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Urgent!!!!

Solicitation for Site Locations for the Fall 2009 Conference

The membership of SWACJ is asked to submit conference site locations to the 2nd Vice-President, David Montague, for the annual meeting to be held in the Fall of 2009.

Please recommend both city locations and possible hotels to support our conference.

The Conference committee will obtain pricing and other information in order to present the proposals at the business meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, where the membership will vote on the site location.

Please e-mail David Montague at drmoutague@ualr.edu with your recommendations by February 15, 2008.

Of Note:

SWACJ General Winter Business Meeting in conjunction with the ACJS annual conference will be held Wednesday, March 12 from 5:00 – 6:00 in the Hilton Rosewood room.

President's Message

Phil Rhoades

I was very glad to host the October 2007 annual meeting here in Corpus Christi and was pleased that it was well attended and from all reports well received. The program offered a good variety of topics with a very respectable number of papers, panels, and roundtables directly on the theme of criminal justice and homeland security. As always at the Association meetings, I enjoyed conversing with long-time colleagues, meeting new ones, and engaging the discipline's future among the students present. I would, however, rather be back out on the bay on the Captain's Flagship than typing this message. The President's Reception started with a pleasant stroll along the bay front to the Flagship's dock.

The weather cooperated by providing a very clear sky and placid bay. The Omni created an excellent buffet which the members consumed almost down to the last broccoli floret while enjoying the music of the Eddie Galvan combo. At the Reception, the attending Past Presidents were presented with Jefferson Cups for their service to SWACJ as arranged by President Will Oliver. Throughout the meeting, I was impressed by the good attendance at all of the panels and even at the business meeting. Knowing that Corpus Christi offers enjoyable things to do, it was nice that people remained committed to the meeting.

A sincere thank you goes to Past President Will Oliver for all of the effort he put in to plan and carryout a successful meeting. It is regretful that a last minute military call-up that was then cancelled prevented his attendance. Thanks Will and thanks to your crew at SHSU (Nap, Cutty, Milt, Harriet, and Joe) for all the pre-conference work on the name tags, programs, pre-registrations and the on site assistance that was provided. Also, my thanks go to my colleague, Melissa Jarrell, and the students of the Criminal Justice Association (especially, Leslee, Jason, and Vali) for their help with the conference packets/bags, arrangements, and the registration table.

At the Meeting, the Association's gratitude was offered to George Eichenberg and David Montague for their three years of exceptional service as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. While George is taking a break, David has signed on for three more years due to his election as Second Vice President. Thanks for your dedication guys.

Thanks are also due to Tracy Andrus and Michael Champion for operating the Undergraduate Bowl and to Melissa Jarrell, David Montague, and Stephanie Mizrahi for judging the Student Paper Competitions.

Finally, I want to thank the members of the Ad Hoc Audit Committee for their work on Saturday after the meeting was over to perform the first audit for SWACJ. Please, see their report in this newsletter as it was provided to me and placed in the Association's files.

The primary issue to be resolved this year appears to be a financial one. First, please have no worry. The Association is financially healthy. However, meetings cost more than the revenue generated by the registration fee and membership dues collected. Thus, it is time to adjust one or both of these sources of revenue to more closely reflect the SWACJ's actual expenses. At the October business meeting the Executive Board was tasked to examine alternatives and bring proposals to the mid-year meeting in March at the ACJS meeting in Cincinnati. We will do so. Any changes in membership fees will not apply to dues collected for 2007-2008. So, if you were unable to attend the annual meeting and have not paid dues for this year, please use the membership form included here. Please, renew and update your membership information. Copy and pass the form on to others in you Departments.

Please, plan on attending the October 2-4, 2008 annual meeting in Denver and encourage your students and colleagues to come. The meeting will be at the Red Lion Hotel, Denver Downtown at Invesco Field. Please, see the announcement here in the newsletter with rates and reservation information and cut-off.

We come now to a theme for the 2008 meeting in Denver. Themes seem to come and go and come again. I have attended the SWACJ and ACJS meetings across a 26 year time span while here in the Southwest. I've seen some good themes and almost recycled one that is still viable.

Well, a recycled President gets to recycle things doesn't he? Yet, the last several days have had news and I have found things in the stack (pile? que?) of e-mails waiting for me after the break that pushed toward another direction.

