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President's Message

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San Antonio was the setting for the 1998 Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice annual conference. The host school delegation from Southwest Texas State, led by Bill Stone, did a wonderful job with hotel and conference arrangements. The preliminary program was placed on the Association website (also hosted by Southwest Texas) early and updated often. If you missed last year's conference, you missed a wonderful time.

This year's conference will be in the Dallas / Fort Worth Area, hosted by the University of North Texas, promises to be even better than last year's conference. Bob Taylor and Tory Caeti are hard at work (even as you read this) preparing for this year's conference. If you have any suggestions or ideas about hotels, activities, etc. please contact them.

I want to pick up on a theme presented first by Joy Pollock in her President's Message in the Spring 1997 newsletter. That theme is our membership, particularly in terms of our student members. Last year, I noticed a few more graduate students than in the past. I also noticed a few new faculty and practitioner faces at the meeting.

I want to encourage each and every member to begin the process of recruitment now, rather than waiting until later. Its time to begin thinking about what you are going to present. Yes, I know its a time-honored tradition to wait until the call for papers to begin thinking about what you want to present, but I am being encouraged by friends and family to plan ahead, rather than procrastinating. In fact, you could say that planning and organizing has become my New Year's Resolution. That's my story, and I'm sticking to it!

Seriously, begin now to encourage your fellow faculty to attend this year's meeting and present a paper or roundtable. Encourage your graduate students to attend. Encourage both your graduate students and undergraduate students to submit a paper for the student paper competition. You might even consider chairing a panel for students, particularly if it will help them get over the first time presentation jitters or as a means to showcase some of your best students.

Let me challenge you to bring one new member (faculty, student or practitioner) with you to the conference. If each of us brings one new member, we not only double in size, we have also created many new growth opportunities. If our regional conference is not meeting your needs, tell me and we will do what we can to meet your needs. If we need to be doing things better at the conference let me know. My email address is jwgolden@ualr.edu. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at this year's conference!

First Vice President Report

William (Bill) Stone
Southwest Texas State University

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage each and every one of our members to actively solicit their students to submit papers for the student paper competition and for presentation at the conference. At last years meeting we had a number of excellent student presentations and the students clearly contributed to the overall successes of the conference. This year we have an excellent central location that can be reached by many of our students without unreasonable travel expense. This represents an exceptional opportunity for our students, and as mentors we should do everything in our power to see that the students take advantage of the conference. I would like to see students from each and every school in our region at the 1999 conference.

1999 SWACJ STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: Graduate and undergraduate students currently enrolled (and those who will be enrolled September 1999) in a University, College, Junior College or Community College within the Southwest Region.

PRIZES: We have increased the awards for both graduate and undergraduate paper award winners.

	<u>Graduate</u>	<u>Undergraduate</u>
First Prize	\$250	\$100
Second Prize	\$150	\$75
Third Prize	\$100	\$50

JUDGES: Judges will be selected from the active membership role of the Association. The 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 1999 SWACJ conference or it may be a revision of a paper prepared for course work at the student's home university or college.
3. Three copies of your paper must be submitted to **William E. Stone Ph.D.; Department of Criminal justice; Southwest Texas State University; 601 University Dr; San Marcos, Texas 78666** before **September 1, 1999**. No papers will be considered that are received after the established deadline.
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, their school affiliation and their status as either graduate or undergraduate. The authors 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 conference or to present their papers to be eligible for the awards. We do encourage students to consider presenting their papers and those students that wish to do so should **fill out the call for papers form** available in the spring newsletter or the form can be downloaded from the SWACJ web page at www.cj.swt.edu/swacj/intro.html. In addition, students that wish to submit papers for presentation **are not obligated** to enter the paper contest. The paper competition is of a strictly voluntary nature.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS AND PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS
 WILL BE MADE AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE BANQUET.**

New and Returning Members

SWACJ welcomes the following people who have joined (or re-joined) the Association. A reminder—now is the time for you to update your membership! If you attended the 1998 meeting in San Antonio, then you paid your membership fees for 1998-99. Otherwise, you may pay \$10 for regular membership or \$5 for student membership. Please send your check or money order to the Secretariat. If your name, address, affiliation, or e-mail is incorrect, or you want to submit updated information, please contact Tory J. Caeti (see page 6).

