

ACJS
MWS GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Orlando, Florida
Wednesday
March 5, 2015
3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
Curacao 6

- Introduction of New Officers

Chair

Kimberly D. Dodson, Assistant
Professor
Western Illinois University

Executive Counselors

Frances Bernat, Associate Professor
Arizona State University

Vice-Chair

Helen Taylor Greene, Professor
Texas Southern University

Lorna E. Grant, Assistant Professor
North Carolina Central University

Secretary

LeAnn N. Cabage, Teaching Associate
Iowa State University

Schannae L. Lucas, Associate Professor
California Lutheran University

- Travel Awards

Helen Greene talked about the Roslyn Muraskin Student Travel Award showing on the main ACJS page, but not on the Minorities and Women Section page.

It also was discussed to provide clarification for the requirements for each of the travel awards.

The criteria listed on the ACJS webpage for each award is below:

The Roslyn Muraskin Student Travel Award

The award is a maximum of \$600 and recipients shall submit receipts to receive reimbursement for their expenses.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Be a female student in the criminal justice/criminology discipline.
2. Be enrolled in an undergraduate program of criminal justice/criminology during some part of the academic year for the annual meeting at which the presentation will be made;
or

3. Be enrolled in a master's degree program of criminal justice/criminology during some part of the academic year for the annual meeting at which the presentation will be made.

The Esther Madriz Student Travel Award

The award is a maximum of \$600 and recipients shall submit receipts to receive reimbursement for their expenses.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Be an ethnic minority (male or female) in the criminal justice/criminology discipline.
2. Be enrolled in an undergraduate program of criminal justice/criminology during some part of the academic year for the annual meeting at which the presentation will be made; or
3. Be enrolled in a master's degree program of criminal justice/criminology during some part of the academic year for the annual meeting at which the presentation will be made.

Applicants for either Award must submit each of the following:

1. Letter of Application
2. Personal Resume
3. Official Transcript of degree being pursued at the time of submitting the application
4. Faculty Letter of Nomination
5. Original single authored manuscript (4 paper copies). The presentation may be a roundtable, or a research paper session. The paper should not exceed twenty typewritten double-spaced pages using APA format. Each paper will be blindly reviewed by a national committee.

- **Constitution By-Law Passed**

The by-law to extend the terms of the Executive Counselor to a two-year term from a one-year term passed. A total of 22 votes were cast, all in favor of accepting the change.

- **Visibility for the Section**

Discussed how to increase the visibility of the section using Facebook, Twitter, and the Newsletter.

We are always looking for information to include in the Newsletter. If you have any member news you would like to share please email it to incabage@iastate.edu.

- Increase in Membership

We are up to 146 members.

- Mentoring Program

Discussed the program being similar to the Division on People of Color & Crime (DPCC). Kenethia Fuller talked about the revisions the DPCC are implementing to make the mentoring process more efficient. The main thing was have groups of mentors and mentees so the pressure is reduced for each person.

Discussed having a subcommittee to assist in the implementation and guidance of a mentoring program.

- Membership List

Faith Lutz discussed making it available to members and the public for the purpose of increasing the number of nominations for the awards.

Also gives us space to create communications and to collaborate on projects.

- Listserv

Discussed being able to send job announcements via the listserv.

Also discussed using the listserv to send out practical employment opportunities as well.

Cassandra Reyes made the motion; Vernetta Young seconded the motion to put the jobs on the website instead of sending them out via the listserv. The motion carried unanimously.

- Webpage

Discussed creating a new webpage that the section can be in control of.

Allison Cotton asked for specific directories to be created.

There would be the option to sort the directory alphabetically, by region, or by specialization.

The newsletters will also be placed on the website. This provides a more streamlined process and allows nonmembers to also see the newsletter.

Also discussed including the history of the section on the webpage.

Need to figure out how to have the dead page deleted that is on the web.

- By-Laws

Fran Bernat agreed to head up the committee and Dorothy Taylor agreed to assist her.

Need to update by-laws to reflect where we are currently.

By-laws also need to be written generally so they can last a while.

- Policing Research

Delores Jones-Brown suggested a plan to uplift research that we have already completed in the area of policing.

Discussed a campaign to engage in.

Getting more people involved than just the few men that have been engaged in the conversation.

Discussed how to get on the list of experts. Mary Stohr discussed the list of experts' page provided by ACJS.

Fran Bernat discussed creating a press release page that could be on the webpage and would direct the press back to our page. Also discussed listing publications of members on the page.

- Being Activist

Discussed being activist. There was some concern about politics.

Discussed the need to publicize our research.

Conversation surrounding the importance of the National Speakers Bureau to get into the national news arena.

Fran Bernat suggested using our research for activism. Discussed moving toward this for the future of the organization.

Discussed how to get our work out to the public.

What is our mission now? Should we be thinking bigger?

Allison Cotton suggest workshops on how to interact with the media. Cassandra Reyes suggested using the open seminars at ACJS as a way to do this.

Janice Joseph said we need to be sure we are speaking for ourselves as a professional and not on behalf of ACJS.

- Section Representation at ACJS

Lorenzo Boyd

The 2017 program committee has a level of diversity like never before.

50% of the program committee is African American

20-23% of the program committee is Hispanic

- Panels of Interest

Allison Cotton agreed to head up a panel on how to talk to the media. Delores Jones-Brown agreed to help.

Jason Williams and Kimberly Dodson agreed to put together a panel on pedagogy.

Delores Jones-Brown agreed to form a panel on policing.

- Tribute to Laura Fishman

Delores Jones-Brown and Janice Joseph read a tribute to Laura Fishman including her bio and work summary.

Discussed her book, *Women at the Wall: A Study of Prisoners' Wives Doing Time on the Outside*.

- New Member Welcome

There was one new member present at the meeting.

- Journal

Janice Joseph discussed the status of the journal.

Looking for reviewers.

Looking for special issues.

Enough articles submitted for 2015 and two issues in 2016.