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President's Message

Will Oliver

Dear SWACJ Members,

I am amazed at how fast time flies these days; must be something about getting older. As I write this, I am currently half way through my term as president, and there is still so much to do. The mid-year meeting in Seattle went well and it was a pleasure seeing everyone there. My thanks go to Phil, David, and Tracy for keeping me on-track and helping me create the agenda and my apologies to Chip whom I inadvertently left off the agenda! I also want to thank the executive committee for agreeing to use SWACJ funds to provide some hors d'oeuvres and drinks at the mid-year meeting. Everyone in attendance appreciated the hospitality and hopefully that can become a tradition at future mid-year meetings (hint to Phil!) not to mention it might increase attendance and membership!

Several of the key items coming out of the mid-year meeting included acting on one of the clauses of our new constitution through appointing three members to sit on the auditing committee for the next three years. The volunteers, who were duly appointed, were Christine Nix, Lorie Rubenser, and Janice Ahmad. My thanks to all three of you for volunteering; it is most appreciated.

The next important item of business at the mid-year meeting consisted of choosing the location for the fall conference of 2008. As we have a somewhat informal policy of rotating the location, two years in Texas, one year out of Texas (but within the SWACJ region), it was time to look outside of Texas. The overwhelming vote was for Little Rock, Arkansas! My thanks are extended to Tracy for handling the oversight of site selection.

Finally, and most important to me at this point, is the coming conference in Corpus Christi. This year's conference theme is "Criminal Justice in an Era of Homeland Security." The conference will be held at the Omni Marina Towers on the bay. The Thursday night Past President's Reception will take place on the Captain's Flagship (a real ship, of sorts) from 6 p.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m. Don't be late, as it will be difficult for you to attend the reception once the boat sets sail! We are planning a cash bar, dinner, and music for the event. In addition, we are hoping to truly honor all of SWACJ's past presidents, so a special invitation to each of them will be forthcoming. The conference will then run through Saturday morning with breakfast provided both Friday and Saturday, as well as a luncheon on Friday. So, make sure you mark your calendar for October 4-6, 2007 for the annual conference of the Southwest Association of Criminal Justice!

See you all there.

Will

Phil Rhoades, 1st Vice President
Texas A&M Corpus Christi

Please, accept my personal invitation to join SWACJ at its October 4-6, 2007 annual meeting in Corpus Christi, Texas. We will be at the Omni Marina Hotel on the bay near downtown Corpus Christi. Information about the hotel and making reservations is available in this newsletter and on the SWACJ web-site. Use the link to the Omni's landing page created especially for us as the easiest way to make reservations. Should you choose to call or e-mail the Omni, please be sure to use the **group code** cited on the hotel information page. Remember our group rate is good for two days before and after the meeting days. Corpus Christi is visitor friendly and we could use your money; come have fun and spend lots of it. If you are flying in, the Omni provides free shuttle service to and from the airport.

As your resident tourist guide, I can provide reasonable assurance the bay and gulf waters will still be warm enough for beach and water activities. The city is home to the *Texas State Aquarium*, *The Lexington Aircraft Carrier Museum*, the *Museum of History and Science*, site of the Columbus ship replicas, the *Art Museum of South Texas*, with its recent additional building, the *Museum of Oriental Cultures*, and much more.

The President's Reception on Thursday evening will be held on the Captain's Flagship during a tour of the Port of Corpus Christi and Corpus Christi Bay. The Flagship will leave the marina, a short walk from the hotel, on schedule so be sure to check the preliminary program for the departure time. Food, drink, and music will be available in addition to a grand view of the sunset behind the tall buildings of the City as seen from the middle of the bay.

Corpus Christi's Port is the sixth largest on the East and Gulf Coasts and has the deepest ship channel. It is a major port for shipment of petroleum, grain, and cotton. It has also become a significant shipping center for military equipment to and from the Middle-East. In keeping with the conference theme "Criminal Justice in an Era of Homeland Security," I hope to have a panel of security professionals on the program speaking about issues of port security. Our South Texas Chapter of ASIS will be cooperating in the creation of this panel.

Please be aware of the new forms for pre-registration and submission of abstracts. Use the Omni's landing page for your hotel registration AND please, please pre-register. We will need counts of participants to arrange the reception, meeting rooms, luncheon, and breaks so we do not under or over order significantly. Hope to see you here.

Phil Rhoades, 1st VP.

Tracy Andrus, 2nd Vice President
Wiley College

I hope that everyone has had a productive academic year thus far. I am happy to report the students at Wiley College are preparing for the undergraduate quiz bowl and looking forward to the trip to Corpus Christi for SWACJ's annual meeting. I am working on gathering information from the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce in preparation for the 2008 out-of-state conference. The executive board meeting in Seattle proved to be enlightening and beneficial to say the least. I look forward to working with all of you and hope things are well. If any of you in the Little Rock area have suggestions or recommendations for our trip in 2008, please do not hesitate to contact me at tandrus@wileyc.edu. I want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve you in this capacity. See you all in Corpus Christi.

