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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 Denver, Colorado, where the membership will vote on the site location.

Please e-mail David Montague at drmoutague@ualr.edu with your recommendations ASAP.

President's Message

Phil Rhoades

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone well and progressing productively through your spring semesters. I think there was a spring break back there somewhere, but I am not sure I recognized it. I hope yours was more memorable, in a good way.

We had an effective mid-year meeting in Cincinnati during the ACJS meeting. The necessary reports were made and the primary items of business were conducted. I will not repeat everything here. Please, see the minutes of the meeting here in the Newsletter. Essentially, the Association is financially well, the Journal is being published as desired, and the Association's business is being conducted.

I have two requests. First, we have one proposal for the meeting site for October 2009. It is Laredo, Texas proposed by Texas A&M University-International. We will be voting on the 2009 meeting location at the October 2008 annual meeting in Denver. Should any other location desire to compete to be the 2009 meeting location, a proposal needs to be sent to 2nd VP David Montague very, very soon.

Second, it is time to begin the search for a Journal editor. Jeff Walker graciously volunteered and was appointed to chair the Search Committee. Please, send nominations for the Editor to Jeff at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock. Self-nominations are acceptable. A formal job description and announcement of the opening is in the works.

You will find an advertisement for SWACJ coffee/travel mugs in the Newsletter. We have somewhere near 50 of these left from the October 2008 meeting. Rather than store them forever or attempt to ship them to Denver, the Executive Board has approved the sale of these to the membership. See the details in the ad. Buy one, Buy two, but please buy them. Maybe someone would like to purchase several to use as a gifts/awards for colleagues or as a way to encourage membership in SWACJ in your department. Graduate programs could give them to newly minted graduates to encourage their participation in professional associations where ever they may locate.

At the mid-year meeting, we increased the SWACJ membership dues as reported in the minutes. These go into effect with your 2008-2009 membership. Thus, if you pay membership for next year with your October 2009 conference registration, the new dues amount is in effect. Dues for this remaining part of 2007-2008 remain at the lower amount. Changes were also made in conference registration fees.

Please, use the Abstract and Participation form, the Annual Meeting Registration form, and the Membership form included in this newsletter. Note that the Registration and Membership forms are to be sent to the Treasurer Robert Worley. Please, send your Abstract and Participation form to me. Addresses are on the forms.

I hope that everyone plans to attend the October 2008 meeting in Denver at the Red Lion Hotel on October 2-4, 2008. Our theme this year is **Privacy and Scrutiny: Criminal Justice Enters the Age of Observation**. I wrote at length in the Winter newsletter about why this theme is appropriate. Since then, I have noticed announcements for other conferences and meetings on very similar themes. I take no credit for this, but it seems that the issues involved are coming to the attention of many of our colleagues. Are we at one of those watershed points in social-political change? Has it occurred and are we simply beginning to recognize it? Come to Denver, let's have a conversation.

Phil

*1st Vice-President
Tracy Andrus*

Dear SWACJ Members,

I hope that this letter finds all of you in the best of health. I hope that all of you had a great spring break and you have been refreshed and reinvigorated. I am sorry that I did not get to attend the ACJS conference but I was invited to the Capitol to lobby for the elimination of the federal mandatory minimum sentencing guidelines and to eliminate the 100:1 disparity between crack and powder cocaine.

The students and faculty at Wiley College are looking forward to attending the fall conference in Denver this year. I want to once again thank Philip and his staff in Corpus for providing a great atmosphere and entertainment for the conferees. We are witnessing a great paradigm shift in how politicians are dealing with the mass incarceration of prisoners in the U.S. and I believe that all of us should be seeking to find proactive sound solutions to criminal behavior that will resonate with bipartisan policymaker, practitioners and politicians.

Thanks for all of the effort that all of you put into this organization to make it the great organization that it is.

Dr. Tracy Andrus, 1st Vice President

2nd Vice-President
David Montague

Dear SWACJ Membership:

At present, the strongest showing for the 2009 meeting is Laredo, Texas and we received a detailed package regarding that site. We still welcome other suggestions and ask that you please send them to me along with any proposal package from a hotel or other venue to give us some idea about possibilities.

