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President's Report



I cannot believe how quickly that time has flown by. It seems like just yesterday we were gearing up for the San Antonio conference and here we are just a few months away from the 2019 SWACJ conference in Houston. It was great to see so many of you at ACJS in Baltimore and see a great turnout at the business meeting. Overall, SWACJ has some of the best members and that was evident at ACJS.

By the time you are reading this newsletter, you will have wrapped up your summer and gearing up for the fall. I hope that you are not like me and putting all school related things off until the last minute. The SWACJ board is gearing up for the 2019 conference and will be working hard over the next couple of months to make that possible.

2018 was an outstanding year for SWACJ. The San Antonio conference was by far the biggest conference that SWACJ has had in its history. Nadine, along with the rest of the board, did a great job organizing everything with the conference and we had over 240 total attendees. Things have been building steadily over the past few years and I hope that the current board will be able to keep the same forward momentum. We have the ability to make Houston a conference to remember.

The board and I decided on Houston as the site of the conference as SWACJ has experienced some success there in the past. Houston, as the fourth largest city in the United States, has much to offer our organization and the city is a central hub for things criminal justice related. The board has settled on the DoubleTree by Hilton Houston Greenway Plaza for our 2019 conference (October 16th-18th). The hotel offers wonderful amenities and a great space for our conference and is a short (free) shuttle ride away from the Galleria mall, and numerous other area attractions. Overall, the hotel offered the best package for SWACJ and its members and the board believes that we will have a great 2019 conference with the hotel.

We plan to keep some of the improvements made during the last couple of conferences. We have already renewed our contract with Whova. This company was the developer of the app for the conference. The comments that we received from membership about Whova were overwhelmingly positive. We have spoken with the developers and the few hiccups that we did encounter with the app should be fixed for the 2019 conference. Additionally, the Wednesday through Friday conference format will be kept for 2019, as people seemed to really like the format change from the Thursday to Saturday format.

We will also be keeping the networking reception with the poster session as that seemed to be popular among the members. Our traditional competitions will also be continuing, so I would encourage you to get your students to think about entering the competitions. The 2019 student paper competitions will once again feature undergraduate and graduate categories (due date September 20, 2019). The wildly popular CSI competition will be held on Thursday, October 17th.

In addition, because we have broken two hotels' internet connections with our Quiz Bowl competition, the 2019 Quiz Bowl competition, which will be held on Wednesday October 16th, will involve no internet connections.

Our 1st Vice President, Paul Reynolds, will be running the Quiz Bowl, but he has informed me that because of the past issues, the competition will be low-tech.

The board has experienced a slight makeover this past year. Milt Hill cycled off as the immediate past President. Rick Helfers stepped down as secretary after his term finished. Milt and Rick were great stewards for SWACJ and their presence on the board will be missed. However, we do have wonderful people who will be taking Rick and Milt's places on the board and they deserve congratulations on their elections. Tusty ten Bensel (University of Arkansas - Little Rock) was elected as Second Vice President and is a great addition to the board. Likewise, Lynn Greenwood (Texas A&M University- Central Texas) is another great addition as she was elected Secretary.

SWACJ would not be what it is without its outstanding members. When I was elected in Oklahoma City a couple of years ago, I mentioned that growth of the organization was my number one priority. We have been growing and I believe that we will continue to grow because of the strength of our members. We have committed members and it has shown at our conferences throughout the past few years. The sustained growth can continue with your help. Please mark your calendars for October 16th-18th 2019 for SWACJ's annual conference. Abstracts are due on September 20th 2019, so be sure to get those in on time. Encourage your friends, students, and colleagues to attend and present. With your help, we can have another great SWACJ conference!

There will be a few more wrinkles added to 2019 conference, as we get closer to the date. The board will try to keep everyone as updated as it can with an up to date website (Thank you, Molly!) and some short emails in the next few weeks, so be on the lookout for those.

Take care, and I look forward to seeing everyone in Houston for the conference!

Mike

1st Vice President's Report



Hi Colleagues,

Not sure about you, but am excited to see the school year come to an end. I feel like I've been running on reserves and could use some time to relax and recharge. I can finally finish the books on my reading the list, focus on my research projects, and spend some quality time with family.