Tracy

Treasurer's Report
David Montague
University of Arkansas-Little Rock

Dear Members:

As of May 1, 2007 we have \$10,095.27 in savings and \$11,077.23 in checking.

We had an outstanding turnout for the annual meeting in Fort Worth and a great meeting during ACJS. A part of these meetings was the discussion of several items by the officers and members in terms of finances. Among the items were:

Clarity on payments

During each year's annual meeting, every effort is taken to match payments with the appropriate individuals for whom the payments are intended. A continuing hurdle has been that often, payments are received with little information in the memo section clearly stating who the payment is for. During the 2007 annual meeting season, payments received without sufficient accompanying data will be refused. During 2006, such payments created several hundred dollars worth of discrepancy we needed to resolve.

New forms

During the mid-winter meeting in Seattle, several recommendations were made to make the annual meeting and membership forms more effective. The new process for annual meeting registration will involve sending the registration form and payment to the *treasurer* and sending all abstracts and requests to serve on the program to the *program organizer*. The purpose of this change is to streamline communications for the program effort. Additionally, a membership option will most likely not be listed on the registration form. Annual meeting attendees wanting to pay for registration and membership simultaneously, can simply write one check to cover both, but must complete each of the two forms, both of which will be available on the SWACJ website.

Credit card processing

Based on the increasing number of requests for credit card processing, an effort will be made to make this option available in Corpus Christi for the 2007 meeting.

It is a pleasure to serve as your treasurer and be part of SWACJ's growth.

I look forward to an outstanding time in Corpus Christi!

Respectfully,

David

**Minutes of the Mid-Winter Meeting,
Seattle, Washington,
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference
March 13, 2007**

Tracy Andrus, 2d Vice President graciously took minutes in the absence of the secretary. Many thanks, Tracy.

Minutes:

- Welcome by Will Oliver
- Bob Taylor from University of North Texas thanked SWACJ for the contributions made in behalf of Tory Caeti. Bob also forwarded the thanks of Tory's family for the many expressions of sympathy and support given by his friends in SWACJ.
- Chip and David read the minutes of the previous meeting; the minutes were approved.
- David reported \$10,111.82 in the savings account and \$11,077.23 in the checking account as of 3/3/07.
- There were 176 individual participants in attendance at the SWACJ conference in Ft. Worth. Gross receipts for that meeting were \$12, 775.00.
- At the fall 2006 annual meeting SWACJ received \$260.00 from sources that were not attributable to any individual or college.
- Expenses for the fall 2006 annual meeting were \$8917.92 leaving a \$4117.08 profit after all meeting related expenses were paid.
- David suggested that in the future, payment should be received from participants before they be allowed to participate at the SWACJ annual meeting.
- David also suggested a requirement all meeting participant fill out an additional form that would include the information regarding the sessions they desire to participate in and that this information be sent directly to the individual organizing the program. The first page of this form would include sections identifying whether or not the participant was student or faculty and the amount of fees being paid.
- David also discussed the feasibility of allowing participants to pay by credit card/Pay Pal, etc.
- The membership present discussed the possibility of offering a lifetime membership for SWACJ. This discussion was taken under advisement.
- Phillip Rhoades discussed items concerning the SWACJ 2008 Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi. Two bids for the main reception were discussed:
 - The Captain's Flagship @ \$1600.00 + \$250.00. The boat would leave dock at 6PM and return at 9PM.
 - The Texas State Aquarium @ \$2700.00 + \$5.00 per person
- The group voted to accept the bid from the Captain's Flagship.
- The fall conference will be held October 4, 5, and 6th at the Omni Hotel in Corpus Christi. Rooms are \$85.00 for 1-2 persons and \$115.00 for 3-4 persons.
- Tracy Andrus gave the report on the out of state conference to be held in 2008. The group decided on Little Rock, Arkansas as the location.
- Tracy Andrus will be responsible for getting quotes for accommodations and organizing this event.
- Editors' Report. The group agreed to utilize the printed version of the SWACJ Journal because it was more prestigious than the online journal.
- Copies of the most recent journal were distributed to those in attendance.
- There was no old business.
- Refreshments were served and enjoyed by all present.
- The student presentation scholarships were discussed and it was agreed the scholarships would be given to two undergraduate students but it was stipulated they could not be among the winners of the paper competition.
- Per requirements of the constitution, three persons were chosen to sit on the Audit Committee. The Committee will be responsible for auditing and inspecting the records of SWACJ. They will each serve a three year term.
 - The three members of the Audit Committee are: Christine Nix, Lorie Rubenser, and Janice Ahmad.
- ACJS will meet in Cincinnati in 2008. Our own Wes Johnson will become president in 2009.

Respectfully submitted (and again thanks, Tracy),

George

CACJE



*The Colorado Association of Criminal Justice Educators
is proud to present...*

Annual Conference and Meeting Friday, May 18, 2007 8:30 – 5:00 p.m.

