



# Police Section

March 28, 2017

Hello everybody,

I am just back from ACJS Kansas City. Want to give you an update about things that were talked about at the general business meeting and ice cream social for the Police Section. The event was well attended and unfortunately because of the late date and notice to our awardees, neither was able to join us for the award. Sorry for the length of this memorandum.

I proudly announce that the two awardees are:

**O.W. Wilson Award 2017**

Dr. Jeremy Wilson from Michigan State University is the 2017 recipient of the O. W. Wilson award.

**Outstanding Service Award 2017**

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Samuel Walker from the University of Nebraska at Omaha was the recipient of the Outstanding Service Award.

Both of these awards will be presented at their home institutions by members of the police section in the near future. It is expected that photographs, winner statements and potential short videos will be made and shared on our website.

Thanks to Jim O'Keefe, St. John's University, Dave Lambert, University of New Haven and Becky Paynich, Curry College for their service on the Awards Committee.

For those who came to the meeting, thank you! Thank you for your support and for your interest and excitement about bringing the Police Section forward and making its mark in the field. A number of items were discussed including the need for setting expectations for those who raise their hands, willing to volunteer to make sure that they are accountable to follow through to advance the mission, meaning and value of the Police Section.

A number of positions including vacancies for election and committees need to be filled. There will be a group of committees we are seeking interested volunteers for that include Awards, Student Awards, Communications, Membership, Practitioner Outreach and Programs.

**Call for Nominations**

There are several open positions and we are looking for interested members to run for office. Please, if you're interested you are able to nominate a colleague or self-nominate, send me an email.



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I am asking for nominations for the following positions by April 15, 2017. Please submit your name. You will receive guidance as to what information needs to be supplied to introduce yourself or your nominee to the voting members.

## **Vice-Chair**

Vice-Chair serve for two years, and then becomes Chair for two years. Because this is a late announcement, the vice-chair would serve from the conclusion of elections until the 2019 ACJS conference, where they would rise to the position of Chair.

## **Executive Counselor**

There is also an opening for one Executive Counselor for a term of three years, commencing 2017 and extending to 2020.

## **Student Representative**

In addition, I am looking for nominees for a student representative, preferably a graduate of a doctoral student for Student Representative. The term will be for two years from 2017 to 2019.

Each of these positions elected positions will be assigned Ex-Officio tasks for service, working as liaison with the chair of certain committee.

## **Elections**

I will be working with ACJS management to begin the process. After nomination papers are received. Please keep an eye out in early May for the election notice and cast your votes electronically.

## **Historian and Archivist**

I would like to gain concurrence from the Executive Board and membership for the Historian Lucy Hochstein, Radford University to serve as a member of the Executive Board. This will require a change in the Constitution.

## **Constitution and By-laws**

Over the past few years, Jeff Smith of the Lawrenceville, GA Police Department, has made significant changes and updates to the Constitution and By-laws. We will continue to work on the revisions and include them for consideration and adoption in the upcoming election. Please keep an eye out in May for the election notice and cast your votes electronically.

## **Call for Committee Service**

A number of committees need to form and Police Section Members are encouraged to become more involved in the Section. If you have some time to volunteer, your Police Section can become more active, effective and grow.



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## **More Practitioner Members and Involvement**

A few other things that we talked about included recruiting practitioners, an international police panel, practitioner panels in the future, practitioner academic panel in the future. We would like improved communication, potential for a practice-oriented action research, online journal for exploration. We will consider a more robust reception in NO-18 for Police Section members, either at the conference hotel or a nearby location on Wednesday or Thursday evening.

## **Membership Drive**

Steve Dyer, Thomas College and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP for NEACJS has agreed to serve as Chair of the Membership Committee. He is looking for members to assist. A membership drive, aimed at graduate and doctoral students, along with practitioners and junior faculty will require your help. With 27 student members and 193 regular members, we can encourage more to join and get involved. The more the merrier!

I would encourage each member to attempt to bring in one student and one colleague for membership to the Police Section. I will seek a change in our Constitution and By-laws to add a \$10 Student membership category.

## **Innovation Awards**

One idea floated is to create an Innovation Award and work in concert with the five regional affiliates. The Police Section will create award criterion and ask each regional affiliate will award a practitioner innovation award in policing. Each award will be selected by members of the regional Association.

Each regional winner will receive a crystal award, co-branded with the Police Section and the individual regional association (SWACJ, NEACJS, etc.) to be presented at their annual conference. Those regional awardees will be forwarded to the Police Section, where the five awardees will be considered for a Police Section National Award for Innovation. The selected awardee will be offered to speak and participate on a panel presentation.

This committee should work in concert with the Program Committee to encourage more practitioners to get involved with ACJS and the Police Section.

I have asked Matt O'Deane from the San Diego County District Attorney's Office to serve as Chair of the Practitioner Awards Committee. There is a need for a few members to join the committee. Please let me know if you are interested.

## **Student Papers**

The Police Section will put out a call for nominations for a Police Section graduate student and doctoral student paper award and panel presentation at the 2018 ACJS Conference, at a Police Section sponsored panel. Please consider your students as nominees.



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## **Police Section Ribbons**

I have just ordered blue ribbons for each Police Section member who attends the national conference.

## **Nationally Renowned Speaker? 2018 NOLA Conference**

We will also be seeking ideas and suggestions for a high profile speaker of national importance, potentially to open up to ACJS membership. Please let me know if you have anyone in mind. Those connections make it easier to encourage the person's participation.

## **2018 Police Section Reception**

We are beginning plans to enhance our reception at the 2018 Conference. One member has offered to assist in defraying the cost. I do not wish to spend much of the treasury for food. If you have any ability to obtain funding support for sponsored events, please let me know.

I will also seek to gain donations from publishers, so that we can raffle police related books and texts at the Police Section reception.

## **Expanding Police Related Panels**

There has been a call for more panel development. I have asked Jim Albrecht, Pace University to serve as Chair of the Program Committee. He suggested identifying the top 5 issues facing police organizations. We can aim for more International focused panels, engaging our colleagues from across the globe. See below for more detail.

## **International Policing**

There was a suggestion from an ACJS Police Section member from Great Britain, who suggested we work with the International Section. I have made contact with the International Section Chair to begin the process of sponsoring International Policing panels. We will begin efforts to raise the number of police and academic members of the Police Section from outside the USA.

## **Police Section Sponsored Training and Web-meetings/Webinars.**

Following on the idea of more international cooperation, we will explore hosting web meetings in the coming year. This can allow for dialog across borders.

## **Possible Training**

A member suggested exploring the potential for members offering training opportunities for the field. Please let me know if there is an interest in this possibility.

## **Conclusion**

Thanks for taking the time to read. I sensed an excitement in the membership to take our Police Section to a higher, more active level. I am pleased to serve the Police Section for the next two years. Remember,

*We cannot change the past, but can impact the future together!*



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Please consider helping and becoming more active as we work to enhance the offerings and reach of the Police Section and advance your knowledge and work in classrooms, research and the field. There's plenty of room for more interested in helping to advance our section. Thanks for those who have volunteered. Please make sure to make use and value those who step up to serve our organization.

All the best,

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