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Urgent!!!!

Solicitation for Site Locations for the Fall 2007 Conference

The membership of SWACJ is asked to submit conference site locations to the 2nd Vice-President, Will Oliver, for the annual meeting to be held in the Fall of 2007.

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 Baltimore, Maryland, where the membership will vote on the site location.

Please e-mail Will Oliver at woliver@shsu.edu with your recommendations by February 15, 2006.

Of Note:

SWACJ General Winter Business Meeting
In conjunction with the ACJS annual conference
Thursday, March 2 from 4:30-5:45 in Grand Ballroom Salon II of the
Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel

President's Message **Chip Burns**

Greetings from Fort Worth, home of the 2006 SWACJ annual meeting. "Cowtown" looks forward to hosting the "herds" of criminal justice educators, students, and practitioners attending next October's meeting. Here's hoping the 2006 meeting is as well-organized and productive as the 2005 SWACJ meeting in Oklahoma City. A special thanks goes to all who contributed to the success of our 2005 meeting, particularly Camille Gibson and the folks from Oklahoma City whose tireless efforts should be recognized.

Recently I was discussing with a colleague how professional meetings can be both reinvigorating and inspiring. We discussed how the anxiety of preparing for a professional meeting is countered with a sense of being overwhelmed with research ideas and service tasks, among other things, upon leaving the meetings. I'll refrain from boring you with the research ideas I generated from attending the wonderful panels at our meeting in Oklahoma City,

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although I will use this opportunity to share with you an outline of what service goals I wish to accomplish in the next year.

Per our discussion at the business meeting, there was a call for editor of the *Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice*. Following a solicitation for proposals, Drs. Willard Oliver and Wes Johnson were chosen as co-editors. Their impressive proposal leaves little doubt that they will continue the outstanding work of Jon Sorenson. Last year Jon agreed to edit the journal on an interim basis for the departed former editor Al Patenaude. Those of you who have kept up with the journal know how far it has come in a short period of time. THANKS to Jon for his efforts, and to all of you who contributed to the development of the journal. Be sure to continue considering the journal as an outlet for your work and submit your name to Will and Wes as a member willing and able to review articles.

Shortly after the meeting two sub-committees were assembled with highly competent SWACJ members. The site selection committee is staffed by Will Oliver (Sam Houston State University), Larry Karson (University of Houston – Downtown), and Tom Jordan (Texas A&M – Texarkana). It is hoped that site proposals will be submitted by SWACJ members prior to the Winter business meeting. Also, a sub-committee is currently refining the SWACJ constitution. I am joined on this committee by Joy Pollock (Texas State University), Phil Rhoades (Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi), Camille Gibson, and Patrick Webb (both from Prairie View A&M University). As noted at the October annual meeting, there is a need to update, revise, and/or find the most recent version of the SWACJ constitution. Those in possession of any version of the constitution are strongly encouraged (begged?) to send it to my attention. The goal is to further develop the constitution, submit it to the members for comment, and prepare another version for member approval. A copy of the existing constitution will soon be available on the SWACJ Web site, as will a proposed version of the constitution and justification for the proposed changes. All members are strongly encouraged to send me input regarding proposed revisions. It is hoped that we can agree on a final version at the 2006 annual meeting in Fort Worth. In addition to finding/developing the constitution, there's also a need to ensure that we're in accord with the document.

Other issues in the works this year include providing links to the home institutions of our members on the SWACJ Web site. The Web site links will help us develop more of a community in the region, encourage membership for departments and programs wishing to get "advertising" on our site, and permit potential students to learn more about our members' home institutions. I also plan to work diligently toward getting extensive community involvement with next year's annual meeting. I've been in touch with several practitioners who plan to "spread the word," and will soon contact local colleges and universities to let them know about SWACJ and see if they're interested in assisting with the 2006 annual meeting. I recently contacted all criminal justice and criminology programs in our region to remind them (inform them?) about SWACJ. This should be a busy year... I look forward to it.

Finally, I must recognize the contributions of our Web Master Bill Stone from Texas State University. Bill has consistently ensured that our Web site is updated and practical. As mentioned at the October business meeting, Bill noted that the Web Master position is up for grabs, and anyone with the necessary skills and an interest in taking over the site from Bill may do so. The new Web Master will certainly have large shoes to fill. Those interested in taking over for Bill should express to me their interest at their earliest convenience. See you at the ACJS annual meeting....