I can be reached at (and material can be sent to):

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Secretary
Lorie Rubenser

SWACJ General Business Meeting
Wednesday March 12, 2008

Call to Order: Phil Rhoades

Treasurer's Report: Rob Worley
\$6573.22 is the total for checking and savings
People are starting to send membership fees

Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice Editor: Will Oliver
Provided a handout detailing how many submissions he had received and where
in the process those submissions are – overall the journal is doing well
The journal is now listed in the on-line directory for on-line journals
Ebsco Host sent a 5 page contract that may not be in the journal's best interest so
this is on hold
Journal publishers such as Rutledge and Sage only want journals that publish 4
times a year
Springer may take the journal at 2 times a year but ultimately wants 4 also
The journal could probably be expanded to 3 issues now but 4 is pushing
Will's term as editor expires in December so a committee needs to be formed to
find a new editor – Jeff Walker will chair the committee, Jim Golden and
Chip Burns will serve as members

Ronald Hunter – ACJS President and Wes Johnson – in-coming ACJS President dropped
by to greet the group

An ad for SWACJ is in the ACJS Program – Ralph Rojas is no longer in Denver so will not be
continuing as site chair

Trustee's Report: Chip Burns
ACJS has moved to have more international ties
They are also moving to waive student membership fees if the students register
for the conference
Mittie Sutherland is working hard on certification issues
National CJ Month – a bill is going to Congress at the end of March

Old Business:

Membership dues and conference costs: Phil Rhoades had a handout showing our
membership rates compared to the other regions – ours are by far the
lowest
The Executive Board recommends raising regular membership to \$40 and student
membership to \$10 per year
Motion to accept: Jeff Walker

2nd: Jim golden

Question of what we are doing with the money – the meetings are increasingly costly – much of that cost is food – AV costs in Corpus Christi were \$1600 – the Journal and the editor of it and the student paper awards all cost money

Question of whether the proposed increases will price us out

Amendment to the Motion - \$30 for regular members and \$10 for students – starting in 2008-2009

Motion Carries

The Executive board recommends that current conference fees be retained with the \$10 extra fee for on-site registration for regular members

Motion by Jody Crowley to increase conference registration to \$60 for regular members and keep the \$40 for students with the \$10 extra fee for on-site registration for regular members

2nd by Jim Golden

Motion Carries

Motion by Janice Ahmad that non-members be charged an extra \$10 for conference registration

2nd by Will Oliver

Motion Carries

Old Business:

Institutional Membership - \$100 is on the conference form but there is no benefit attached – the original idea was to allow 1 person from the school to be a member for no fee

If we only ask for \$100 we won't get more

It needs to be removed from the form

1st and 2nd VP Tracy Andrus and David Montague are not present

So far only one volunteer for site for 2009 – Laredo

If there are any other volunteers send them to David

Motion to adjourn – Jim golden

2nd Jody Crowley

Respectfully submitted,

Lorie Rubenser

Treasurer
Rob Worley

Dear Colleagues, we have a balance of \$5,613.22. When I took over as Treasurer, there were a number of bills that had to be paid; therefore, the balance is significantly less than it was in October. I am confident, however, that with the modest increase in both the registration and membership fees, there will soon be more money in the account. This means that we will continue to enjoy excellent conferences. Incidentally, I just read over the latest edition of the SWACJ Journal and am really impressed with the high level of scholarship in all of the articles. Have a great day, and I look forward to the meeting in Denver!

Rob

Regional Trustee
Chip Burns

It was great seeing many of you at the ACJS annual meeting in Cincinnati. Attendance at the Cincinnati meeting was comparable to years past, as there were 1,415 attendees, compared to 1,437 at the 2007 annual meeting in Seattle. Hopefully, we can generate even greater support at the 2009 ACJS annual meeting in Boston (March 10-14). Let's do our best to support former SWACJ President Wes Johnson during his ACJS presidency by attending the annual meeting. Below I highlight recent ACJS happenings:

ACJS is financially healthy and appears financially stable for years to come. The Academy has made several strategic investments that have provided a greater level of financial comfort.

The Academy continues to be a "student friendly" organization. For instance, several students luncheons were provided free of charge in Cincinnati, and students were permitted to "work off" their registration fee by helping at the registration desk. The Executive Board agreed to provide free student membership to all students who register and pay for the upcoming annual meetings. Further, there are ongoing efforts to restore the Directory of Graduate Programs, and the Academy seeks to build relations with doctoral students and provide membership inducements for them.

ACJS continues to promote program Certification by offering information sessions and reviewer training at the regional meetings. Anyone interested in becoming a program reviewer or having their program reviewed should contact ACJS Executive Director Mittie Southerland (execdir@acjs.org).

In an effort to recognize the professionalism of our members, ACJS continues to examine the potential of establishing criteria for a Diplomate in Justice Science. If you are interested in serving on this committee, contact Past President of ACJS Ron Hunter at rhunter@wcu.edu.

ACJS recently endorsed Criminal Justice Month with the goal of promoting awareness of all things criminal justice. Congress is expected to consider March as Criminal Justice Month at the end of March 2008.

All members are encouraged to update their ACJS membership and are reminded that they are not permitted to serve on committees unless their membership is current.

