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President's Message from Chip Burns

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success." (Henry Ford)

Greetings SWACJ members..... I begin my newsletter contribution with a quote that has become increasingly relevant in my career as I become more involved in service to the profession and further recognize the need for teamwork. For instance, I've observed the interconnectedness of SWACJ officers in preparing and disseminating the newsletter and I've watched how earlier SWACJ presidents successfully assembled regional annual meetings via leadership and teamwork. I now call on each of you to play a role in the future of SWACJ and further define your role as a team player. How, you ask, may I do so? As mentioned in the Winter SWACJ newsletter, a subcommittee recently updated the SWACJ Constitution. The updates are noted online and waiting for member perusal and ultimate approval. As mentioned at the SWACJ Winter Business meeting in Baltimore, the subcommittee anticipates receiving member feedback and incorporating the comments into a final proposal that will be voted on at our annual meeting in September. The final proposal will be distributed to members 90 days prior to the annual meeting, as required in the existing version of the Constitution. Be sure you've updated your membership so you'll be eligible to vote on the proposed changes. Membership forms are provided on the Association's Webpage (www.swacj.org).

Those who attended the SWACJ meeting in Baltimore recall we agreed to have our 2007 annual meeting at the Omni Hotel in Corpus Christi. Phil Rhoades submitted a very impressive proposal for Corpus Christi and the assemblage agreed it would be ideal for our next meeting. Special thanks to Phil and the Site Selection Committee consisting of Will Oliver, Tom Jordan, and Larry Karson for their diligent work.

While on the topic of annual meetings, let me use this forum to strongly encourage you and your colleagues to attend the 2006 SWACJ annual meeting in Fort Worth. It is hoped the 2006 meeting will continue a trend of successful SWACJ annual meetings. Among other things, we've sought (and received) support from local Fort Worth merchants and encouraged participation from regional universities and colleges. We've also encouraged the participation of local practitioners. Information regarding the annual meeting and Fort Worth is located on the SWACJ Webpage. We will continue to update this information. Please be sure to register, and it presenting submit your abstract, prior to the **September 8**th **deadline to submit an abstract** and don't miss the \$99 per suite meeting rate at the hotel (the cutoff date for SWACJ rate at the hotel is **September 4**th). I'd also like to encourage you to attend the 2007 ACJS annual meeting in Seattle. Let's support ACJS and more specifically our region's own Jeff Walker, the current ACJS President. Jeff's contributions to SWACJ cannot be overstated.... we owe it to him to make all efforts to attend the Seattle meeting.

As noted in previous correspondence with the membership, Will Oliver and Wes Johnson from Sam Houston State were selected to co-edit the *Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice*. Be sure to support the journal so it can continue in a positive direction. All signs

suggest the transition of editorship went well and Wes and Will are continuing the fine work of their predecessors.

In light of Henry Ford's quote and my personal commitment to SWACJ's continuous development, I encourage you to support the Association by whatever means possible.... From serving on a subcommittee to running for Second Vice-President, numerous opportunities for support are available. I look forward to seeing you in Fort Worth.

Sincerely yours,

Chip Burns r.burns@tcu.edu

Willard M. Oliver, 2nd Vice-President

It was a pleasure seeing everyone at the SWACJ business meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. I entrust everyone had a good time and a productive conference. When the leadership met prior to the business meeting, we remarked on how well we thought things were going. After the business meeting we thought it was also productive and successful. Then, we got back to Texas and discovered the hotel for the Fort Worth meeting had closed! So much for everything going along swimmingly! However, Chip did a fine job in leading us out of that difficulty and we are back on track for this fall's annual meeting.

In regard to the fall 2007 meeting, things have progressed quite well. I solicited input regarding where to hold the meeting and I received quite a few votes for a variety of places. Many of these were around Texas, several were out-of-state. Those who recommended out-of-state locations recommended some great places. However, this list of locations will be given to the next 2nd Vice-President as it was previously agreed upon by the SWACJ membership that because out-of-Texas conferences often lose money for SWACJ and in-Texas conference make money, the cycle of conferences would be two years in Texas followed by one outside of Texas. While I think that highlights the need for more visibility and increased membership from outside of Texas, sticking to the issue at hand, the 2007 conference should be in Texas based on that rotation.