We are all under surveillance. Some we know about and some we do not. Some is official (government) and some is private. Some we actually choose and pay for directly and some is not chosen, but we still pay for it. Security cameras proliferate. We add nanny cams, traffic cams, and now graffiti cams have arrived. I can stay home, secure, and watch videos of exciting vacation sites. Or, I can go to the exotic vacation site and watch my home on the inter-net through security cameras. We are watched while driving, shopping, banking, registering to vote, registering a car, buying gas, going to the museum.... My credit card purchases are watched whether I am home or on vacation for my security whether I want it done or not. My card was put on a security stop while I was home because too many gift cards were bought at one time at one store during a holiday season a couple years back. After one vacation purchase in Rome, my card was stopped because I had not thought to warn security that they should expect purchases from Europe. It did not seem to matter that that same card had bought the airline tickets and the tour package. My phone monitors where I am. So do most cars now. The car's computer even keeps track of how we have been driving. Some can even give us reports, reports that can be obtained by others. If I were a rancher, I could GPS track my cattle across South Texas by inserting trackers in their necks. We can track our pets by inserting similar devices. The latest is the plan of the school district back east to put GPS tracking devices in middle school kids' backpacks so parents will know where they are (at least the backpack) all the time. What country decides to track all of its citizens? From adulthood? From Birth? Where do the devices get implanted? Do they also record? If so, what?

It is not all surveillance or monitoring. Before the technology became available, what we did in public could be seen and heard. It could be witnessed. It was not private. Now, anyone with some form of phone, PDA, I-Pod, MP3 player, and so on, can not just witness, but record. Thus, our worst public moments may wind up on a funny or amazing video show or become the latest most watched YouTube clip. A potentially permanent record of our public behavior may be created for access by anyone, worldwide. Recently, a police officer was caught in 12 instances of perjury because the suspect he denied interrogating recorded the interrogation on his MP3 player. This revelation occurred in court as the recording was introduced by the defense. We are far beyond the occasional citizen with a video camera that may chance across police misconduct. We may have to assume that a recording device is present most anywhere private or public. I started with the work surveillance, but it is much broader than that. We are observed and are observing all the time on many levels in multiple ways.

What we do on-line may be monitored especially on the job. Our home on-line use may also be monitored, watched, observed by officials or by crooks. Then, the crooks' behavior, can be watched by watchdog agencies or by private citizens trying to catch them and bring them to justice. The latter are now being watched by government. South Carolina is considering outlawing private citizens from catching inter-net criminals and submitting evidence unless they have a P.I.'s license in South Carolina regardless of the citizen's state of residence. So, we get citizen's watched by criminals, watched by citizens, watched by government so the latter can become criminals.

Where is privacy in all of this? Much is the same as we always have had, but we record it and make it public. We post it on My Space or Facebook, web-site it, or blog it, or otherwise turn private to public. This gives observers opportunity. The stalker, the pedophile, the con-artist find opportunities. Yet, this same material may show up in your background investigation as a job seeker or as evidence available for criminal prosecution. The news this week reported on a student that was denied her teaching internship and thus her teaching certificate because of photos of her partying that were found on the web.

We in criminal justice need to begin to examine where these technologies will go in the future. Leslie Wilkins always warned that any invention of humankind can be used for crime. As we expand the capacity of humans to observe and record for our use, what uses can be found by criminals? What defenses can we design? What tools can law enforcement develop? I think we are at the very beginning of an age of information creation, recording, and availability beyond that which has been called the information age. We are entering an age of observation that goes beyond what we have considered to be information in the past. We now observe the mundane, the happenstance, the here-to-fore private and convert it to information. What was once gossip or the ravings of the uninformed becomes blogged. Once "published," it becomes a truth, a fact, a quote and reference in that researched paper you just graded last fall. It becomes information. We need to examine the privacy/scrutiny gaps between young and old and rich and poor. Google your parent or Grand parent. Then, compare it with what is out there on you. Then, do your high school or college age children. We need to consider information and information technology gaps among nations that contribute to disparities in wealth and participation in the globalization of the world and lead to transnational crime.

We need to address privacy and what it has become. We need to address the multiple ways we all can be observed. These need to be linked to crime, to crime prevention, to investigation, to doing justice. Therefore, I pose this theme for the October 2008 SWACJ conference: **Privacy and Scrutiny: Criminal Justice enters the Age of Observation.**

I sincerely hope to see papers, panels, and roundtables about where we are and where we are likely to go with the issues I have raised here and totally acknowledge that this raving has only scratched the potential surface of the topic.

Phil

1st Vice-President
Tracy Andrus

Dear SWACJ Members,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the SWACJ meeting as much as the faculty and students from Wiley College. I want to thank all of you for your assistance in helping to make this conference one of the best that I have ever attended. Our students as well as faculty commend all of you for a job well done. The presentations, quiz-bowl, entertainment, fellowship and extracurricular activities were all outstanding. I am hoping that we will continue to allow the students to take part in the presentations and exposure that we have afforded them in the past. I also would like to congratulate David on winning the election as 2nd VP he deserves it.

