with the membership that National CJ Month is in March. She announced that three new awards will be given out at next year's meeting to honor the activities of programs/schools who organize events highlighting CJ month this year (2016). The three awards are: Community Engagement, Number of Programs During Month (March), and Best Overall Program of the Year. Reyes noted that a call for nominations will be coming out soon!
- b. Question from the audience: What's the best way to learn about the positions on the Board? A: Talk with any of the board members (current or past)! Come talk to one of us either after meeting, or send us an email.
- c. A new member (practitioner) complimented how "welcoming" ACJS is, and noted how warm and engaging people have been this week when interacting with her. She stated she really enjoyed her experience at ACJS!
- d. Reminder that the Region 1 meeting is June 8-11 (Northeast) in Rhode Island; call for submissions is still open.
- e. Region 5 is in Las Vegas; Region 2 is in Savannah; Region 3 is in Chicago; Region 4 is in Oklahoma City
- f. At the close of the meeting, Applegate drew the winner of the raffle (Kindle). The award was given to Damon Camp (Georgia State University).

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am