The number one selection for locations in the state of Texas was Corpus Christi. A vote was taken by the membership present at the business meeting in Baltimore and there was unanimous consent to have Corpus Christi host the Association in October of 2007. To this end, Phil Rhoades took the initiative prior to the meeting of contacting the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce and soliciting bids for conference/hotel locations (Please thank Phil when you see him for his hard work on this). He received three very good bids which he presented to the membership present. Once again there was a unanimous agreement, in this case for the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel – Bayfront and Marina. Looking on the web at: http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/CorpusChristiBayfront.aspx, I think you will agree that this looks to be a very nice hotel, located in a very nice part of the bay with access to all that Corpus Christi has to offer. We are in the process of having the contract signed and will have more information for you at the annual meeting in Fort Worth. So, see you at the Fort Worth Stockyards this September. Oh, and perhaps someone could explain to this Texas transplant what a "cowtown opry" is, and who is this guy named "Billy Bob"?

Have a good summer,

Will Oliver woliver@shsu.edu

Treasurer's ReportDavid Montague

Dear SWACJ Members:

It has been a great year for our finances and we are still increasing our worth via checking and savings accounts. Our checking account currently has a balance of \$6,888.61. This amount accounts for receipts from the annual meeting, recent membership dues, and a refund from the original hotel confirmation for Fort Worth, Texas. We currently have a \$10,065.65 balance in savings with a moderate yield from interest over the last few months. Additionally, a request went to officials of ACJS asking that we be permitted to benchmark from their model for website advertising. This possibility to raise additional SWACJ funds was approved based on discussion with members present during our meeting at the ACJS annual conference in Baltimore. Overall, we are in good shape financially and I welcome any requests or suggestions.

Sincerely,

David R. Montague drmontague@ualr.edu

Secretary's Report

M. George Eichenberg

Minutes of the Executive Board and General Meetings held in conjunction with the ACJS Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, March 2nd, 2006

Executive Board Meeting of SWACJ, March 2, 2006 1:00 p.m.

The Executive Board convened March 2, 2006 at 1pm in Baltimore, Maryland. In attendance were:

Chip Burns, President Will Oliver, Second Vice-president David Montague, Treasurer

First Vice-president Patrick Mueller and Secretary George Eichenberg were unable to attend. Please note that Will Oliver thoughtfully recorded the minutes of this and the general meeting in George's absence. Thank you, Will; this is much appreciated.

Chip opened the meeting of the Executive Board with a discussion of the agenda for the SWACJ general business meeting to be held later that day. He presented a tentative outline of the agenda for that meeting, as follows:

Will Oliver and Wes Johnson to discuss current status of the Journal,

Wes Johnson to be awarded a plaque conveying the Association's thanks for his excellent service as Region IV Trustee (our representative to ACJS),

David Montague to give the Treasurer's report,

Wes Johnson to give the Trustee's Report,

Will Oliver to give the report of the Site Selection Committee prior to a general discussion on the matter and a member vote for the location of the 2007 annual meeting/conference.

Other items placed on the agenda were an update on October, 2006 meeting, a discussion regarding the difficulties of revising the Constitution, and the selection of someone to assist Bill Stone as webmaster.

The meeting then shifted to other items.

David Montague reported that the Association had \$6,000 in checking and \$10,000 in savings. He recommended that we pursue fundraising activities in addition to dues and conference registration fees. One idea discussed was charging a fee for

submission of articles for review to the Journal. It was also suggested we sell advertising on the SWACJ website. For example, schools could advertise open faculty positions and graduate programs.

In regards to spending money thus raised, David suggested hosting a SWACJ reception at the annual ACJS meeting.

Indexing the Journal by meta indexing via Google was discussed.

Will Oliver voiced desire to create a new board position, that of parliamentarian to help us follow Robert's Rules of Order during business meetings.

Chip adjourned the meeting at 2p.

Minutes of the General Meeting, March 2, 2006, Baltimore, Maryland

Chip convened the general SWACJ business meeting at ???pm, March 2, 2006 with Board members Chip Burns, Will Oliver, David Montague and 14 general members present.

Chip presented the agenda to the group.

The first item discussed was the lack of knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order among the Board and General membership.

Will made a presentation regarding the status of the Association's journal. He introduced Sam Swindell, the Managing Editor of the SWJCJ. Wes Johnson thanked Jon Sorenson for his previous tenure as interim journal editor.

Chip acknowledged Wes' 12 plus years of service to SWACJ and presented him with a plaque in token of the Association's gratitude.

David Montague presented the treasurer's report. The annual conference held in Oklahoma City cost the Association \$6231.41. Factoring in conference related receipts of \$5824.47 and some additional post-conference receipts and expenses the Association lost \$168.14. As of March 2, 2006 the Association had \$6,141.53 in checking and \$10,032.52 in savings.

David also raised the issue of securing additional funds through such means as selling advertising on the website.

