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## “A Decade of Homeland Security: Lessons Learned”

**SWACJ conference in Houston, Texas  
 October 4-6, 2012**



*President*  
**Lorie Rubenser**

Greetings!

Another great SWACJ conference occurred this fall. It was great to see all of you there. These conferences are such a welcome relief from the rush of the fall semester and this one was no exception.

We had our first CSI competition this year for undergraduate students. It was a great success and I believe it will become an annual event. We are making a conscious effort to provide a variety of activities for our students, and this year we had more students registered for the conference than ever before. Next year we plan to hold a poster session like those at ACJS. This should encourage more presentations/participation as well.

I want to express my personal thanks to everyone who had a role in putting on the conference; our executive board, all the presenters, judges of various competitions, and presenters. Katy Eichenberg in particular did a fabulous job as the site committee – normally committee implies a group, but Katy was a group of one.

Niki Nix is also owed a special thank you for all her help with the registration process and other workings of the conference. She was fantastic to work with and certainly a credit to her mother – our own

Christine Nix. It's actually scary to think how similar they are, but they certainly keep us all on track.

As we look forward to next year, Helen Taylor Greene has agreed to serve as site committee chair for Houston. George Eichenberg has volunteered to set up the CSI competition, and several other volunteers have also stepped up. We have some big shoes to fill as the last couple of conferences have been so good, but we are already on our way.

The mid-year meeting will be held in conjunction with ACJS in New York this spring and I look forward to seeing you all there. We will have some business to report concerning progress on our new journal, our upcoming Houston conference, and many other exciting things so I hope you will be present. I'm excited already for the next opportunity to sit down with my friends and colleagues from across the region.

Thanks for everything you all do to make this region and our organization so wonderful. See you all in New York!



*First Vice President*  
**Claudia San Miguel**

First, and foremost, congratulations to George Eichenberg for a very successful conference in College Station. Attendance was outstanding and the number of students who attended the conference was exceptional. Thanks also to Katy, and the site team, for helping coordinate events. Special thanks to David, Tom, Christine, and Niki for all of their help at the conference. Second, don't forget to join us at our mid-year meeting during the ACJS conference in New York. Third, mark your calendars for our upcoming SWACJ conference in Houston.

I hope to see everybody in New York and especially in Houston this year!

Claudia





*Second Vice President*  
**George R. Franks**

Greetings!

Let me first thank the growing membership of SWACJ for the opportunity to serve you as an officer in our Association.

If you have not attended either of the last couple of sessions, let me encourage you to make plans to be with us in Houston for the 2012 Annual Meeting. With the growing costs of conference attendance, and the reductions in travel allowances, regional conferences can be a great alternative to showcase your academic research, network with faculty, and hear interesting discussions about Criminal Justice issues.

In the interest of transparency to the membership, I want to share my first two experiences in officer meetings, one post-conference and the other by telephone. Having been trained in qualitative research, I tend to view things in themes:

**Member Centered** – Your officers' first concern in meeting discussions is always centered on what is deemed best for the general good of membership. No decision is made without ample discussion about the benefit provided the membership of the organization.

**Frugal Spending** – Never have I been a part of an organizational leadership that is so concentrated on ensuring every expense is unavoidable. Even down to the conference call, we used a non-fee service and each participant paid his or her own telephone charges. Tom Jordan has worked diligently to ensure compliance with IRS regulations, and improved our expense tracking. Christine Nix seeks ways to reduce operating cost and provide maximum benefit to our membership, while developing improvements to our membership tracking and conference registration process. Remember, the word frugal does not mean cheap, it means being wise about our necessary expenses.

**Professionalism**– SWACJ has a long and distinguished history and our earliest membership played a leading role in the development of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. The team of officers I have been privileged to join exhibit high levels of professionalism, and carry this over into their decision making about the operations of our organization.

**Dedication** – Our new President is all about our Association; Lorie brings to her position a record of long and dedicated service to SWACJ. Claudia follows with her dedication to providing opportunities for faculty and students through our Association. Tom and Christine dedicate many hours to SWACJ and we are fortunate to have them working in their important roles.