Chip

***Willard M. Oliver, 2nd Vice-President
Sam Houston State University***

Dear SWACJ Members,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well as the Fall semester winds down to a close. At this past Fall business meeting of SWACJ in Oklahoma City, I was elected as your 2nd Vice-President, and I thought I would use this letter to do two things: 1) to give you a little background on myself, and 2) solicit the memberships to determine a conference location for the 2007 meeting. However, before I do that I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wes Johnson for nominating me, Pat Mueller and Katy Eichenberg for supporting my nomination, and for everyone who voted for me. I hope I will serve the association well.

This is my third year at Sam Houston State University, teaching in the College of Criminal Justice. I am originally from Virginia and moved to Sam Houston from my *alma mater* Radford University, where I taught for three years. Prior to Radford University I was an assistant professor of criminal justice at Glenville State College, a very small college (1,700 students in a town of 1,700 population) in the middle of West Virginia for six years. While there, I completed my Ph.D. in Political Science at West Virginia University. My research areas tend to focus on Policing (the focus of my undergraduate and Master's studies), Public Policy (the focus of my other Master's and Ph.D.), and the history of criminal justice (coming from a long held interest in history). My past leadership roles in a criminal justice association was my service as both Vice-President and President of the West Virginia Criminal Justice Educators' Association. And finally, and most important, I am married and have three children ages nine, seven, and four.

As one of my first duties as 2nd Vice-President is to select the conference location for the Fall 2007 meeting, I am asking for your assistance. I am chairing the committee for site selection and currently have Tom Jordan of Texas A&M University-Texarkana and Larry Karson of University Houston-Downtown serving on the committee. In addition, because several members at the business meeting recommended Corpus Christi as a possible location, I have solicited the assistance of Phillip Rhoades of Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. Two other suggestions were the Woodlands and South Padre Island. At this point, I want to ask if anyone has any other suggestions for the conference location. If so, our committee will try to find suitable accommodations, obtain some basic pricing information, and present this at the next business meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, for a vote. So, if you have any recommendations, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at woliver@shsu.edu and please know that I appreciate the vote of confidence and hope to serve SWACJ well over the next three years.

Will

Secretary's Report

M. George Eichenberg
Tarleton State University

SWACJ Annual Meeting Minutes, Oklahoma City, September 30, 2005

Camille Gibson called the meeting to order at 4:00p with 40 persons present. She welcomed all in attendance and thanked the membership for the high level of support and assistance during her tenure as SWACJ president. She then turned the meeting over to Ronald "Chip" Burns the incoming president. Chip thanked Camille on behalf of the Association for her service and presented her with a commemorative plaque and a gift certificate as tokens of our appreciation.

Chip then called upon Wes Johnson for the ACJS trustee's report. Wes advised that the mid-year trustee's meeting had been rescheduled due to weather related problems. Wes reminded the assembled multitude that the 2006 ACJS Annual Conference would be in Baltimore, MD and in Seattle, WA in 2007. He stated that we should be looking forward to the 2013 conference in Dallas, TX. Wes discussed Mittie Sutherland's role as the Executive Director of ACJS and the numerous, positive changes that she has already instituted. Among them, Cathy Barth has been hired as the new manager and the Web page is undergoing improvements. Wes pointed out that Jeff Walker of UALR will be installed as ACJS president at the Seattle conference in 2007. Other items that Wes brought to our attention were:

- ACJS will be conducting a membership assessment
- This year marks Wes' 9th year of service to ACJS and SWACJ
- That the ACJS elections will be coming up and he will be completing his three-year term as regional trustee; we will need someone to fill that position.
- Wes will be running for the 2nd vice-president's position for ACJS.

Wes opened the floor to questions; none were asked.

Chip then gave the floor to SWACJ Treasurer David Montague for his report. To summarize, the Association has brought in \$5531.47 for the year. Wes remarked that some years ago when he took over as secretary/treasurer the total bank balance was \$2700. As of Friday 9/30 104 persons had registered for the conference.

Chip and 1st Vice-President Pat Mueller discussed next year's SWACJ conference to be held in Ft. Worth. Pat advised that a deposit of \$750.00 will be paid ASAP to reserve the host hotel, the Ft. Worth Plaza. The Ft. Worth Plaza is located at 15th and Commerce in the general downtown area near the famous sights and sounds of Sundance Square. The Amtrak Station is located two blocks away. Rooms are set at a flat rate of \$79.00 per night. We will need a minimum of 120 people to keep our rate and *gratis* on breakout rooms, and *etc.*

Chip then opened the floor for the election of a new 2nd vice-president, the only elected position open this year. Wes Johnson nominated Will Oliver of Sam Houston State; Pat seconded. With no other nominations forthcoming, Katy Eichenberg moved that nominations cease and that Will be elected by acclamation. This was done forthwith.