Spending the Association's money was also discussed. It was suggested that SWACJ rent a booth at the annual ACJS meetings to encourage membership and promote the Journal. It was also suggested that the Association host a reception at ACJS and ASC. It was noted that controlling attendance by persons not affiliated with SWACJ or the host organization (ACJS or ASC) would be a problem.

Will made a presentation regarding the 2007 meeting site. Corpus Christi was designated as probably the best supported site. Will granted the floor to Phil Rhoades who presented on three possible hotels. Wes Johnson moved to vote on hotel selection resulting in the Omni being unanimously chosen. Therefore, the 2007 meeting will convene at the Omni Hotel Mariana in Corpus Christi.

Wes Johnson was given the floor to present his report as the ACJS trustee-at-large/2nd Vice President. He discussed the Seattle conference and stated that CSPAN may be filming there. He discussed the challenges faced by and accomplishments of Mittie Southerland as recently appointed ACJS manager.

During Wes' presentation, Laura Moriarity, current ACJS President, requested to address the meeting; Wes conceded the floor. Laura discussed the inner-workings of the ACJS office. She also mentioned that Cathy Barth was helping manage the conference and thanked Wes for all of his assistance to her and thus ACJS. Laura introduced Nicole Parsons-Pollard the editor of *ACJS Today*.

Laura yielded the floor to Wes who answered a few questions regarding ACJS registration, future ACJS conference locations, etc.

Chip spoke about the upcoming conference in Fort Worth. He asked for support of colleges and students in general and for the undergraduate quiz bowl in particular. Specifically, Chip requested gifts to be used as prizes for the undergraduate quiz bowl.

Wes asked for the location of the conference hotel in Fort Worth. Chip advised it was the Fort Worth Plaza and the rate was \$87 a night. The hotel is some 6-7 blocks from Fort Worth's Sundance Square. David Montague recommended a student panel. It was also requested and approved that a plenary session be held with a speaker on the history of criminal justice as an academic discipline.

Immediate Past-president Camille Gibson discussed the on-going process of updating the Association's constitution. Two versions are posted on-line, the current version and a revised version. Camille advised that the committee was soliciting suggestions for further changes. On behalf of the Association, Chip thanked Camille Gibson, Joy Pollock, and Phil Rhoades for their help on the revisions. *Please note* that we are still soliciting input for changes and updates.

A question was raised about including, revising, or omitting Appendix A of the current constitution. While Appendix A is not yet on-line copies are available. Appendix A includes duties of officers. In the proposed Appendix A there are specifics on the Site Selection Committee and the Constitution Committee. We did away with the Board of Directors as we have not operated on the model of having a representative from each state in the region. ACJS Constitution was used as a model. E-mail comments should be sent to Chip Burns, who will then forward them to the committee. All members will be notified 90 days prior to the vote for updating the constitution.

Phil Rhoades explained that the old constitution requires a mass mailing. The updated Constitution will include the ability to submit via e-mail. Also, membership under the old constitution is narrowly limited to Criminal Justice academics and a request was made for expanded language to be more inclusive.

Other items:

Thanks to Bill Stone for dealing with the webmaster's position. He has done an excellent job and has been doing so for a very long time. The position is open, however, to someone who would like to take over.

Another issue, George and David both have their terms expiring at the same time. If we staggered the Treasurer's and Secretary's positions that would allow for these two individuals to not have to oppose each other for other elective offices within the Association. The gist of the discussion was that this was a good idea but that one of them would have to resign one year early.

Chip commented he wanted to create a page on the link for members who have been members for two years or more with a designation of their institution and links to their websites.

The director of the Community College section voiced interest in having more membership from SWACJ attend their annual conference.

Movement to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

George Eichenberg eichenberg@tarleton.edu

ACJS Region IV Trustee's Report Chip Burns

Let me begin by thanking you for your support and emphasizing my commitment to dutifully serve as Regional IV Trustee for the next three years. I am proud and honored to continue serving the region.

The following highlights the events of the ACJS Executive Board meeting I attended in Baltimore on March 3, 2006:

The Board addressed upcoming ACJS annual meeting sites. There was brief discussion of San Antonio as a possible site for 2015, however, as many of you know, the 2013 meeting is scheduled for Dallas. The Academy's need to host the meetings in a representative selection of regions basically eliminated such a quick return to Texas. We can, and will, certainly push for

San Antonio, Houston, or any other suitable city in the region as a host city, although we'll have to wait for an appropriate opening in the rotation.

All are encouraged to attend the 2007 ACJS annual meeting in Seattle. Program Chair Craig Hemmens updated the Board regarding progress on the meeting. Everything seems in line for another successful meeting. Among other highlights, Barry Scheck is scheduled to speak. Let's support former SWACJ President and current ACJS President Jeff Walker by attending and participating in the Seattle meeting.