We are building on the success of our past presidents, and many are actively engaged in the continuing work of SWACJ. I returned from the 2010 meeting with the feeling of inspiration, which was multiplied by my participation in the 2011 meeting. I would be remiss not to specifically mention the contributions of George Eichenberg, David Montague, Will Oliver, and Bill Stone – past presidents who remain engaged actively in serving the general membership. There are exciting changes in store, improvements that will make your membership and participation all the more valuable.

My best,  
George



*Treasurer's Report*  
W. Tom Jordan

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Annual Meeting:** We had a total of 178 registered attendees for our Annual Conference including 78 Regular Registration (including non-member), 95 Students, and 11 Guests. We have certainly succeeded in bringing in the students! On the other hand, our current membership is only 66 plus 22 student members. Now is a great time to start talking to your colleagues about becoming a member of SWACJ and participating in our Annual Meeting in Houston October 2012.

Vendors provided \$4050.00 to support SWACJ this year in advertising, table space, and sponsorships. Please show your appreciation by thanking their representatives and telling them that you saw their material at SWACJ. We hope that you will seriously consider using their products or telling your students about their programs.

The **Financial Report** is at the bottom of my report. It includes the amounts that we took in and expended as well as a listing of major expense categories. Our fund balance as of October 31 is \$6053.13. As you can see, our Annual Meeting cost a bit more than we took in this year. Although our fee structure has remained largely unchanged, the costs of putting on conferences continue to increase. The Executive Board will be reviewing several changes to our fee structure in the coming months.

**Receipts:** Our new electronic receipt system utilizing .pdf formatting seems to have worked well; and it allowed us to send receipts in a timely manner. For those who paid via PayPal, you received two receipts, one from PayPal/SWACJ and one from me. It would be helpful if you could give me feedback on whether you need the second receipt from me. If we can reduce that

duplication, it would save us quite a bit of time, so we are exploring the option of using only the PayPal/SWACJ receipt next year for PayPal payments.

**IRS 501C3 Application:** Although the Internal Revenue Service notified us that they have our application to reinstate 501C3 status, we still have not received any updates from them at press time.

I hope the end of your semester goes well. If possible, make plans to attend our mid-year meeting in New York City during ACJS. If you have any questions that I can help with please contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,  
W. T. "Tom" Jordan, Treasurer

2011 Income/Expenses		Major Expenses	
Starting Balance	\$ 9,564.35	Hilton space/food	\$ 11,553.04
checking credits	\$ 13,153.37	Reception	\$ 2,795.39
checking debits	\$ (16,938.11)	asstd. Program	\$ 484.31
PayPal Not transferred	\$ 828.70	Air Fare	\$ 290.30
PayPal Fees	\$ (555.18)	t-shirts	\$ 365.31 (recouped)
Undeposited Cash	\$ 1,472.00	student awards	\$ 800.00
Cash Payment (Hilton)	\$ (1,472.00)	printing	\$ 479.00
	<u>\$ 6,053.13</u>	gifts	\$ 388.26
		U.S. Treas	\$ 850.00
Checking Acct Bal	\$ 5,779.61	PayPal Fees	\$ 555.18
Pay Pal Bal	\$ 273.52		<u>\$ 18,560.79</u>
	<u>\$ 6,053.13</u>		





*Secretary's Report*  
**Christine A. Nix**

All,

Thank you for your participation in the 2011 conference. Even with all the “behind the scenes” preparations, a successful conference comes down to the conference attendees. I appreciate your patience and assistance during registration. We continue to discuss improvements for transitioning from the registration site on into the conference. I am very grateful to Tom Jordan and Bill Stone for their work on implementing an online payment system utilizing PayPal for dues and fees, what a tremendous alternative for payment. were The Executive Board is dedicated to maintaining and keeping the SWACJ membership fiscally informed and sound.

Katy Eichenberg’s tireless efforts in coordinating the conference site, food, and reception are to be commended. She put a lot of time and effort in making the conference happen. I am appreciative for the assistance by the volunteers. Without them, Tom Jordan and I, left to our own devices could have created havoc and chaos at registration. Sidney Cavanaugh, Casey Heath, and Caleb Steel of Tarleton State University were exceptional in running, lifting, and toting when requested. Their willingness to help out was instrumental in setting up sessions and the registration desk. We certainly could not have done without them. Thank you! And of course, I cannot thank Niki Nix, a.k.a “Mini-Me”, enough for jumping in and helping with registration. Niki pointed out needed improvement in forms and our current registration procedure. She has undertaken the task to redesign the forms to aid in a smoother and quicker online/onsite registration process for the membership.