Amber Barrett	Stephen F. Austin State University
Melissa L. Boedeker	University of Houston—Victoria
Deon Brock	University of Texas—Pan American
Ben Brown	University of Texas—Brownsville
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Stuart Claudi	West Texas A&M University
Jim Clifton	West Texas College
Susan L. Coleman	West Texas A&M University
Tiffany A. Coles	University of Houston—Victoria
John T. Dodson	University of Arkansas—Little Rock
Nathan A. Dollarhide	East Oklahoma Central University
Darin M. Fett	University of Arkansas—Little Rock
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G.G. Hunt	Wharton County Junior College
Robert J. Hunter	Sul Ross State University
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John W. Kavanagh	Scottsdale Community College
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Candis Loveless	University of Arkansas—Little Rock
Dawn A. McCarty	University of Houston
Heather L. McCown	Stephen F. Austin State University
John A. McLaren	Southwest Texas State University
Tina M. Mergerson	Stephen F. Austin State University
Susana Moreno	BTI Americas
Donald L. Morrison	University of Arkansas—Little Rock
Tammy A. Mazingo	University of Houston—Victoria
Diane J. Murphy	Stephen F. Austin State University
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Katherine D. Ray	University of Arkansas—Little Rock
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Carl E. Russel	Scottsdale Community College
Steve Russel	University of Texas—San Antonio
Harald O. Schweizer	University of Central Oklahoma
Richard T. Shigley	Tarleton State University
Cletus J. Snell	Sam Houston State University
Jonathan R. Sorensen	University of Texas—Pan American
Micheal Supancic	Southwest Texas State University
Scott G. Truelove	University of Arkansas—Little Rock
Chad R. Trulson	Sam Houston State University
Karrie M. Wade	East Central University
Stephen Walters	Texas A&M International University
Jack H. Wilcox	Estelle High Security
Audrey M. Zamora	University of Texas—San Antonio

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, 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 Agency Training
- Criminal Justice-Related Private Enterprises
- Anyone Else Interested in Criminal Justice Education, Research, and Training

For more information about membership in SWACJ, please visit our web page:

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Secretary / Treasurer Report

Tory J. Caeti

University of North Texas

Annual Meeting Minutes San Antonio, Texas (October 1 – 3, 1998)

Janet Wilson, SWACJ president for 1997-98, presided over the meeting. Forty-four members were in attendance. She recognized Jim Golden, first vice-president, Bill Stone, second vice-president, Wes Johnson, secretary-treasurer, and Jody Crowley, regional trustee. She recognized Alido Merlo, representing ACJS, and thanked her and the Academy for their support over the years. She thanked Copper House, McGraw-Hill, Roxbury, and Harcourt-Brace publishers for their support and gave special recognition to Stephen F. Austin University, Sam Houston State University, and Southwest Texas University for their financial support of this year's conference.

Dr. Merlo commented on ACJS moving the national office to Washington, D.C. and plans to recognize Patti Delancey's meritorious service at the Orlando, Florida meeting in March 1999.

Jim Golden announced this year's winner of the graduate student paper competition, John Boyeski (UALR), who received a check for \$150 from the SWACJ. Kathryn Ray-Decker (UALR) was this year's winner of the undergraduate student paper award who received a check for \$100 from the SWACJ.

Jody Crowley, ACJS regional trustee reported on several issues:

The move of the ACJS central office currently located at Northern Kentucky University, to Washington, D.C. and the hiring of new national office manager, Gail Durrant and a web master.

The possibility of JCJE becoming an electronic journal and upcoming changes in its editorship.

The extension of ACJS 1999 conference paper abstracts due date to October 31, 1998.

Wes Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer, distributed minutes from this past year's mid-year and annual business meetings. Minutes from the last meeting were approved. He reported our current bank balance as of September 31, 1998 was \$5955.11. He reported 95 participants attended this year's conference. He projected that registration fees, publisher presentation fees, and contributions from universities within the region would almost cover this year's conference expenditures.

Bob Taylor (UNT) discussed possible plans for the October 7-9, 1999 SWACJ conference in Fort Worth, Texas at either the new Marriott Courtyard (approx. \$59-\$79) or the Worthington Hotel (approx. \$89+).

Jim Golden and Bill Stone discussed issues surrounding the maintenance of our web page and future links with the Academy. Open discussion resulted in a passed motion to purchase the domain title, SWACJ, run our own web page for the next year, and continue discussions with the national office as they get their web page established.

Elections for Secretary/Treasurer were held and Tory Caeti (UNT) was elected. Elections for Second Vice-President were held and Wes Johnson (SHSU) was elected.

John Sharp, ACJS Community College Section Representative, spoke regarding the need for community college representation and the availability and advantages of institutional memberships (\$100).

Jim Golden awarded Janet Wilson with a plaque and gift, thanked her for her six-years of service to the SWACJ and assumed his duties as the 1998-1999 SWACJ president. He opened the floor for nominations and discussions regarding conference site location for 2000. El Paso, Texas was chosen as the conference site location.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Mid-year Meeting Minutes Orlando, Florida (March 12th, 1999)

Jim Golden, SWACJ president for 1997-98, presided over the meeting. Twenty-two members were in attendance.