I hope each of you are getting excited about SWACJ this year in Houston, TX. Mike has found a beautiful hotel for the conference and has an amazing agenda being planned. The Board is doing our best to make this year incredible, but we need your help. Please register early to help us plan accordingly, consider having your university be a sponsor, and reserve your room at the host hotel. All three of these are critical to the continued success of our conference. On another note, please start thinking about teams you may want to bring to the Quiz Bowl. I would love to see more universities participate this year. I know my students have TRULY ENJOYED the experience in the past. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Looking ahead to SWACJ 2020, we will be heading to the hill country in Austin, Texas. I am super excited about this location and think the members will have a memorable experience. Austin likes to "keep it weird", so it should be a great fit for us. I should have the exact hotel and costs locked down by July to help you start planning ahead. If you have any ideas for a conference theme or speakers that may be of interest to our members, please let me know.

Cheers,
Paul Reynolds
First Vice-President

2nd Vice President's Report



Hello SWACJ Colleagues,

As we begin thinking about the 2019 Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice conference in Houston TX, please encourage your students to apply for the undergraduate and graduate paper competitions. Submissions can include both original research or research proposals on a topic relevant to the field of criminal justice. Award winners will be recognized at the SWACJ Annual Meeting luncheon and will receive monetary awards of

\$250 (1st place), \$150 (2nd place), or \$100 (3rd place). For more information, please visit:

<https://www.swacj.org/awards>.

The undergraduate and graduate paper competitions are only a few ways for students to get involved with SWACJ. There is also the Student CSI Competition and the Undergraduate Quiz Bowl. Over the next couple of years, I would like to work with my colleagues on the SWACJ executive team to expand these great opportunities to include travel grants for students who need some extra funds to attend SWACJ, training workshops for both students and faculty, and creative ways to increase networking opportunities for SWACJ members. If you have other ideas that you would like the SWACJ executive team to work on, please let us know.

In the meantime, I hope you have a wonderful year and I look forward to seeing you in Houston, TX for the 2019 Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice conference. Thank you for supporting SWACJ!

Tusty



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Secretary's Report



I hope everyone is having a good summer and is getting some time to relax and recharge for the upcoming school year. I am enjoying some time off with family getting (some) writing done, and catching some fish (latest catch was a 24-inch speckled trout!).

In just a few months, we will be in Houston for the 2019 SWACJ conference. The attendance and enthusiasm in San Antonio was amazing, and I am hoping that will continue in Houston in October. Mark your calendars for October 16-18 and register as early as possible for the conference and hotel.

The SWACJ executive board has been meeting regularly to plan for Houston and also for Austin in 2020. Site visits have been completed for Austin and a poll has been sent out to obtain membership input as to the final conference location – please check your email for this poll!

This is my first year as secretary for SWACJ, and it has been a great experience so far. This board is made up of enthusiastic, hard-working, and capable people (fun, too!) and I am looking forward to another year as secretary. SWACJ is a great organization and I am proud to be a part of it!

Some housekeeping items: don't forget to submit abstracts and student papers by September 20, 2019. Also, if you have any nominations for the Felix Fabian award, please submit your nominations to Nadine Connell as soon as possible.

Enjoy your summer and I will see you in October!

Lynn



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Past President's Report



It's hard to believe that I am writing my last newsletter entry to you as I enjoy my last semester here in Texas – indeed, here in the United States for the foreseeable future. As I pack up my things, finish my grading, and trying to remember everything on my to-do list, the bluebonnets seem brighter, the hail more epic, and the upcoming graduation more poignant. As a member of the Board of Directors for the four years, I have had the honor and privilege to get to know so many amazing members of our region and our discipline. As a native New Englander, I've learned to love Texas and the Southwest, in large part due to the welcome I received at SWACJ.

So it is fitting that my last request to you is for nominations to honor one of our members who makes SWACJ so welcoming and so wonderful. As Immediate Past President, I am tasked with overseeing the Felix Fabian Founder's Award, meant to honor a special member of SWACJ for their outstanding contribution to the organization. Nominees must have been an active member of SWACJ for at least 5 years, active in criminal justice education (in some capacity) for at least 5 years preceding, and have made a substantial contribution to SWACJ and the criminal justice discipline. Please send your nominations through the SWACJ website. This award is the highest honor that SWACJ bestows and it will be a pleasure to accept your nominations.