Students, I heard many outstanding compliments on your professional demeanor, in and out of break-out sessions and during the competitions. You represented yourselves and institutions in a manner that reflect a great future for each of you. Thank you for your attentiveness to Ms. Rosalyn (Roz) Cotton, the guest speaker and your participation in the student activities. I hope you found the conference beneficial and many of you will be able to attend the 2012 conference.

I extend many thanks to Helen Taylor Greene and Texas Southern University for hosting the 2012 SWACJ conference in the Houston area. I heard several long time members mention an unpleasant hotel experience at a previous SWACJ conference in Houston, I am sure there will not be a repeat of that experience. The work behind the scenes towards a successful conference is non-stop. I would like to elicit your assistance in helping with the sponsorships for the conference. If you have questions on how you can be of assistance, please contact me at [christine.nix@umhb.edu](mailto:christine.nix@umhb.edu) or other members of the Executive Team at [swacj.org@gmail.com](mailto:swacj.org@gmail.com).

Prior to the 2011 conference, the Executive Board decided upon a SWACJ tee-shirt sale for the membership. The shirts were a big hit. We would like to continue providing tee-shirts to the membership. The quality of the shirts during wear and after washing is outstanding. Let me know if you are interested in placing an order. Below you can view a photo of the regular tee shirt; the collared polo shirt is even nicer. Also, after the conference we have approximately 45 koozies left over and the printer contact sent us an additional 40 copies of the conference program. If you are interested in purchasing a koozie, the cost is \$1.25; \$.50/koozie and \$.75 for s/h. The conference program is \$1.50 plus \$1.25 for s/h, a total of \$2.75. Let me know via email at either address.

As you read the minutes from the 2011 general business meeting, please keep in mind, the recording of the minutes is conducted by portable word processor: pen and paper. The minutes are as close verbatim as possible. We do our best to make them accurate as possible.

I have enjoyed working closely with both David Montague and George Eichenberg. It becomes a daily communication two months prior to the conference. I am looking forward to the year with Lori. Thank you to the membership for all you do in support of SWACJ. I hope to see you in New York City for the ACJS conference to be held 13-18 March 2012. Come by the SWACJ table; sit for a spell with coffee and a chance to chat. If not in New York, I hope to see you in Houston 4-7 October for the annual SWACJ conference. As always do not hesitate to contact me or other members of the Executive Board with comments, questions, or concerns.

Until then, take care and be blessed in your travels,

*Christine*

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## **Minutes 2011 SWACJ General Business Meeting**

09/30/2011

### **I. Meeting call to order at 1619 hours**

#### A. In attendance

Executive Board members:

George Eichenberg, President, Tarleton State University

Lorie Rubenser, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Sul Ross State University

Claudia San Miguel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Texas A&M International University

Tom Jordan, Treasurer, Texas A&M University-Texarkana

Bill Stone, Webmaster, Texas State University

Will Oliver, Regional Trustee, Sam Houston State University

David Montague, Past President, University of Little Rock Arkansas

Christine Nix, Secretary, University of Mary Hardin Baylor/Sam Houston State University

19 attendees in the audience

### **II. Presidential Address**

A. George Eichenberg, Outgoing President, Tarleton State University

1. Only a few remarks
2. This conference concluded six years of service with SWACJ
3. Thanked Rosalyn Cotton for her luncheon address and addressed several items:
  - a. Numerous changes in Criminal Justice academics and in the field
  - b. Some of the changes have been positive and some not so positive
4. Distance learning is intriguing
  - a. It is the commodification of education
  - b. It is another product to be bought and sold
  - c. Professors expect quality; Administration desires butts in the seats
  - d. Sometimes the mix between professors and administration is not good
5. The Omnibus Act of 1968
  - a. Was to improve the quality of justice in America
  - b. The idea was educated cops equaled more ethical police forces
  - c. We may have lost sight of improving quality justice in America

