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Dear ACJS Members:

This issue is my last as Editor of *NOW*. It has been a great three years. I hope you have enjoyed reading *NOW* and have been able to use it as a quick resource for your ACJS and regional organizations' informational needs. I have thoroughly valued putting *NOW* together and will surely miss creating this little biyearly publication. Special thanks to Mittie Southerland and Cathy Barth for always providing me material and editing assistance with *NOW*. Big thanks to Jeff Walker for thinking of me as the inaugural editor for *NOW*. My gratitude also extends to the past and present ACJS Board Members for having the confidence in my work and abilities to keep me in this position. Expressions of appreciation also go to my chair and colleagues at BGSU for their support. Drum roll please: *NOW*'s new editor is Robert Michael Worley from Penn State Altoona. His first issue will hit your mailboxes in the fall of 2009. Much success Rob! I know you will do a great job!

Sincerely,

Melissa W. Burek, Editor

NOW NOTES ON ANNUAL MEETING

- **Hotel Reservation Deadline: February 16**
Boston Marriott Copley Place 1-800-228-9290
Direct Link:
<http://cwp.marriott.com/bosco/acjs/>
- LCD projectors will be available in the meeting rooms.
- No computers or overhead projectors will be provided.

Did you know that the ACJS Board is considering publishing Justice Quarterly six times a year instead of four? Well, NOW you do! Members were asked to weigh in on this issue in a recent survey from the Publications Committee. Results forthcoming – watch your emails!

FROM ACJS PRESIDENT WES JOHNSON

Happy New Year! I hope your semester is off to a good start. We are currently finalizing plans for the upcoming conference in Boston. Even though the pre-registration deadline has passed, you can still register onsite at the Marriott Copley Place, 4th Floor Atrium. This past year the board has made a special effort to continue to enhance the diversity of conference panels and those involved in the operation of the organization. There is much to be done and your willingness to help is both necessary and deeply appreciated. A good way to start is to chair a panel or become a member of the program committee. We have numerous sections with new ones being added almost every year. Service in sections is an excellent way to test the waters of ACJS service and can expand personal networks of exchange. Regional organizations are another way to get involved and an excellent way to introduce your students to the world of academia and conferencing without the intimidation of presenting at a national conference. If you want to get involved, just contact a board member or Cathy Barth at the national office. We will make sure you are connected. Through our collective efforts, we can have a positive impact on the justice system.

With my utmost thanks to Cathy Barth, Mittie Southerland, the ACJS executive board, and the entire ACJS membership, it has been an honor to serve you as President. I challenge you to get involved in ACJS – encourage your peers to attend conferences, bring your students, and have a GREAT YEAR!



Janice Joseph: Incoming President of ACJS

I am honored to serve as First Vice President of this esteemed organization. Our successful history and bright future make this an exciting time for me to serve in this capacity. I also thank you for being a member of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. It is important to be involved with professional organizations, so we are pleased you have chosen the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

I anticipate that the 2009-2010 year will be an exciting year. I especially look forward to working with each of you. The strength of our association is its members, so I would like to encourage you to participate in the activities of the organization. This involves service on various committees, presenting at the annual meeting, and providing input to discussions, and ongoing Academy's activities. I believe that together, great accomplishments can, and will, be made and I pledge myself to enthusiastically lead ACJS in 2009-2010.

See you in Boston, March 2009.

Now, a word from our new NOW editor

Dear ACJS Members,

I am very proud to be assuming the editorship of ACJS NOW. Melissa Burek has done an outstanding job, and I would like to continue many of the traditions that she has started. I promise to work my hardest to make sure that ACJS NOW continues to be nothing short of first-rate. Should you have any thoughts or suggestions, I sincerely hope you will share them with me. You are welcome to contact me by email at: mw24@psu.edu. Thanks so much, and hope to see you in Boston.

All the best, Rob Worley

ACJS Members –

Check Your Emails!

ACJS periodically sends email announcements to members that contain important information about upcoming meetings, events, surveys, and other information.

If you are not receiving these emails, please be sure to do the following:

1. Check the ACJS member directory at www.acjs.org to be sure that we have your current email address. If the email is incorrect, please notify the Association Manager (manager@acjs.org) of your current email address.
2. Check your junk mail folder to see if the ACJS emails are being delivered in that folder instead of your inbox. If so, you will need to reset your junk mail properties.
3. If the emails are being blocked by your institutional system, check with your IT department to see what can be done to remove the delivery restrictions from correspondence from ACJS.

If, after all these steps, you still are not receiving the ACJS emails, contact the Association Manager Cathy Barth and she will send you the text of the mass email in a format that you can hopefully view.

Thanks so much!