I hope that the end of the semester goes well for you – and your students! As they head off to their new adventures, I know that they will be better because they knew you. I know that I certainly am! And if you're ever Down Under, you had better promise to come visit!

Have a restful and wonderful summer!

Nadine

Immediate Past President



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Regional Trustee's Report



Greetings from the ACJS Executive Board!

The 56TH Annual Meeting in Baltimore was well attended. The hotel accommodations were spacious and inviting, as well as, centrally located. In all, approximately 1750 attended the conference. The 2020 conference will be in San Antonio, March 24-28, at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel. The theme for the 57th Annual Meeting is “Envisioning Justice: From Local to Global.” The portal is open for registration. If you are interested in volunteering for a position with any of the open ACJS committees follow this link:

https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.acjs.org/resource/resmgr/files/2020_committee_volunteers_an.pdf.

As of the end of April, Cathy Barth retired as the Association Manager and will continue to serve ACJS part time until 2021. Letiscia Perrin, has been appointed as the Association Manager. It was a pleasure to work with both Cathy and Letiscia in Baltimore.

Below is the link to the 2020 ACJS awards and selection criteria. The deadline for each ACJS Academy Awards is August 2015. One award of particular interest to the regions is the Academy Leadership and Innovation Award. It is the nomination of practioners employed in a professional capacity in the criminal justice system, related and ancillary programs, services and agencies such as victim services, juvenile justice, case management and treatment, drug/alcohol and mental health services, and community coalitions, as well as research, government, or public service. The Awardee will receive a plaque, a \$600 travel award, and one year membership in ACJS. You may submit your nominations to christine.nix@umhb.edu.

<https://www.acjs.org/page/Awards1?&hhsearchterms=%22innovator+and+award%22>

If you have questions, comments (within reason), and concerns you would like brought to the attention of the ACJS Executive Board, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I hope the end of the semester is going well and you have plans for a relaxing summer.

Be blessed.

Kindest regards,

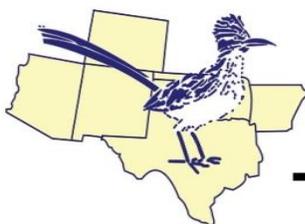
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SWACJ General Business Meeting—March 27, 2019 (Baltimore)

Present: Molly Smith, Mike Cavanaugh, Paul Reynolds, Lynn Greenwood, Nadine Connell

Meeting began at 5:03pm

Officer Reports:

Past President:

- The new board is doing well – not a lot of issues or emails requesting help.
- The Felix Fabian award nominations will be opening up in a few months. Nominees must have at least five years of SWACJ membership and SWACJ service above and beyond the norm.
- Nominations should be sent to Nadine Connell.

President:

- The 2019 conference will be October 16-18 in Houston, Texas at the Doubletree Greenway Plaza. The theme is “Developing Academic and Professional Partnerships.”
- The conference hotel rate is \$131 per night. The hotel has a shuttle to the nearby Galleria area.
- The board would like to provide a workshop and is open to ideas. Suggestions included advanced statistical methods and GIS.
- A speaker/speakers are still being sought. The plan is to stick with the theme of academic/professional partnerships. One idea is to have a panel with practitioners and researchers.
- Attendance for the poster presentation this year was very high; this is likely due to the setup as a networking event with drink tickets. The poster presentation for 2019 will be in the same format.
- The Whova app will be utilized again in 2019. Links can be sent in the app.
- Members are encouraged to talk to their institutions about sponsorships. Publishers/law firms and other institutions can be sponsors as well, for receptions and offsetting student costs.
- The deadline for submissions to present at SWACJ is September 15.

First VP

- The 2020 conference will be in Austin, TX. There are several possible locations. Details will be forthcoming and site visits will be done this summer.
- The details for the quiz bowl are available on the website. Teams are needed for next year. The electronic method of participating used this year will not be used; there were issues with the Wi-Fi connection.

Second VP (report provided by Molly)

- Call for papers and need volunteers for judging.
- Tusty is looking at Little Rock for the 2021 conference.