### III. Call for Reports

- A. Treasurer's report  
Tom Jordan, Texas A&M University-Texarkana
  1. - \$1839 Pending PayPal payments
    - a. \$13,574 Bank Checkbook
    - b. \$15,413 On hand
    - c. \$3,200 Checks and cash ready for deposit
    - d. \$18,000 Total Assets
  2. Conference costs to date
    - a. \$13,500 Encumbered Conference Costs
  3. Anticipated ending balance
    - a. \$5,032
  4. Conference registration breakdown as of business meeting
    - a. 62 Regular members
    - b. 8 Non-members
    - c. 8-10 Guests
    - d. 90 Students
    - e. Approximately 170 conference attendees
  5. Full financial report in Winter 2012 newsletter
- B. Secretary's report, Christine A. Nix, University of Mary Hardin Baylor/Sam Houston State University
  1. T-shirt sale new concept= well received by membership. Another order will be placed prior to ACJS 2012 conference.
- C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Report, Claudia San Miguel, Texas A&M International University
  1. Nothing to report
- D. Regional Trustee, Will Oliver, Sam Houston State University
  1. Mid-year meeting (ACJS) will be 13-18 March 2012. The conference hotel is the Mid-Town Square Marriott. The hotel cost is higher than ever at \$229/night, however the normal rate is \$600/night and nearby hotels are \$700/night.
- E. Webmaster, Bill Stone, Texas State University
  1. Nothing to report

#### **IV. Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice**

- A. Roger Enriquez, University of Texas San Antonio- Resigned as editor
- B. Lorie Rubenser, Sul Ross State University
  - 1. Acting interim editor
- C. Will Oliver, Sam Houston State University-
  - 1. Chaired search committee for new editor
- D. Future of the Journal- Will Oliver, SHSU
  - 1. Issues for August 2011 and January 2012 conference edition
    - a. One interim editor needed- No submissions for editor have been received
    - b. Introduced idea for a different Journal format
    - c. Since SWJCJ is member owned- wanted membership input and approval to take the journal in a different direction.
    - d. The conference edition 2011 will be numbered 8(3)
  - 2. History of the Journal
    - a. Established in 2001
    - b. Was supposed to be a national journal and nationally recognized
    - c. Since 2001, there have been three editors and two interim editors
    - d. In 2006, there were five top prestigious journals. SWJCJ ranked the fourth worse of the regional journals.
    - e. SWJCJ has not been elevated to nationally recognized status and remains a regional journal.
  - 3. Suggested changes
    - a. The suggested change to the format is the Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology
    - b. The concept of the new format is limit publishing to two annual issues.
    - c. Strict submission guidelines of submissions do not meet the qualifications in place will not be accepted
    - d. The new format would be a continuation of the current volume numbering
    - e. To enhance national focus recognized qualitative researchers would be asked to serve on the editorial board
  - 4. Justification for the change in format
    - a. Fits the niche catching on in Criminal Justice and Criminology
    - b. Greater appeal to national and international audiences
    - c. Would raise the prestige level of the Journal and SWACJ
  - 5. Consensus of the Board
    - a. The Board had a specific conference addressing the future of the Journal
    - b. All were in agreement changes in format was needed and approval from the membership was warranted
  - 6. The floor was open for discussion/questions/comments:
    - Ed Schauer**, Prairie View A&M University  
“Will book reviews be accepted in the qualitative journal format?”
    - Joan Crowley**, New Mexico State University  
Understands the rationale of the niche, but not the fit to the current title of Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice. “How will, the new journal maintain the connection with SWACJ?”
    - Will Oliver**, Sam Houston State University

“At minimum we want to achieve national recognition to avoid regionalism.”

**Helen Taylor Green**, Texas Southern University

Suggested eliminating the conference edition of the Journal as it stands; unless it is high quality qualitative research.

**Tracy Andrus**, Wiley College

“If a research project is unique, people should have the opportunity to have their work published regardless of methodology.”

**George Franks**, Stephen F. Austin State University

“Often qualitative research is over-looked. American Scholar is a qualitative journal, but not peer reviewed, though it is the official publication of Phi Beta Kappa.”