The Board agreed to change the policy of granting recent Ph.D. graduates a free one-year ACJS membership, to granting *current* Ph.D. students a membership. It was argued that the Academy would be better served by encouraging doctoral student participation through free membership instead of waiting until the students graduate. The Board also agreed to distribute a hard copy of an abbreviated version of *ACJS Today* bi-annually. The new publication, which is targeted to be about four pages in length, would contain critical information that may be overlooked by members who are not reading the online *ACJS Today*.

Representatives from Taylor and Francis, the publishers of *Justice Quarterly* and the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, updated the Board regarding the status of both journals. Overall, things seem to be going well with the journals. There was discussion of publishing additional versions of the journals (perhaps moving toward three editions of each) and moving toward electronic submission. Finally, the issue of recycling at our annual meeting was discussed in light of the amount of recyclable materials generated at meetings and the absence of opportunities to recycle the materials. The Board agreed to look into the feasibility of recycling and hear a report at the mid-year meeting.

As you may know, the Southwest region remains well-represented on the ACJS Executive Board. ACJS President Jeff Walker and Second Vice-President Wes Johnson are former SWACJ officers, and Trustee-at-Large Marilyn McShane has been an invaluable asset to SWACJ, as well. Let's keep the lines of communication open with regard to ways in which the Academy and SWACJ can work together for the betterment of both. As the liaison between the region and ACJS, I will gladly share your comments and concerns with those on the Board. Please let me know if you'd like elaboration on any of the issues addressed above. Again, I thank you for your support and look forward to continued service to SWACJ and Region IV.

CALL FOR PAPERS The 2006 SWACJ Annual Meeting will be September 28-30

Ft. Worth/Historic Stockyards
AmeriSuites Hotel
132 East Exchange Ave.
Fort Worth, TX 76106
(817) 626-6000

Please see our website or contact Program Chair Chip Burns for more information

2006 SWACJ ANNUAL MEETING -- IMPORTANT REMINDERS --

Those planning to attend the 2006 SWACJ annual meeting should keep in mind the following dates. Your cooperation in registering early enables us to better estimate the number of attendees expected for the President's Reception, luncheon, and other functions. Attendees are encouraged to complete and submit the information form found on the final page of this newsletter. Please be sure to note the number of students (if any) you intend to bring with you.

Important Dates:

Annual meeting September 28-30th

Abstracts due: September 8th

Student papers due to President

Chip Burns: September 8th

Cut-off for SWACJ Rate: September 4th

2006 SWACJ Meeting-Ft. Worth

Hotel Information:

Ft. Worth/Historic Stockyards AmeriSuites Hotel

132 East Exchange Ave Fort Worth, TX 76106

Telephone (817) 626-6000 Fax: (817) 626-6018

Toll free for reservations call: 1-877-774-6467

Please mention that you are with the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice when making your reservation. The cutoff date for reservations at the Stockyards AmeriSuites is September 4th. Suites are \$99.00 flat rate.

A review of the hotel complete with pictures, directions, activities, and descriptions of the services can be found at: http://www.amerisuites.com/reservations/cityselect.asp?city=Fort+Worth&state=TX

Information on Ft. Worth can be found at: www.fortworth.com

Fort Worth-Cowtown, USA!!!

THE UNDERGRADUATE QUIZ BOWL IS BACK!!!!!

The Undergraduate Quiz Bowl was so successful in its inaugural appearance at our 2005 meeting that we decided to do it again in Fort Worth. All undergraduate students are encouraged to participate. Details regarding a date and time are forthcoming, however, the Bowl will likely occur on the afternoon of Thursday, September 28th at the annual meeting hotel (Ft. Worth/Historic Stockyards AmeriSuites).

2006 SWACJ STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Graduate and undergraduate students currently enrolled (and those who will be enrolled September 2006) in a university, college, junior college or community college within the Southwest Region.

Awards:

	Graduate Student	<u> Undergraduate Student</u>
First Prize	\$250	\$100
Second Prize	\$150	\$75
Third Prize	\$100	\$50

^{**} Winner of the graduate student paper competition will be invited to have their work included in a forthcoming edition of *The Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice*.

JUDGES: Judges must be active within SWACJ and will be selected from the updated membership list. Judges may or may not elect to award all of the prizes available depending on the number of entrants and quality of the papers.

ENTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- 1. The paper must be authored by student(s) only. No faculty/student joint papers will be considered.
- 2. The paper must be an original work. It may be especially prepared for the 2006 SWACJ annual meeting or it may be a revision of a paper prepared for coursework at the student's home university or college.
- 3. Three copies of each paper must be submitted before **September 8, 2006** to:

Chip Burns
TCU Box 298710
Criminal Justice
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, TX 76129

Papers received after the deadline will not receive consideration.

- 4. The paper must meet standard publication formats as established at the student's home university or college.
- 5. The title page of the paper should include the student's full name and address, school affiliation and status as either graduate or undergraduate. The author's name and affiliation *should not appear* on any other page of the submitted paper.

PRESENTATION OF SUBMITTED PAPERS: Students <u>are not required</u> to attend the annual meeting or to present their papers to be eligible for the awards. However, we do encourage students to consider presenting their papers.

Students who submit papers for presentation **are not obligated** to enter the paper contest. The paper competition is strictly voluntary.

RECOGNITION OF THE WINNERS AND PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS WILL BE MADE AT THE LUNCHEON

-- All Students Are Encouraged To Participate --



The Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice

A PEER-REVIEWED ELECTRONIC JOURNAL

Web Page: http://www.SWACJ.org

The Southwestern Journal of Criminal Justice has moved and changed editorship.

The Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice (SWACJ) is pleased to announce that the newest issue of the Journal is available at http://swjcj.cjcenter.org/, hosted by the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University.

The current issue is primarily the work of immediate past editor, Dr. Jonathan Sorenson, of Prairie View A&M University. The SWJCJ is still accessible from the SWACJ home page, http://www.swacj.org/, lovingly maintained by Dr. William Stone.

Drs. Wesley Johnson and Willard M. Oliver, both of Sam Houston State University were named co-editors after the SWACJ 2005 annual meeting in Oklahoma City. Dr. Johnson, Associate Dean of the College of Criminal Justice, served as President of SWACJ from 2000-01 and currently serves as 2nd Vice President of ACJS. Dr. Oliver, Associate Professor, was elected 2nd Vice President of SWACJ during the 2005 meeting held in Oklahoma City.

Anyone wishing to make a submission to the *Journal* or otherwise correspond with the editors may do so directly at SWJCJ@shsu.edu

Dr. Wesley W. Johnson & Dr. Willard M. Oliver

Call for Papers

The Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice (SWJCJ) is now accepting manuscripts for consideration. We are interested in receiving submissions of original work that have not been previously published. Diversity in theoretical and methodological approaches is encouraged as is the submission of policy-related research. The SWJCJ is the growing, online, refereed journal of the Southwest Association of Criminal Justice, a regional affiliate of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Authors need not be members of the Southwest Association of Criminal Justice to submit a manuscript for consideration. Previous issues of the journal and submission information are linked through http://www.SWACJ.org/.

Submissions or inquiries are invited by the editors at SWJCJ@shsu.edu .

CALL FOR BOOK REVIEWS

Care to share your views on a particular book? The Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice is enthusiastically seeking book review contributors. All are invited to share reviews, but graduate students are particularly encouraged to submit their work. The Journal is actively seeking to increase the number of quality book reviews published. The guidelines for submitting a book review are similar to those prescribed by ACJS:

Provide a review that will help the readership determine the utility of the book for teaching particular courses.

Identify how the book is applicable to criminal justice, criminology, sociology, and/or related curriculums.

Identify the courses for which the book will be useful.

Identify the level of students most likely to find the book useful.

Reviews should be no more than three (3) single-spaced pages with references in APA style.

Submission of a review to the SWJCJ newsletter implies the review has not been published elsewhere nor is it currently under submission to another publication.

Submissions should be made directly to the editors, Willard Oliver and Wes Johnson, at SWJCJ@shsu.edu. Inquiries are also welcome.

ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

The Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice (SWACJ) is a regional affiliate of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. It is composed of criminal justice educators and practitioners from Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. We are committed to developing the highest standards in education, training, practice, and research in criminal justice and criminology.

SWACJ encourages participation from criminal justice agencies, community and junior colleges, fouryear colleges and universities in the process of furthering the criminal justice system through research and education. The organization strongly encourages the participation of students in our annual meetings.

Membership is welcomed from individuals involved in:

- Higher Education
- Criminal Justice Training
- Criminal Justice Agencies
- Private Enterprises Related to Criminal Justice
- Others Interested in Criminal Justice

To join, see the membership application on Page 11; for additional information regarding membership in SWACJ, please visit our web page at: **www.swacj.org** or contact SWACJ Secretary George Eichenberg (contact information is provided on Page 1 of this newsletter).

2006 SWACJ Membership & Annual Meeting Registration

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