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Treasurer (report provided by Nadine)

- We are compliant with the IRS.
- We have a healthy balance at the close of the conference.
- Nothing significant to report.

Webmaster

- Registration and paper submissions will be changing. The website will be like an online store. This will be easier for large groups of students to register.
- The Whova app worked well last year. It was nice to have pictures as the conference progressed.
- Please send pictures to board members and we can share them on the SWACJ Facebook and Instagram accounts.
- We will also consider Snapchat filters for the SWACJ conference
- Please send information about things you are doing between meetings to the SWACJ board and we will share on social media: publications, student events, awards, etc.

Journal Editor

- In the next three weeks a special issue will be published. The fall issue is already full. We are starting to take submissions for fall 2020.
- A stipend increase is needed. We also need money for a copy editor.
- A journal committee is being appointed. Will Oliver has agreed to chair the committee
- Colorado is possibly moving to WACJ – this is still up in the air. There is a possibility they will move or they can stay members of both.

Regional Trustee

- The ACJS Board has said CO can stay in both organizations; it is not the ACJS Board's place to make that decision.
- ACJS is financially sound. There is a general decline in membership. There is discussion about identifying how to boost membership. Non-member/member money differential may need to be changed – need to be able to demonstrate the benefits of being a member.
- The ACJS locations are booked up to 2029. Some future sites include National Harbor, Philadelphia, and Boston.

Old Business

- The Wednesday-Friday conference format seemed to work well last year. Some hotels have cheaper rates for this range of weekdays.

New Business

- Memberships and registration
 - Not raising rates for the Houston conference
 - They may go up in the future
 - Food and beverage costs go up in the numbers do not

- ACJS is still a fairly inexpensive conference
- SWACJ is still low cost as well
- Smaller schools are able to afford SWACJ
- It is possible we may go to a sliding scale
 - Tenure vs. non-tenured
 - PhD vs. other students
 - Contingent faculty
- Sponsorships
 - Members are asked to go back to institutions and ask for sponsorships
 - We can work up price points to get to potential sponsors
- Volunteers
 - The association needs volunteers
 - Trustee
 - Panel chairs
 - Roundtable
- Board vacancies
 - There will be two upcoming vacancies on the SWACJ board
 - Treasure
 - 2nd Vice President
 - Think about running; can ask any board member if you want more information.

Adjourned at 5:45pm



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Call for Conference Papers & Posters
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Deadline for abstracts: Midnight, September 20, 2019



*No individual may appear more than twice in the program as an author or presenter



2019 SWACJ Poster Session

The *Poster session* offers the opportunity to participate in an innovative, progressive, interactive presentation of your research guaranteed to reach a wider audience than traditional panel presentations.

The poster session is a collection of visual displays of research that encourages informal interaction between authors and attendees. The primary author of a Poster presentation must be in attendance and committed to stay throughout the presentation.

How to be a Poster Presenter:

Submit presentation topics via the **Abstract and Panel Participation Form**. Upon acceptance, prepare a visual presentation for your paper, and bring it to Houston.

Set up your presentation in your assigned spot **30 minutes BEFORE** the poster sessions begins and remain at your spot for the full time the poster session is scheduled.

The poster presentation

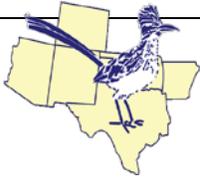
A poster consists of two components. First, it is a visual display of research and secondly, it involves interaction with the audience. The research is usually PowerPoint slides or some other computer software. Then the slides are printed and placed on a poster stand(s) provided by SWACJ. The visual display includes text, tables, graphs etc. Some author(s) choose to have their posters printed professionally or laminated; this is a personal preference but is not required. The second component of the poster research requires that the author(s) interact with the audience during the allotted session time. Conference participants browse the displayed visual presentations of research and have an opportunity to inquire about the research. (Note: maximum size for each poster is 36"X48")

Anyone interested in presenting research may do so by submitting an **Abstract and Panel Participation** form no later than **midnight September 20, 2019**.

No one can present* more than one poster presentation at the conference. However, participants may be a co-author of research with other co-authors who will present the additional research. Each poster presentation must have an author present to interact during the duration of poster session. (*No person's name may appear more than twice as author or presenter).