**Lynn Greenwood**, Texas A&M University Central Texas

“As a faculty member and a doctoral student, I face the demands of publish, publish, publish quantitative not qualitative research.”

**Ed Schauer**, Prairie View A&M University

“The current format is perfect for new educators and students. Moving to a totally qualitative format does not support students.”

**Will Oliver**, Sam Houston State University

“A qualitative format would be an outlet for students who want to publish qualitative research. The new format would be a unique and a major change.”

**Bill Stone**, Texas State University

“We could run both journals. It would require two editors. The problem, however, no one has stepped up to take on editorship of the current journal.”

**George Franks**, Stephen F. Austin State University

Institutional and individual fees for three years paid for copy editor (not cheap and not SWACJ supported)

7. Question to Membership present:

“Does SWACJ want to stay in the journal business?”

Consensus of attendees by a show of hands-yes

**Ed Schauer**, Prairie View A&M University

Made the motion to keep the journal in a similar format

**George Day**, East Texas Baptist University

Second the motion to stay in the journal business

Ayes concurred.

**Joan Crowley**, New Mexico State University

Made the motion to proceed with the new journal format with Will Oliver (SHSU) as first editor with annual special conference edition published.

**George Franks**, Stephen F. Austin State University

Second the motion

**Ed Schauer**, Prairie View A&M University

Requested a discussion prior to a call for a vote

**Tracy Andrus**, Wiley College

“There should be an equal opportunity to publish in a peer reviewed journal.”

No other discussion

8. Call for vote:

- a. In favor 19, opposed 2, abstaining 1

- b. Will Oliver empowered to proceed with the new format.
- c. Publish two more issues and the conference edition under old format.
- d. **Tracy Andrus**, Wiley College  
Pledged his full support

#### **V. Call for remarks from current and past SWACJ and ACJS Presidents**

- A. Tracy Andrus, Wiley College  
Appreciate the work put into the conference; it was good.
- B. David Montague, University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
Wonderful conference, so many students, PayPal was a great addition, and heard many compliments.
- C. Joan Crowley, New Mexico State University  
Was a good conference
- D. Camille Gibson, Prairie View A&M University  
A good job to all who worked on the conference
- E. Phil Rhoades, Texas A&M University Corpus Christi  
Good conference; continue to gain something at each conference
- F. Jody Crowley, New Mexico State University  
Continues to enjoy coming to SWACJ  
Passed the torch and good to see the tradition of good conferences continues

#### **VI. Election of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

- A. It is a three year commitment
- B. Tracy Andrus, Wiley College
  - 1. Nominated Michael Champion, Wiley College
  - 2. Michael Champion declined the nomination
- C. Joan Crowley New Mexico State University
  - 1. Nominated George Franks, Stephen F. Austin State University
  - 2. Second by Phil Rhoades, Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
- D. Tracy Andrus, Wiley College
  - 1. Nominated Helen Taylor-Greene
  - 2. The nomination was declined by Helen Taylor-Greene.
- E. Another call posed for other nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.
- F. Katy Eichenberg
  - 1. Made the motion to cease nominations and accept nomination of George Franks
  - 2. Second by Will Oliver.
  - 3. Ayes carried
  - 4. Franks elected by acclamation
  - 5. George Franks, Stephen F. Austin State University 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of SWACJ (2012-2015)

(George Eichenberg announced the winner of the first annual CSI (Crime Scene Investigation) Winner- The Five Member Team UMHB (University of Mary Hardin Baylor)

#### **VII. Lorie Rubenser assumed the role as the 2011-2012 President of SWACJ**

#### **VIII. New Business**

- A. Certificates and Plaques of Appreciation:
  - 1. George Eichenberg, Outgoing President
  - 2. Will Oliver, Outgoing Regional Trustee
  - 3. Roger Enriquez for service as SWACJ editor

