Midwestern Criminal Justice Association

Midwest Region Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, September 27, 2018

2:30 p.m.; prepared by Andrea Krieg

**Attendance:**  Jennifer Peck, Immediate Past President; Jason Spraitz, President; Kiesha Warren-Gordon, 1st Vice President; Breanne Pleggenkuhle, 2nd Vice President; Andrew (AJ) Myer, Treasurer, Andrea Krieg, Secretary; Michael Leiber, Editor, Journal of Crime & Justice; Victoria Simpson Beck, Regional Treasurer; Matt Matusiak, Incoming 2nd Vice President

Meeting called to order at 2:30.

**Website Report**

* Andie will email the board to get feedback on the website and things that need to be updated and/or changed and then create a list based on the feedback
* Possibly seek out a graduate student to run the twitter account and ask Kim for the password for it so we can shift it to the generic email accounts
* Additional thoughts:
  + Can we set up an automatic receipt for the abstract submissions?

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Per MCJA constitution, membership runs October through September each year.
* In 2017-2018, MCJA had 113 members
* As of 09-24-18, MCJA has 55 members how are current though September 2019 (included both regular and student members)
* 2018 conference attendance as of 9/24/2018
  + 154 preregistered
    - 53 regular members
    - 12 student members
    - 60 student non-members
    - 29 non-student/non-members
* MCJA bank account: US Bank
* Total cash assets as of 09/24/2018 = $51,896.93
  + US Bank checking: $45,888.80
  + Edward Jones Account #1: $467.60
  + Edward Jones Account #2: 3,355.59
  + Edward Jones Account #3: 2,184.94
* Outlays and revenue (from September 25, 2017 through September 24, 2018)
  + $33,236.60 in outlays
  + $35,750.97 in revenue/deposits
* Square transactions
  + 182 transactions
  + $16,645: October 1, 2017 to September 24, 2018
  + $536.42 paid out in fees

***JCJ* Editor’s Report**

* Journal of Crime & Justice
* Total number of submissions
  + 2015-2016: 77
  + 2016-2017: 78
  + 2017-2018: 74
* Total number of desk rejections
  + 2015-2016: 20
  + 2016-2017: 33
  + 2017-2018: 19
* Rejection %
  + 2015-2016: 69%
  + 2016-2017: 81%
  + 2017-2018: 57%
* Average turn-around time
  + 2015-2016: 25 days
  + 2016-2017: 23 days
  + 2017-2018: 22 days
* Acceptance to online publication time: 2.2 weeks
* Total submissions: 74 (not including Special Issues)
  + Total desk rejections: 19
  + Rejection Percentage: 57%
* 18 articles forthcoming & OnlineFirst (not including Special Issues)
  + 11 under 1st review (9/2/2018)
  + 8 submissions from August 2018-September 2018)
* Issues in the Past Year
  + December 2017: regular issue, ten articles
  + February 2018: regular issue, 7 articles
  + April 2018: regular issue, 6 articles
  + July 2018: regular issue, 8 issues
* The journal is interested in special issues for 2019-2020
* 2019🡪5 issues/year
  + February, April, July, October, December
  + 7-8 articles, 30 “Microsoft Word” pages in length
* Awards
  + *Journal of Crime & Justice* 2017 Outstanding Paper Award
  + “*Risk Profiles and Serious Antisocial Behaviors of Incarcerated Children in Care”*
    - Volume 40, Issue 2, pages 138-154
    - Lauren F. Freedman, Simon Fraser University
    - Jennifer S. Wong, Simon Fraser University
    - Raymond R. Corrado, Simon Fraser University
  + Graduate Student Honorable Mention
    - “Female Representation in U.S. Police Departments, 1980-2010”
      * Alicia Jurek
  + Outstanding Graduate Paper
    - “*A Modified Approach to In-School Victimization, Authoritative School Climate, and Student Feelings of Safety*”
      * Daniel Abad and Matthew G. Almanza
      * School of Criminal Justice
      * Michigan State University

**President’s Announcements**

* Updates since MCJA 2017 meeting:
  + Local arrangements/events committee:
    - Loyola may be interested in helping next year
  + AceBounce Chicago Event
    - Chair: Andie Krieg
* Updates since MCJA 2017 meeting:
  + MCJA has made changes to student-specific events:
    - Poster session (students only this year)
      * Possibly set a recommended poster size for students
    - Career and Graduate School Fair: Transformed into three professional development panels
      * We will create a survey to get student feedback on the panels and for future ideas
      * Coordinated by Jen Peck, Matt Matusiak, and Judith Leary
        + Law enforcement careers
        + Corrections Careers
        + Graduate & Academic Careers
  + MCJA website continues to be main source of info
    - LeAnn Cabage and Kimberly Dodson continue to administer website
    - Sponsorship and membership payments can be made online
      * When thinking about platinum sponsorship, we should consider table space and possibly make an academic table with space for the journal as well
      * AJ will be sending everyone an email to remind them that their membership has lapsed
    - Respond to email inquiries typically within 12 hours
    - Weebly continues to be a third-party server
* Constitution and by-laws amendments
  + 13 proposed amendments
    - 45-day voting period
    - All amendments passed
* Student papers: please encourage students to submit papers for graduate and undergraduate paper competition
* Registration: Brad Campbell and the new registration table team have been great!
* Elections:
  + Summer 2019 Elections
    - 2nd Vice President
    - Secretary
    - Treasurer
      * May be interested in moving this to a 3-year term so there is more congruity within the time period
  + 2019 Conference
    - Continue relationship with Hilton Garden Inn
    - Conference expenses increase each year
* 2021, 2023, and 2024 MCJA Conferences
  + ASC 2021 and ACJS 2024 are in Chicago
  + Executive Board and Members should consider those meetings might have on MCJA attendance, especially non-member attendance
    - More outreach
      * Possibly reach out to the people who published in the journal as a way to create further outreach
    - Different location?
* 2018 Elections and Transitions
  + Dr. Matt Matusiak, 2nd Vice President
  + Transitions
    - Dr. Jason Spraitz, Immediate Past President
    - Dr. Kiesha Warren-Gordon, President
    - Dr. Breanne Pleggenkuhle, 1st Vice President
* Keynote address
  + Nicole Van Cleve, author of *Crook County*