Midwestern Criminal Justice Association

Midwest Region Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, September 27, 2018

2:30 p.m.; prepared by Andrea Krieg

**Attendance:** Jennifer Peck, Immediate Past President; Jason Spraitz, President; Kiesha Warren-Gordon, 1st Vice President; Breanne Pleggenkuhle, 2nd Vice President; Andrew (AJ) Myer, Treasurer, Andrea Krieg, Secretary; Michael Leiber, Editor, Journal of Crime & Justice; Victoria Simpson Beck, Regional Treasurer; Matt Matusiak, Incoming 2nd Vice President

Meeting called to order at 2:30.

**Website Report**

* Andie will email the board to get feedback on the website and things that need to be updated and/or changed and then create a list based on the feedback
* Possibly seek out a graduate student to run the twitter account and ask Kim for the password for it so we can shift it to the generic email accounts
* Additional thoughts:
* Can we set up an automatic receipt for the abstract submissions?

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Per MCJA constitution, membership runs October through September each year.
* In 2017-2018, MCJA had 113 members
* As of 09-24-18, MCJA has 55 members how are current though September 2019 (included both regular and student members)
* 2018 conference attendance as of 9/24/2018
* 154 preregistered
* 53 regular members
* 12 student members
* 60 student non-members
* 29 non-student/non-members
* MCJA bank account: US Bank
* Total cash assets as of 09/24/2018 = $51,896.93
* US Bank checking: $45,888.80
* Edward Jones Account #1: $467.60
* Edward Jones Account #2: 3,355.59
* Edward Jones Account #3: 2,184.94
* Outlays and revenue (from September 25, 2017 through September 24, 2018)
* $33,236.60 in outlays
* $35,750.97 in revenue/deposits
* Square transactions
* 182 transactions
* $16,645: October 1, 2017 to September 24, 2018
* $536.42 paid out in fees

***JCJ*Editor’s Report**

* Journal of Crime & Justice
* Total number of submissions
* 2015-2016: 77
* 2016-2017: 78
* 2017-2018: 74
* Total number of desk rejections
* 2015-2016: 20
* 2016-2017: 33
* 2017-2018: 19
* Rejection %
* 2015-2016: 69%
* 2016-2017: 81%
* 2017-2018: 57%
* Average turn-around time
* 2015-2016: 25 days
* 2016-2017: 23 days
* 2017-2018: 22 days
* Acceptance to online publication time: 2.2 weeks
* Total submissions: 74 (not including Special Issues)
* Total desk rejections: 19
* Rejection Percentage: 57%
* 18 articles forthcoming & OnlineFirst (not including Special Issues)
* 11 under 1st review (9/2/2018)
* 8 submissions from August 2018-September 2018)
* Issues in the Past Year
* December 2017: regular issue, ten articles
* February 2018: regular issue, 7 articles
* April 2018: regular issue, 6 articles
* July 2018: regular issue, 8 issues
* The journal is interested in special issues for 2019-2020
* 2019[Symbol]5 issues/year
* February, April, July, October, December
* 7-8 articles, 30 “Microsoft Word” pages in length
* Awards
* *Journal of Crime & Justice* 2017 Outstanding Paper Award
* “*Risk Profiles and Serious Antisocial Behaviors of Incarcerated Children in Care”*
* Volume 40, Issue 2, pages 138-154
* Lauren F. Freedman, Simon Fraser University
* Jennifer S. Wong, Simon Fraser University
* Raymond R. Corrado, Simon Fraser University
* Graduate Student Honorable Mention
* “Female Representation in U.S. Police Departments, 1980-2010”
* Alicia Jurek
* Outstanding Graduate Paper
* “*A Modified Approach to In-School Victimization, Authoritative School Climate, and Student Feelings of Safety*”
* Daniel Abad and Matthew G. Almanza
* School of Criminal Justice
* Michigan State University

**President’s Announcements**

* Updates since MCJA 2017 meeting:
* Local arrangements/events committee:
* Loyola may be interested in helping next year
* AceBounce Chicago Event
* Chair: Andie Krieg
* Updates since MCJA 2017 meeting:
* MCJA has made changes to student-specific events:
* Poster session (students only this year)
* Possibly set a recommended poster size for students
* Career and Graduate School Fair: Transformed into three professional development panels
* We will create a survey to get student feedback on the panels and for future ideas
* Coordinated by Jen Peck, Matt Matusiak, and Judith Leary
* Law enforcement careers
* Corrections Careers
* Graduate & Academic Careers
* MCJA website continues to be main source of info
* LeAnn Cabage and Kimberly Dodson continue to administer website
* Sponsorship and membership payments can be made online
* When thinking about platinum sponsorship, we should consider table space and possibly make an academic table with space for the journal as well
* AJ will be sending everyone an email to remind them that their membership has lapsed
* Respond to email inquiries typically within 12 hours
* Weebly continues to be a third-party server
* Constitution and by-laws amendments
* 13 proposed amendments
* 45-day voting period
* All amendments passed
* Student papers: please encourage students to submit papers for graduate and undergraduate paper competition
* Registration: Brad Campbell and the new registration table team have been great!
* Elections:
* Summer 2019 Elections
* 2nd Vice President
* Secretary
* Treasurer
* May be interested in moving this to a 3-year term so there is more congruity within the time period
* 2019 Conference
* Continue relationship with Hilton Garden Inn
* Conference expenses increase each year
* 2021, 2023, and 2024 MCJA Conferences
* ASC 2021 and ACJS 2024 are in Chicago
* Executive Board and Members should consider those meetings might have on MCJA attendance, especially non-member attendance
* More outreach
* Possibly reach out to the people who published in the journal as a way to create further outreach
* Different location?
* 2018 Elections and Transitions
* Dr. Matt Matusiak, 2nd Vice President
* Transitions
* Dr. Jason Spraitz, Immediate Past President
* Dr. Kiesha Warren-Gordon, President
* Dr. Breanne Pleggenkuhle, 1st Vice President
* Keynote address
* Nicole Van Cleve, author of *Crook County*