- B. Special thanks
  - 1. Katy Eichenberg
    - a. Spearheaded the search and coordination of the accommodations, food, past presidents' reception, and the assistance by the Bryan-College Station Visitor's Bureau for the 2011 conference.
  - 2. Bill Stone
    - a. Remarkable talents and continued improvement of the SWACJ website
    - b. Implementation of PayPal.
  - 3. Rosalyn (Roz) Cotton – luncheon speaker
    - a. Wants to sponsor five students for next year's conference
- C. Site selection for SWACJ 2012
  - 1. Proposal from Texas Southern University
  - 2. Act as the host university for the 2012 conference.
  - 3. Katy Eichenberg made the motion for Houston as the site for the 2012 conference.
  - 4. Motion second by David Montague
  - 5. Motion carried
- D. Treasurer- Tom Jordan
  - 1. Renewal of 501 (C)3 status
  - 2. Contacted IRS on 2010 and learned SWACJ did not have official non-profit status
  - 3. The status had lapsed so long ago- no record with IRS
  - 4. Thank you extended to the membership for the response to pleas for supporting documentation. The donations allowed the rebuilding of SWACJ financial data
  - 5. The original SWACJ constitution was located and sent to the IRS.
  - 6. The 501 (C)3 status application was sent to IRS as though it was the first application
  - 7. The application fee was \$850 and has been submitted.
  - 8. The IRS is several months behind- Tom will update the membership as information becomes available from the IRS.
  - 9. Conflict of interest statement and resolution needed approval from the membership.
    - a. Conflict of interest and resolution was read in the form of a motion.

### **Resolution – Conflict of Interest**

Resolution for the fall 2011 meeting:

Be it resolved that in order to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict of interest when SWACJ or its Executive board votes on any business arrangement, compensation, gift, or other association business that may present a conflict of interest for a member of the board or member of the organization, said member will make that potential conflict known and will abstain from any vote on the matter.

Potential conflicts of interest include but are not limited to private personal or financial interests, interests of related persons or employers.

Any compensation arrangements made by the Association will be approved in advance of paying compensation for amounts in excess of \$500 and the results of such a vote will be recorded in the minutes of the organization. Such approval will include the date and terms of compensation arrangements.

Rationale: This resolution complies with practices suggested by the IRS to avoid excess compensation benefits. ACJS adheres to this policy.

- b. Will Oliver second the motion
  - c. Call for Questions and Discussion:
  - d. None
  - e. Joan Crowley made the motion to accept the motion as read
  - f. Second by Will Oliver
10. The third paragraph is ambiguous on purpose regarding By-Laws on Spending.
    - a. Spending can be approved by the Executive Board or by the membership.
    - b. General discussion
    - c. Call for vote on the amendment  
16-yes; 0 opposed; 2 abstained; approval to go forward with the amendment
    - d. Call for vote of Statement with the Amendment  
20- yes; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; vote carried
  11. As a Resolution it has force of policy
    - a. Becomes an amendment to the By-Laws
    - b. Notification of Proposal Change needs to be minimum 90 days prior to the annual meeting. (Email notification NLT 8 July, 2012)
    - c. The IRS resolution can be approved prior to the 2012 SWACJ conference
- E. Webmaster- Bill Stone
1. Backed up all available files to a compact disc
  2. Passed onto new president Lorie Rubenser
  3. It was decided the files to be retained by the secretary.
- F. 2012 SWACJ conference
1. 4-7 October
  2. Houston area
- G. Tom Jordan – Audit committee
1. Christine Nix is rotating off
  2. Juletta Kubena (Our Lady of the Lake University) accepted the appointment to the audit committee
  3. George Day, East Texas Baptist University is a second year member

## **IX. Old Business**

- A. Tom Jordan
1. Fee structure needs to be reviewed and revisited
  2. Examine the potential for raising registration fees and annual dues
  3. SWACJ needs to establish a formalized budget process from the income side
  4. Need to increase the differential
  5. Early, on site, and late registration
    - a. Now there is only \$10 difference
    - b. The meals are the major expense
  6. The Board is concerned and recognizes the need to be more fiscally responsible to the membership
  7. Questions or comments regarding fiscal matters please email Tom Jordan at [tjordan@tamut.edu](mailto:tjordan@tamut.edu) or [swacj.org@gmail.com](mailto:swacj.org@gmail.com)
  8. Bill Stone-
    - a. Student registration is \$40.00