Wes Johnson, second vice president, announced that the theme for this year's conference in Fort Worth would be Community Justice.

Alida Merlo, president of ACJS, addressed the meeting. She noted that the ACJS website has now moved from Kentucky to Washington D.C.. ACJS will also be conducting a search for a webmaster to coordinate the website. She also noted that there have been several personnel changes at the ACJS headquarters. Prior to the conference, the association manager resigned and as a result many of the preparation for the conference in Orlando were last minute. A new association manager, Laura Monaco, was hired and did an excellent job of pulling together many of the details for the conference. She requested that ACJS members show patience and understanding while the transition occurs and apologized for any inconveniences. She also announced that Rick Holden, Central Missouri State University, is the program chair for the 2000 conference in New Orleans. Everything for the 2000 conference will be on-line this year and hopefully many of the prior problems with paper submissions and the like will be addressed by this transition. Jim Golden thanked Alida for attending and presenting the information.

Jody Crowley, ACJS regional trustee, noted that the ACJS office in Washington will now have two full-time staff. Hopefully, the office will be up and running by the end of March. Jody also noted that the position of webmaster will entail more a content role than technical role. The day-to-day operation and programming of the web page will likely be contracted out. This will be Jody's last year as regional trustee for SWACJ and a new officer will be elected at the Fort Worth conference. The position requires continual paid membership in SWACJ for the past three years. Jody announced that the regional trustees will now be reimbursed for their expenses in attending ACJS meetings. She also reported that the future meetings of ACJS will be held in the following cities: 2000 New Orleans; 2001 Washington, D.C.; 2002 Anaheim; 2003 Boston; and 2004 Chicago. ACJS is looking for academic reviewers and the persons need to be associate professors and a member of ACJS.

Tory Caeti, secretary / treasurer, reported that the bank account was in good shape. The mailing list is currently being updated and expanded. He requested that everyone distribute the newsletter and information about SWACJ to criminal justice contacts to attempt to increase agency representation in SWACJ.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CALL FOR PAPERS

The annual meeting of the SWACJ will be
September 30th – October 2nd, 1999
Clarion Hotel—Performing Arts Center Fort Worth, Texas

This 1999 conference theme is:

COMMUNITY JUSTICE

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1999 SWACJ Conference—Fort Worth Texas

We have finalized negotiations with the Clarion Hotel in Downtown Fort Worth for the 1999 conference. If you are unfamiliar with Fort Worth or haven't been there in some time, you are in for a great time. The traditional fun things to do are still there, the stockyards and Billy Bob's are always strong tourist attractions. Over the past few years, there has been a MAJOR revitalization and renovation of the downtown Fort Worth area.

Fort Worth's downtown is a bustling scene of renovated Victorian buildings nestled against a backdrop of steel-and-glass skyscrapers. Sundance Square Downtown Entertainment District boasts a variety of popular restaurants art galleries, boutiques, theaters and upscale nightspots. Sundance Square and a variety of restaurants and popular spots are all within walking distance of the hotel. The recent addition of Bass Performance Hall brings a variety of Broadway shows, concert music, and other entertainment to Fort Worth. The mission of Bass Performance Hall is to serve as a permanent home to major performing arts organizations of Fort Worth and as a premier venue for other attractions so as to enhance the range, quality, and accessibility of cultural fare available to the public; to promulgate arts education; and to contribute to the cultural life of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, and the region. You will be receiving additional information about the conference, scheduled events, and the hotel in a future mailing.

The City of Fort Worth has a website that provides a wealth of information about the city and the downtown area. Please visit <http://www.fortworth.com> for information about the exciting destination for this year's conference.

1999 SWACJ Annual Meeting Program Participants Information Form

Interested individuals are requested to mail, fax, or e-mail the following information to:

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Please Type or Print Legibly

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ e-mail: _____

Paper Title: _____

Paper Abstract (will be edited to 100 words—please type in complete sentences and limit to one paragraph. Do not use references, figures, tables, or quotations. Use the space provided and do not attach separate sheets):

Please indicate if you wish to:

Present a paper _____
Chair a panel _____
Organize a panel _____

Present a student paper _____
Serve as a discussant _____
Organize a workshop or round table _____

Plan to attend,
but DO NOT plan
to present a paper _____

Please Submit by September 1st, 1999.

Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice

Application for Membership

NAME: _____ DATE: _____
 TITLE: _____
 INSTITUTION OR AGENCY: _____
 ADDRESS 1: _____
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 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
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PLEASE INDICATE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: FULL MEMBER _____ (\$10.00) STUDENT _____ (\$5.00)
 INSTITUTIONAL OR AGENCY _____ (\$100.00)

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