2010 Call for Presentations

Though the 2009 meeting has yet to start, we are making preparations for 2010 in San Diego. The Call for Presentations should be available for submissions on the Annual Meeting page of <http://www.acjs.org> shortly after the Boston meeting ends. You will note that the ACJS Program Topics/Sub-Topics have been expanded in 2009 and again in 2010 to include a broader range of topics to meet the needs and interests of our expanding membership. While every ACJS annual meeting has a theme indicative of the



Updates for Regional Affiliates

Midwestern Criminal Justice Association

- Annual meeting will be held September 24-26, 2009 in Chicago, Illinois
- Conference hotel: Inn of Chicago, 1-800-557-2378
- Theme: "Evidence-based Policies and Practices in Criminal Justice"
- Keynote: Michael Scott, Director of the Center for Problem-Oriented Policing University of Wisconsin Law School
- Abstracts due no later than August 15 to Justin Patchin, patchin@uwec.edu
- New website address: <http://www.midwestercnja.org/>

Northeastern Association of CJ Sciences

- 2009 33rd Annual Meeting will be June 10-13 at the Roger Williams University Baypoint Inn.
- Make reservations by calling 401-683-3600 and ask for NEACJ rate of \$99/night. Room rate expires May 10.
- Theme: "Contemporary Issues in Sentencing and Corrections"
- Direct questions and proposals for presentations, panels, or roundtables to Larry Rosenberg at Lrosenberg@millersville.edu.
- For more information, go to www.neacjs.org.

Southern Criminal Justice Association

- Annual conference is September 16-19, 2009 in Charleston, South Carolina.
- Conference hotel: Charleston Doubletree, 1-800 222-TREE, mention SJCA when reserving rooms
- Theme: "Criminal Justice Research, Policy, and Practice: Reaffirming the Nexus"

New Award Announcement

The first **SAGE Junior Faculty Professional Development Teaching Awards** will be presented in Boston to 17 junior faculty selected from over 40 highly qualified applicants. The reimbursement travel awards are funded by an annual donation from SAGE as well as from royalties donated by participating SAGE authors. We are pleased that their generous contributions supported seventeen awards this year: five \$700 awards; seven \$600 awards; and five \$190 awards. Those receiving the award will participate in the first **ACJS Professional Development Teaching Workshop** to be held on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning during the ACJS 2009 Annual Meeting in Boston. All applicants for the awards have been invited to participate in the workshop which will be opened to the general membership until the workshop is full. The Hot Topics section of <http://www.acjs.org> will have more



Explore Boston's Hot Spots

- **Harvard Museum of Natural History**
- **The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum**
- **Boston Symphony Orchestra**
- **Skywalk Observatory Prudential Center**
- **The Aquarium**
- **Tomb**
- **Champions Sports Bar & Restaurant**
- **Cheers Restaurant**
- **Red Hat Restaurant**
- **McCormick & Schmick's Restaurant**
- **The Sevens Ale House**
- **Union Oyster House**
- **Antique Market**
- **Copley Place**
- **Faneuil Hall Market Place**

BOSTON - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW NOW

The ACJS Annual Meeting is fast approaching. If you did not pre-register by the January 31, 2009, deadline, you will be able to register onsite beginning Tuesday, March 10, at 1:00 PM. The program has over 450 events to choose from and the conference should be our best ever!

- The final program will be posted online in early February. You will be able to search for your presentation time and date. Search instructions will be posted at www.acjs.org under "Annual Meeting."
- If you are scheduled to present and find that you now cannot attend, please notify the National Office and the chair of your panel. We will be making a list of those who do not attend and have not contacted ACJS in advance for future reference.
- LCD projectors will be provided in all event rooms for use by presenters. You are responsible for bringing a laptop computer to connect to the projector. No overhead projectors will be available. If you require an overhead, you should either bring one with you to Boston, or make arrangements to rent and pay for the rental through the hotel.
- Again this year, thanks to the generous contribution of Wadsworth Cengage, free WiFi will be available in the Exhibit Hall on the 3rd floor of the hotel.
- Tours and ride alongs are being planned for Boston – be sure to watch your emails for these announcements and how to participate.
- The deadline to reserve a guest room at our great host hotel is February 16, 2009. After that date, you will no longer be able to reserve a room at our special conference rate. The hotel is filling quickly, so be sure to finalize your travel plans as soon as possible. To reserve a room, go to www.acjs.org, and look under "Annual Meeting" for the hotel reservation link.
- The Marriott is attached to a food court and across the street from fast food options for luncheons.
- Make the most of your time in Boston! The Marriott is centrally located and Boston is a great walking city full of history, culture, dining, and nightlife. Be sure to check your tote bag inserts for maps, lists of attractions, and special offers just for ACJS meeting attendees.

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