GANGS: IMPACTING EVERYDAY LIVES

8:30-9:30 a.m. - Registration, Continental Breakfast, Vendors, Networking

9:45-10:30 - Lifestyle of a Gang Member

10:45-11:45 - Author's Session

10:45-11:45 - CACJE Business Meeting

12:00-1:30 p.m. - Keynote Speaker & Lunch: Troy Eid, U.S. Attorney for the District of Colorado, Prosecuting Gangs

1:30 – 5:00 Panelists

- Commander Rod Walker, Colorado Springs Police Department, Investigation of Gangs
- Mr. Scott Snow, Director of the Victim Witness Unit, Denver Police Department, Victimization on Society
- Ms. Regina Huerter, Executive Director of Denver Crime Prevention and Control, Prevention Strategies
- Mr. Cisco Gallardo, Director of the Gang Rescue and Support Project, Intervention Strategies

5:00 – 6:30 Social Time and Networking with Colleagues!

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Southwest Association of Criminal Justice

**Annual Meeting
October 4-6, 2007**



“Criminal Justice in an Era of Homeland Security”

Corpus Christi, Texas

Omni Hotel - Marina

Reservations and Hotel Information - (361) 887-1600; 1-888-444-OMNI (6664)

CALL FOR CONFERENCE PAPERS

For more information, contact:

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DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: September 14, 2007

We Hope to See You at the Meeting!

Criminal Justice in an Era of Homeland Security

Southwest Association of Criminal Justice
Annual Meeting
October 4-6, 2007
Corpus Christi, Texas

OMNI CORPUS CHRISTI HOTEL



Please, make reservations by September 13, 2007 for the SWACJ rate.

Single: \$85.00

Double/Triple/Quad: \$115.00

Rates are good for 3 days prior and three days after the meeting



dates.

For reservations call (361) 887-1600 or 1-888-444-6664.

To guarantee SWACJ rates use group code: 14500806902.

Use the link below to go directly to the SWACJ landing page at Omni Hotels. Click the “Book your rate” link for making your reservation easily.

<http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/CorpusChristiBayfront/MeetingFacilities/SouthwestAssociationofCriminalJustice10.aspx>

Come see why Padre Island Texas and Corpus Christi bay area are premier vacation destinations, and rated as top vacation spots in Texas. Padre Island Texas beaches provide endless recreational opportunities for visitors and locals. The Corpus Christi bay area is nestled behind barrier islands Padre Island and Mustang Island, as a protected gateway to the beautiful [Padre Island National Seashore](#).

McGee Beach

Located downtown on Shoreline Boulevard, in walking distance from several hotels. The calm water is a great place for children to play.

Corpus Christi Beach

Just on the other side of the Harbor Bridge is a great location to rest and relax. There is no driving on the beach as well as no parking permit required.

Also, Please visit (press CONTROL +click to follow links):

<http://www.cctexas.com/webcam/>

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The Texas Association of Criminal Justice Educators
Announces
The Tory J. Caeti Student Presentation Scholarship

Who is Eligible? 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.

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: Pay for the top 2 student's registration fee 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 17, 2007** 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.



ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Science Research

Workshop on Developing Proposals for International Criminological Research

This three-and-a-half-day workshop, sponsored by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and held at the University of Michigan, will help new researchers develop and refine skills needed to develop successful proposals for international criminological research. The course will cover developing the basics of the proposal, designing doable and fundable research, creating an integrated proposal and identifying appropriate research methods. Researchers will gain an understanding of the NIJ application procedures. The intensive workshop will also offer opportunities for hands-on activities, including mock peer reviews and small group assignments.

This rigorous workshop is designed for applicants who have not previously received a federal research grant. Enrollment in the course is limited. The two-step application process is intended to ensure that participants acquire the skills to write a successful proposal and ensure that adequate feedback is provided to the participants.

First, applicants must submit a vita and cover letter summarizing research interests, objectives for participating, and experience. Individuals applying for this course should check the Competitive Three to Five-Day box on the ICPSR Summer Program application form. These application materials are due by June 1, 2007.

Upon selection, participants will be asked to develop a 15-page research proposal and submit it to ICPSR by July 30, 2007. This proposal will be peer reviewed in two separate settings and will be used as a foundation during the class. The National Institute of Justice will provide students a stipend of \$1,125.

Fee: ICPSR Member: None; Nonmember: None

Instructors: Cindy Smith, Ph.D., National Institute of Justice
Jennifer Hanley, National Institute of Justice

For more information, contact Christopher Maxwell,
Director of the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data:
cmaxwell@umich.edu

Dates: August 20–23, 2007 **Location:** Ann Arbor, MI

The Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice

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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 (eichenberg@tarleton.edu).

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PLEASE INDICATE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (PLEASE SELECT ONE):

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

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

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**2007 SWACJ ANNUAL MEETING
Abstract & Panel Participation Form**

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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, 2007

Return form to: Dr. Will Oliver
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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).

[Please place abstract here]

2007 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.

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 8, 2007 or earlier

On-Site or postmarked after September 8, 2007

-Regular Participant = \$50

-Regular Participant= \$60

-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

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