No unattended presentations. At least one presenter is required to stand by your poster for the entire session. If there is more than one author, it is acceptable to alternate or split up times with your co-author(s). If your research is accepted, we will expect someone to be available to present it in your place. Please plan and have a backup person who can present the research on your behalf if you cannot attend the conference.

Please contact Tusty ten Bensel at Second-Vice-President@swacj.org with questions regarding the poster session.



2019 SWACJ UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Interested undergraduate students are encouraged to submit a paper on a criminal justice topic that is both relevant and current to criminal justice. There are a wide variety of types of papers that could conceivably be entered into this competition, which include:

- a) A literature review of a research topic that demonstrates the ability to synthesize current findings and interpret future research needs;
- b) A policy review of a crime related topic that incorporates an understanding of how policy impacts practice;
- c) A legal analysis of a relevant and current court case;
- d) A research proposal to study a crime and justice related topic

Submissions will be judged on: 1) the student's ability to select and synthesize the findings from significant recent research on the chosen topic; 2) the student's ability to compose an effective argument; 3) the student's demonstrated ability to identify future research needs; and 4) the student's ability to write effectively.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Undergraduate students enrolled during the fall 2019 semester in a university, college, junior college, or community college within the Southwest Region.

AWARDS: The authors of the top three submissions may be awarded \$150 (1st place), \$100 (2nd place), and \$50 (3rd place). Any prizes may be awarded or withheld at the judges' discretion.

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

ENTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Student(s) must author the paper; no faculty/student joint papers will be considered (although papers co-authored by students will be eligible).
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3. Submissions must be submitted electronically to Dr. Tusty ten Bensel at Second-Vice-President@swacj.org and must be accompanied by a cover sheet affirming that the submission has been reviewed for quality by faculty at the student's home university or college.
4. The cover letter must specify that the paper is to be entered in the undergraduate competition.
5. To be considered for competition, entries must be received by midnight, **September 20, 2019**.
6. The paper must conform to the citation and format standard established in the 6th edition of the American Psychological Association (APA) publication manual.
7. The title page of the paper should include the student's full name, address, and school affiliation.
8. The author's name and affiliation **should not** appear on any other page of the submission.

PRESENTATION OF SUBMITTED PAPERS:

Students are not required to attend the annual meeting or to present their papers to be eligible for the awards; however, we do strongly encourage students to present their papers in the supportive atmosphere of the annual meeting. Students who submit papers for presentation are **not obligated** to enter the paper contest. The paper competition is strictly voluntary.



2018 SWACJ GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Interested graduate students are encouraged to submit an **original research paper** on a topic both relevant and current to criminal justice. Submissions will be judged on: 1) the student's ability to synthesize research relevant to their topic; 2) the student's ability to justify the proposed study; 3) the student's ability to develop an appropriate research design; 4) the student's ability to draw conclusions about their outcomes based on current research; and 5) the student's ability to write effectively.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Graduate students enrolled for the fall 2019 semester in a university or college within the Southwest Region.

AWARDS: The authors of the top three submissions could be awarded \$250 (1st place), \$150 (2nd place), or \$100 (3rd place). Any prizes may be awarded or withheld at the judges' discretion.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18**



-- All Students Encouraged To Participate --

Call for Teams

The Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice

is pleased to announce the

Eighth Collegiate Undergraduate

Crime Scene Interpretation Competition

Thursday October 17, 2019

Time and Location to be announced

The competition will be held as part of the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice (SWACJ). Teams will photograph, sketch, and document a processed crime scene.

Teams may consist of three to five members. Teams must be sponsored by a faculty member of their home institution who is a member of SWACJ. All team members must be registered as meeting attendees. Teams *may not* include professional, reserve, or former peace officers or crime scene technicians regardless of status as students. **Any team found in violation will forfeit placement status and will be disqualified from competing for one year.**

Teams will be judged on professionalism, accuracy of processing and interpretation, and compliance with recognized standards and protocols.