I know that this conference just wrapped up but it is time that we make definite plans for the 2008 conference. I am looking forward to working with the ad hoc committee appointed to explore the possibility of taking the conference to Denver and look forward to reporting that information to the members as soon as the plans are solidified. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Denver or Houston in 2008.

Tracy

***2nd Vice-President
David Montague***

Dear SWACJ Members:

Please let me first say that it has been a true pleasure serving the previous three years as your treasurer and that it is obvious that our organization's finances will still be in great hands under the leadership of our new treasurer Robert Worley. I am honored to have worked with outstanding SWACJ officers to make the work of treasurer effective. I am pleased to say that after a successful audit and closing of our bank account, the sum of \$8,008.61 was forwarded to our new treasurer in order to open a new account with him as the signer. I also want to thank the membership for selecting me to serve as the Second Vice President. I will give the same level of dedication to this new office as was given to the office of treasurer. I look forward to working with all of the officers as we continue to grow.

See you at the business meeting in Cincinnati!

David Montague :-)

***Secretary's Report
M. George Eichenberg***

SWACJ Annual Business Meeting Minutes 10/5/2007

Phil Rhoades, first vice president, called the meeting to order in the absence of Will Oliver, president.

Phil asked for approval of the minutes from the midyear meeting that had been distributed electronically. Motion to approve was made by Katy Eichenberg, seconded by Joan Crowley and passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Phil thanked the following for their support of the annual meeting:

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

The Criminal Justice Association members of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

College of Criminal Justice-Sam Houston State University

Texas State University

Texas Christian University
Southeastern Oklahoma University
Texas Department of Transportation
Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau
Omni Marina Hotel and Towers, especially Ross Rutherford

Phil announced there were three officer's positions open; 2d vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Phil opened the floor for nominations for 2d vice president.

Katy Eichenberg nominated David Montague; seconded by Jeff Walker.

Innis Addison nominated Michael Champion; seconded by Ernest Bremmer.

Jeff Walker moved to close nominations; seconded by Gerald Piechocki.

Both candidates made brief speeches.

Election was conducted by paper ballad.

David Montague was elected 2d vice president.

Phil opened the floor for nominations for treasurer.

Christine Nix nominated Robert Worley; seconded by Katy Eichenberg

Jeff Walker moved to close nominations; seconded by Leonard Peck.

Joan Crowley moved that Robert be elected by acclimation; seconded by Leonard Peck.

Motion carried.

Phil opened the floor for nominations for secretary.

Ferris Bixby nominated Lorie Rubenser; seconded by Chip Burns.

Katy moved to close nominations; seconded by Ed Schauer.

Ed moved that Lorie be elected by acclimation; seconded by Leonard Peck.

Motion carried.

Phil recognized the outgoing officers; Will Oliver, president; David Montague, treasurer; and George Eichenberg, secretary. Phil presented each person with a beautiful plaque from the Association and a ceramic cup and/or bowl.

Phil called for officers' reports.

Tracy Andrus reported on the 2008 annual meeting. The selection of Little Rock, made at the midyear meeting is problematic. Tracey asked that members please follow protocol in making suggestions reference meeting sites. Discussion was then moved to old business as a point of order.

David Montague gave the treasurer's report. After accounting for all Association funds he mentioned that 65% of this year's participants were walk-ins. David stated that he had explored the possibility of credit card use for registrations and it was not feasible for us to do so. He also advised that as of 4p, there were 139 registered participants.

George Eichenberg had no secretary's report but thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve as secretary the past three years.

Chip Burns gave the ACJS trustee's report. He encouraged attendance at the annual meeting, to be held in Cincinnati, March 2008. He stated nominations for ACJS awards were open until October 15, 2007. He concluded by asking members to please contact him with any questions or comments regarding ACJS.

Napoleon Reyes gave the managing editor's report for the Southwestern Journal of Criminal Justice. He distributed printed copies of the current issue. Will Oliver, whose call-up to active military duty proved temporary will continue as editor.

Christine Nix, Katy Eichenberg, and Ralph Rojas were appointed to assist the new second vice president in a search for the site of the 2009 meeting.

The audit committee composed of Christine Nix, Lorie Rubenser, and Jeff Walker will audit the books before the treasury is transferred from David Montague to Robert Worely the afternoon of 10/5.