ACJS has strengthened relations with related organizations at both the national and international levels. Since March 2007, ACJS has had representatives at the International Police Executive Forum, United Nations meetings in Geneva, and the Stockholm Prize Symposium. ACJS strengthened relations with the British Society of Criminology, the European Society of Criminology, and the Australia-New Zealand Society of Criminology, and the American Society of Criminology.

Please let me know if I can elaborate on any of these issues or if there's something you'd like brought to the attention of ACJS. It is a pleasure to serve as your Trustee.

Chip Burns
Region IV Trustee



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**SWACJ Annual Meeting
 October 2-4, 2008**

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EXPECT ROYAL TREATMENT!



Southwest Association of Criminal Justice

**Annual Meeting
October 2-4, 2008**



“Privacy and Scrutiny: Criminal Justice Enters the Age of Observation”

Denver, Colorado

Red Lion Hotel Denver Downtown

Reservations and Hotel Information – 1-800-388-5381 www.redliondenverdowntown.com

CALL FOR CONFERENCE PAPERS

For more information, contact:

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DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: September 1, 2008

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

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

I wish to (check all that apply):

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 _____

PLEASE SUBMIT ABSTRACTS BY SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

Return form to: Dr. Phil Rhoades
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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 or insert below.)

2008 SWACJ ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

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

Abstracts and other participation types should be sent on the Abstract and Panel Participation Form to Phil Rhoades.

Participant Information:

Name:

Affiliation:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

FAX:

E-mail:

Interested individuals should mail the following information along with the meeting Montague at the address below.

Fees:

Postmarked September 5, 2008 or earlier On-Site or postmarked after September 5, 2008

-Regular Member Participant = \$60

-Regular Participant= \$70

-Regular Non-Member Participant = \$70

-Regular Non-Member = \$80

-Student Participant = \$40

-Student Participant = \$40

Please note: The name(s) of the person(s) the payment is intended for, must be clearly marked on the payment to ensure accurate records. Please make sure that your check or money order has this information in order to avoid processing errors.

I will be staying at the meeting hotel _____YES _____NO

I will be bringing _____students/attendees

Return Form & Check or Money Order for registration to:

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2008-2009 SWACJ Membership

Contact Information:

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Telephone: _____ e-mail: _____

PLEASE INDICATE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (PLEASE SELECT ONE):

FULL MEMBER ____ (\$30) STUDENT ____ (\$10)

Return Membership Form with Check or Money Order to SWACJ for fees to:

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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

CALL FOR JOURNAL PAPERS

The *Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice* (SWJCJ), the online, refereed journal of the *Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice* (SWACJ),* 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. Authors need not be members of the SWACJ to submit a manuscript for consideration.

For submission information, go to <http://swjcj.cjcenter.org> Inquiries may also be directed to the journal editor, Dr. Willard M. Oliver, at swjcj@shsu.edu

SWJCJ is also looking for manuscript and book reviewers. Those interested may contact the journal editor at swjcj@shsu.edu

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Editor

Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice

The Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice is seeking applications for the position of Editor of the *The Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice*, an official publication of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice. The Editor's main responsibilities include soliciting articles, facilitating reviews of articles, and overseeing the overall publication of the online journal. The Editor will set editorial policy, select deputy and associate editors, create a peer review system, and manage the journal. Applications must meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrated record of scholarly activity as measured by such indicators as publications in refereed journals, book publication, and research;
- Earned doctorate or terminal degree (JD) in criminal justice or related field;
- Senior (associate professor or above) academic rank at host institution preferred but not required;
- Formal declaration of support from host institution, including release time, space, and other support services the institution will commit to editorship.

Those interested in being considered should provide a formal proposal to the Editor Selection Committee no later than **July 7, 2008**. The proposal should include:

- Statement of editorial philosophy for the journal;
- Statement of applicant's qualifications, including vita;
- Formal declaration of institutional support;
- A budget including a breakdown of the expenses that will be provided by the host institution and those expected for the Academy.

The Executive Board of SWACJ will appoint the Editor for a three-year term. Applications and requests for further information should be directed to:

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Department of Criminal Justice
University of Arkansas, Little Rock
Little Rock, AR 72204-1099
(501) 569-3083

The SWACJ Executive Board approved a \$1,000 per year stipend for the Editor. The editor will be responsible for three issues per year. The Editor's first issue will be Spring 2009. More information may be found at <http://swjcyjcenter.org/>.

Sale

SWACJ MUGS



The coffee/travel mugs left over from the October 2007 meeting are being offered for sale to the SWACJ membership.

The insulated mugs are metal with a detachable cap and plastic handle. They sit 6" high and have a top diameter of 3".

The Mugs are offered for \$12.00 which covers cost and shipping. Send orders to the address below. Checks must be made out to SWACJ. Provide a clear address to ship to.

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