For further information or registration, team sponsors should send an email to

Lynn Greenwood at
Secretary@swacj.org

To be considered for competition, entries must be received via email no later than midnight, **September 20, 2019.**

***Entry must include the number of participating students and the name of the sponsoring faculty.**

**** Prior to the conference, a request will be sent to each faculty sponsor for the names of student participants in order to complete the registration process for the competition.**

*****Late submissions will not be accepted.**

******Institutions can have multiple teams, but each team shall have not more than five members.**

Annual SWACJ Undergraduate Student Criminal Justice Quiz Bowl 2019

Team Composition: A team will consist of two to four members. Team members must be registered for the annual meeting as students. A maximum of eight teams will be allowed to participate. Teams will be registered on a first to register, first to qualify basis. Each college or university participating in the SWACJ annual meeting may enter *one* team.

Teams must pre-register by contacting Dr. Paul Reynolds (First-Vice-President@swacj.org) no later than midnight, **September 20, 2019**. Teams do not have to provide the names of team members to pre-register for the Quiz Bowl – simply indicate that a team from a particular program will participate. Teams must submit a list of participants at least 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the Quiz Bowl for conference registration verification.

Relays (rounds): The Quiz Bowl will consist of two relays followed by a championship round. For the two relays, teams will be divided as evenly as possible and relay assignment will be done by random selection. The winning team from each relay will compete in the championship round. The two teams in the championship round will not carry over any previous points from the first relays. The team with the most points in the championship round will receive the first prize (\$250); the remaining team in the championship round will receive the second prize (\$150). **Prize money** for the first and second place teams will be given to the faculty advisor for the winning teams to be used as they determine.

Teams in the first relays will be quizzed from the following categories:

1. **Law Enforcement:** Five questions about general police systems and practices.
2. **Corrections:** Five questions about U.S. correctional systems and practices.
3. **U.S. Judicial System:** Five questions about U.S. court systems and practices.
4. **Criminal Law:** Five questions about fundamental concepts of criminal law.
5. **Criminal Procedure:** Five questions related to the rules of evidence and criminal procedure

In the event of a tie, the category will be *Major Supreme Court Decisions* for the best two out of three questions.

Teams in the championship will compete for first place and will be quizzed from the following categories:

1. **Criminology:** Five questions about theories of criminality
2. **History of Criminal System:** Five questions related to the history of the crime and the criminal justice system in the United States.

In the event of a tie, the category will be *Research Methodology* for the best two out of three questions.

In all relays, Team Captains will have buzzers to “buzz-in” when their team is *ready to answer*. The team that buzzes in first will be given the first opportunity to answer and must answer within *10 seconds*. Teams answering questions correctly will earn one point; a one point deduction will be assessed for incorrect answers. If the first team to buzz in answers incorrectly or does not submit an answer, the second team to buzz in will be allowed an opportunity to answer. Questions will be passed if no team buzzes in within 60 seconds.

Good sportsmanship will be observed at all times by all participants and spectators. Individual participants who engage in unsportsmanlike behavior may be disqualified. Participants must keep cell phones out of sight during the Quiz Bowl. Spectators who engage in rude, disrespectful, or unsportsmanlike behavior may be asked to leave the event. This includes attempting to convey answers to any person in any manner.





Felix Fabian Founder's Award Southwest Association of Criminal Justice 2019

Nomination Criteria

Awarded to SWACJ members who are deemed deserving of special recognition for their outstanding contribution to SWACJ and the profession.

Prior recipients of the Felix Fabian Founder's Award are not eligible for nomination.

Selection Criteria:

- Active member in good standing of SWACJ for at least five (5) consecutive years.
- Active involvement in criminal justice education and research for the preceding five (5) years.
- Through service activities, has made a substantial contribution to SWACJ and to the discipline of criminal justice.

Nominations for the Felix Fabian Founder's Award may be made only by current SWACJ members.

Nominations may be submitted by any current SWACJ member. The nomination should include the following information: (a) a brief summary of the nominee's contributions in accordance with the award criteria, and (b) an explanation of the significance of these contributions. Submission of supporting materials with nominations is encouraged but not required.

Submit nominations to: Nadine Connell: Past-President@swacj.org

***Felix Fabian was the first President of SWACJ. His bio can be found on our web page at <https://www.swacj.org/>**



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