Chip gave Jon Sorenson his thanks and the thanks of the Association for his service as editor of the SWACJ on-line journal; Jon having decided to step down. Wes proposed that the Association pay for Jon's room as a more tangible expression of gratitude. Pat seconded the motion which passed without visible dissent. Wes proposed that the next editor be given a stipend of \$1,000 per year and that her or his room be 'comped' at the annual conference. Katy Eichenberg made this in the form of a motion which was seconded by George Franks and passed with none opposed. Wes proposed that we arrange for the

journal editor/journal to have a table at future SWACJ conferences; it was agreed to do so, no vote being deemed necessary by secretary and amateur parliamentarian George Eichenberg.

Chip then called for nominations for a new journal editor. Wes nominated Will Oliver and himself. Tam McCoy of UALR also expressed an interest in the position. A discussion followed. Jon was asked to explain how he handled the position. Jon did so and made a special note that his employer, Prairie View A&M had paid for a copy editor and also covered other expenses associated with the journal. Camille Gibson made a motion for the executive board to look at proposing that anyone interested in the editor's position have some evidence that their employer will provide some measure of institutional support. A faculty member from Texas State University proposed that we put out a call for an editor on the Website and that prospective editors send a proposal addressing institutional support. This was seconded by Pat, but George pointed out that this did not require a vote; merely that Chip issue an executive order. Chip did so.

Camille Gibson then took the floor to update the membership on the Association's constitution. A draft copy was distributed to all interested persons in attendance. Camille discussed the history of the Association's constitution and her editing process remarking that Jeff Walker and Joy Pollock had worked on the original constitution. Camille asked members to refer comments and suggestions to Chip and volunteered to work with Chip and Pat over the year to finish the edit by next year's conference so that the membership might vote on the revised document.

Chip shifted discussion to site selection for the 2007 conference. Corpus Christi and Woodlands were suggested. George Franks moved to create a site selection committee to examine Corpus Christi. This motion passed with one dissenting vote. Second VP Will Oliver was appointed to chair this committee.

Chip thanked Bill Stone of Texas State for his years of excellent work on the Web page. Chip motioned to adjourn; seconded by George Guerero. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

George

CALL FOR PAPERS
The 2006 SWACJ Annual Meeting will be
October 5-7
Ft. Worth Plaza Hotel
15th and Commerce, Ft. Worth, Texas
Near the sights and sounds of famous
Sundance Square

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	October 5-7th
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:

Fort Worth Plaza Hotel, 1701 Commerce St., Ft. Worth, TX 76102
(toll free) 1-877-389-7829 or 1-817-335-7000 FAX 1-817-335-3333

Please mention that you are with the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice when making your reservation. The cutoff date for reservations at the Sheraton Downtown is September 4th. Rooms are \$79.00 flat rate.

A review of the hotel complete with pictures, directions, activities, and descriptions of the services can be found at: www.fortworthplaza.com

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, October 5th at the annual meeting hotel (the Fort Worth Plaza).

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:

	<u>Graduate Student</u>	<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:

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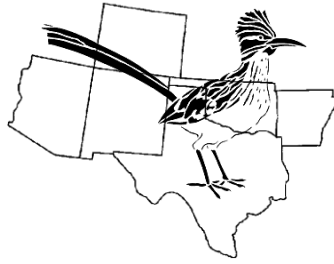
Papers received after the deadline will not receive consideration.

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 **are not required** 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 --



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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 SWACJ 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 OUR 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.

The Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice encourages participation from criminal justice agencies, community and junior colleges, four-year 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 10; 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

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ e-mail: _____

ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

Interested individuals should mail the following information along with the **\$50** (\$40 for students) meeting registration fee to David Montague at the address below. Late and on-site registration is an additional \$10 (waived for students).

Please be sure to complete this form even if you choose not to actively participate in the proceedings. Information from these forms is used to estimate attendance at the President's Reception and the luncheon

I will be staying at the host hotel yes no

I will be bringing _____ students/attendees

I wish to (check all that apply): Pay member dues at the appropriate level (see categories below)

Present a paper Chair a panel Organize a workshop or roundtable Organize a panel

Present a student paper Serve as a discussant Attend, but not present a paper

Paper Title: _____

Paper Abstract: (100 words or less - Please use complete sentences and refrain from using references, tables, or quotations. Feel free to attach your abstract on a separate sheet)

PLEASE SUBMIT ABSTRACTS AND REGISTRATION FEES BY September 8, 2006

MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE INDICATE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (PLEASE SELECT ONE):

FULL MEMBER (\$10) STUDENT (\$5) INSTITUTION/AGENCY (\$100)

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