Midwestern Criminal Justice Association

Business Meeting

Friday, September 28, 2018

4:15 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 4:16.

**Old Business**

**Minutes** (from the 2017 MCJA Meeting)

* Can access minutes on MCJA website

**New Business**

**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, 23 registered on-site
    - 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
    - $16,108.58 deposited

**ACJS President Report: Faith Lutze**

* ACJS 56th Annual Meeting, “*Justice, Human Rights, Activism*”, March 26-30, 2019, Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel, Baltimore, MD
  + Abstract submission deadline: September 30th, 2018
  + Conference theme was created with the hope that ACJS and the regional associations will make a mark on the current conversation happening around our field
* ACJS developed a new practitioner award, hopeful that the regions will help in the selection of the winner
* ACJS offers historical mini-grants for research that helps support the historical aspects of the association; up to $5,000
* ACJS is doing a survey soliciting information from the membership and from non-members as well; what can ACJS do for its members as benefits?

***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
* Upcoming special issue on *Contemporary Issues in American Policing*
* The journal is interested in special issues for 2019-2020
* 2019🡪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
  + Outstanding Graduate Student Paper: Honorable Mention
    - “*Female Representation in U.S. Police Departments, 1980-2010*”
      * Alicia Jurek, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University
  + Outstanding Graduate Paper: Winner
    - “*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
  + Student paper Competition
    - Thank you to Chair, Victoria Beck, and the judges for their service

**President’s Announcements**

* Updates since MCJA 2017 meeting:
  + Local arrangements/events committee:
  + AceBounce Chicago Event
    - Chair: Andie Krieg
    - Contact Andie if you have ideas for future Wednesday night events (andrea.krieg@elmhurst.edu)
* Updates since MCJA 2017 meeting:
  + MCJA has made changes to student-specific events:
    - Poster session (student-authored or co-authored only this year)
    - Career and Graduate School Fair: Transformed into three professional development panels
      * Coordinated by Jen Peck, Matt Matusiak, and Jude 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
    - 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 (closed February 23, 2018)
    - All amendments passed (11 received unanimous support, 1 received 94% support, 1 receive 88% support)
* Student papers: please encourage students to submit papers for graduate and undergraduate paper competition
* Member volunteers needed:
  + Re-establish MCJA newsletter
  + Judges for student paper competition
  + Develop protocol for posting to website
  + Develop rules & procedures for MCJA listserv
  + Develop written criteria for Castellano Award
    - If interested, please email Jason Spraitz (spraitjd@uwec.edu)
* Registration: Brad Campbell and the new registration table team have been great!
  + Tad Hughes, Emily Homer, Katie Hughes, Caroline Jalain, Dan Jude, and David Lapsey
* Elections:
  + Summer 2019 Elections (call for nominations in May)
    - 2nd Vice President
    - Secretary
    - Treasurer
  + 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
* 2018 Elections and Transitions
  + Dr. Matt Matusiak, University of Central Florida, 2nd Vice President
  + Transitions
    - Dr. Jason Spraitz, UW-Eau Claire, Immediate Past President
    - Dr. Kiesha Warren-Gordon, Ball State University, President
    - Dr. Breanne Pleggenkuhle, SIU Carbondale, 1st Vice President
* Keynote address
  + Nicole Van Cleve, author of *Crook County*