Old business

Phil commented reference the logistics problems created by the high percentage of late registrants. Phil advised this cost the Association literally thousands of dollars because planning meals and events effectively was made very difficult.

Site for 2008 annual meeting

Jeff Walker advised that while UALR was willing to host the meeting, next year was, "...not a good time." The matter was opened to general discussion. It was noted as a point of order that while the memberships' input was important, the final decision for relocating the conference was the executive boards'. Phil advised the matter would be fully examined, including issues of cost, before a location was chosen. Denver and Houston were offered as possible sites. Jeff Walker moved to look into Denver with Houston as a fall back location. Peter Blair seconded. Motion carried with two dissenting votes.

New business

Phil advised that our registration fees are not covering the costs of the meetings; that sponsors have been making up the majority of the revenues supporting the meetings and that this may or may not be a reliable source of funding over time. Phil recommended raising the registration fee. Tracy concurred but asked please not to price students out of the conference; perhaps raise the fee for faculty and others but leave the student fee as is. Ferris Bixby recommended raising the membership fee rather than the registration fee and to raise the late registration fee to cover the planning problems caused by late registrations. Pete Blair recommended the executive board examine the overall fee structure of the organization and report with recommendations at the midyear meeting. Finding a positive reception for this idea he put it in the form of a motion which was seconded by Jeff Walker. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
George

New Officers

Secretary's Greeting *Lorie Rubenser*

Happy New Year Everyone! I'm so excited about the new year and the opportunity to serve as your new Secretary. I've been going to the SWACJ conference since I came to Texas in 1999 (got here as quickly as I could). The more involved I become in the conference, the more I enjoy the experience. I know that when we take the conference out of Texas attendance usually suffers but I think this year we may be able to make an exception. Ralph Rojas has done a fabulous job of securing us a place in Denver and the conference is sure to be great. Denver has so many things to offer, it would be a shame for any of you to miss it. I have to say though that it will be hard to follow the conference Phil organized for us in Corpus Christi. In closing, I hope you all had a great holiday season and will have a wonderful Spring Semester.

Lorie

Treasurer's Greeting *Rob Worley*

Greetings colleagues, I hope everyone is enjoying their winter break. I am very excited about being the Treasurer of SWACJ. For those of you who do not know me, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Rob Worley, and I am a recent alumnus of Sam Houston State University. While at Sam Houston, I was also employed as a correctional officer for seven years with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. I have been a member of SWACJ since 2002 and am proud to be serving in a leadership role. I would like to wish everyone a very happy and productive 2008. I am very thankful for having the opportunity to serve as Treasurer and look forward to seeing those of you who plan on attending ACJS this Spring. I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their vacation.

Kind Regards,

Rob

Ad Hoc Audit Committee Report

The Ad Hoc Audit Committee for the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice met at 1:30p.m. on October 6, 2007. We reviewed the checks, conference spreadsheet, and other financial activities undertaken by the Treasurer, David Montague. We noted only minor issues that were corrected at the time of the audit. No major problems were noted and all finances are in correct order.

Original Signed: Christine A. Nix, Lorie Rubenser, Jeffery T. Walker



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DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: September 1, 2008

**2008 SWACJ ANNUAL MEETING
Abstract & Panel Participation Form**

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I wish to (check all that apply):

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PLEASE SUBMIT ABSTRACTS BY SEPTEMBER 8, 2007

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Texas Association of Criminal Justice Educators Tory J. Caeti Student Presentation Scholarship

Who is Eligible?

Undergraduate students currently enrolled (and those who will be enrolled September 2008) in a university, college, junior college or community college within the Texas Association of Criminal Justice Educators of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice.

Presentation of submitted papers:

Students are required to attend the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice annual conference and present their papers to be eligible for the scholarships.

Awards:

Registration fee for the top two winners for the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice annual conference.

Criteria:

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.
3. Undergraduate students currently enrolled (and those who will be enrolled September 2007) in a university, college, junior college or community college within the Texas Association of Criminal Justice Educators of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice.
4. The paper **must not** be a winner in the SWACJ Student Paper Competition.
5. Three copies of each paper must be submitted before **September 15, 2008** to the current president of the Texas Section:

*Ed Schauer,
Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center
Prairie View A&M University
PO Box 4017, Prairie View
TX 77446-4017.*

Papers received after the deadline will not receive consideration.

6. The paper must meet standard publication formats as established at the student's home university or college.
7. The paper will be judged at the conference after the luncheon by a panel of 3. The panel will be appointed by the current president of the Texas Association of Criminal Justice Educators.
8. 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 Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice

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