- b. the average cost of a meal is \$22.95
- 9. Phil Rhoades
  - a. Membership voted for a change in fee structure four years ago
  - b. Brought up the fees to the basic lowest cost for conference fees
- 10. Lorie Rubenser-
  - a. Need to ensure the organization is able to stay afloat financially
- 11. Tracy Andrus
  - a. "Will the decision on fee be made by the Executive Board or the Membership?"
  - b. Lorie Rubenser
    - i. Law Article III- it is a Board decision.
    - ii. It becomes important when the number of students attending outnumber the regular members.
- 12. Tom Jordan
  - a. SWACJ does not utilize a cash flow model or cash flow streams
  - b. Most no problems with subsidizing students
- B. No other discussions
  - 1. Motion to adjourn
  - 2. Motion received a second
  - 3. All in agreement
  - 4. Meeting for SWACJ Annual conference was adjourned

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### SWACJ Past President's Letter



*Past President*  
**M. George Eichenberg**

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for a wonderful 2011 Annual Meeting. Participation by faculty, students, practitioners, and supporters was excellent. The presentations were uniformly interesting and well done. Rosalyn Cotton, our keynote speaker did an outstanding job. I especially want to thank the good folks at TEEEX for the fascinating tour, the Brian PD SWAT Team for their demonstration, the Search Dog Network for theirs, and Bill Davison of Tac Pro Shooting Center for his special class. Katy Eichenberg did an excellent job as site committee chair. The folks at Messina Hoff and the Hilton certainly did right by us. I also greatly appreciate the assistance of the Executive Board for making it all happen; what a wonderful team to work with. I also must note that Christine Nix was an incredible help.

As I look back on my six years of service to the Association I have a strong sense appreciation for the opportunity of working with many wonderful people and learning so much from so many. It was a lot of work and worth every minute. I wouldn't have missed it for the world; thanks.

George



*Regional Trustee's Report*  
Will Oliver

### **Trustee's Report – Fall 2011**

Having been elected in the fall of 2008 and seated on the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences' Executive Board as the Region IV Trustee in March of 2009, my term will come to an end this coming March in New York at the annual meeting of ACJS. How quickly those three years have gone. I must say though, it has been both a learning experience and a pleasure to have served both the members of SWACJ and ACJS as the Regional Trustee. Although my term is ending, I hope to continue serving ACJS in some capacity (TBD) and I will begin serving the members of SWACJ in my new role as the editor of the revamped SWJCJ when it becomes the Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology (JQCJC) in the Spring of 2013.

I have only a few things to report in regard to my Trustee's Report. The various Regional Trustees formed a subcommittee to look at the relationship between ACJS and the Regions. One simply change we asked for was to elevate our prominence on the ACJS website by having a tab for the "Regional Orgs." That is now part of the website. Another request was to establish a meeting between members of the ACJS executive board and members of the Regional boards. This meeting will take place in New York (most likely on Friday) and will allow us to open up a dialogue about the current relationship between the regional and parent organization and potential changes in the future. This was done last year with the ACJS sections and I think opening this kind of dialogue is healthy. Last, but not least, I would encourage all of you to attend the annual meeting of ACJS in New York, March 13-17 at the Marriott on Time's Square. It is an excellent location in the city and the conference is shaping up to be one of the best annual meetings to date. I hope to see you there.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the members of SWACJ who have supported me over the past nine years. I have truly enjoyed working with the membership and executive

board, my colleagues and friends, and I look forward to future years with the organization.  
Thank you.

Will Oliver  
Region IV Trustee



## Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice

# CALL FOR CONFERENCE PAPERS

**Annual Meeting  
October 4-6 2012**

**Houston, Texas**

**Conference Theme for 2012:  
“A Decade of Homeland Security: Lessons Learned”**

Submit abstracts electronically to\*:

Lorie Rubenser, Ph.D.  
[rubenser@sulross.edu](mailto:rubenser@sulross.edu)

Visit [www.swacj.org](http://www.swacj.org) for details

**DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: Midnight; September 9, 2012**

\*No person's name may appear more than twice as author or presenter.



# Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice

## 2012 SWACJ Annual Meeting Abstract and Panel Participation Form (Submit a separate form for each presentation)

Contact Information:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to (check all that apply):

Present a paper \_\_\_\_\_ **New!** Poster session \_\_\_\_\_ Chair a panel: \_\_\_\_\_  
Serve as a poster session monitor \_\_\_\_\_

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 9, 2012**

**Return form to:**  
**Lorie Rubenser**  
[rubenser@sulross.edu](mailto:rubenser@sulross.edu)

**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 or insert below.**





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Name:

Affiliation:

Telephone:

E-mail:

	Postmarked September 10, 2012 or earlier	On-Site or postmarked after September 10, 2012
<b>Regular Member Participant</b>	\$60	\$80
<b>Regular Non-Member Participant</b>	\$80	\$100
<b>Student Participant</b>	\$50	\$50
<b>Guest of Regular Participant</b>	\$45	\$45

Name of Guest (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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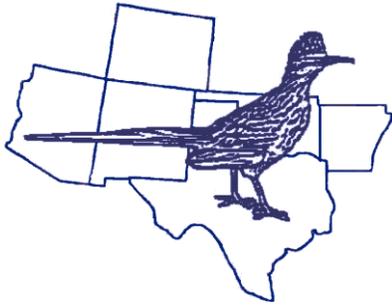
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I will be staying at the meeting hotel \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

I will be bringing \_\_\_\_\_ students/attendees

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## 2012-2013 Membership Form

### Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice

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Name:

Affiliation:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

PLEASE INDICATE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (PLEASE SELECT ONE):

Educator/Professional = **(\$40)** \_\_\_\_\_

Student = **(\$20)** \_\_\_\_\_

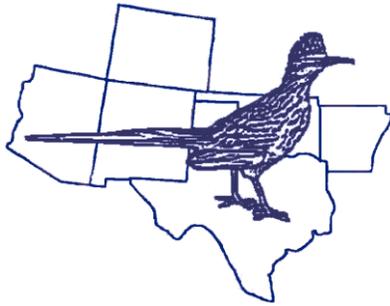
If requesting student membership, tell us the name of your

School: \_\_\_\_\_ and your Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Poster Session

### Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice

The *Poster session* offers the opportunity to participate in an innovative, progressive, interactive presentation of your research guaranteed to reach a wider audience than traditional panel presentations.

The poster session is a collection of visual displays of research that encourages informal interaction between authors and attendees. The primary author of a Poster presentation must be in attendance and committed to stay throughout the presentation.

#### How to be a Poster Presenter:

Submit presentation topics via the **Abstract and Panel Participation Form**. Upon acceptance, prepare a visual presentation for your paper, and bring it to Houston.

Set up your presentation in your assigned spot 30 minutes BEFORE the poster sessions begins and remain at your spot for the full time the poster session is scheduled.

#### The poster presentation

A poster consists of two components. First, it is a visual display of research and secondly, it involves interaction with the audience. The research is usually PowerPoint slides or some other computer software. Then the slides are printed and placed on a poster stands provided by SWACJ. The visual display includes text, tables, graphs etc. Some people choose to have their posters printed professionally or laminated; this is a personal preference but is not required. The second component of the poster research requires that the author(s) interact with the audience during the allotted session time. Conference participants browse the displayed visual presentations of research and have an opportunity to inquire about the research.

Anyone interested in presenting research may do so by submitting an **Abstract and Panel Participation** form no later than **midnight 9 September 2012**.

**No one can present\* more than one poster presentation at the conference.** However, participants may be a co-author of research with other co-authors who will present the additional research. Each poster presentation must have an author present to interact during the duration of poster session. (\*No person's name may appear more than twice as author or presenter).

**No unattended presentations.** At least one presenter is required to stand by your poster for the entire session. If there is more than one author, it is acceptable to alternate or split up times with your coauthor(s). If your research is accepted, we will expect someone to be available to present it in your place. Please plan and have a backup person who can present the research on your behalf if you cannot attend the conference.

Please contact Christine Nix at [swacj.org@gmail.com](mailto:swacj.org@gmail.com) with questions regarding the poster session.

## 2012 SWACJ STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Graduate and undergraduate students currently enrolled (and those who will be enrolled for the fall 2012 semester) in a university, college, junior college or community college within the Southwest Region.

### AWARDS:

	<i>Graduate Student</i>	<i>Undergraduate Student</i>
<b>First Prize</b>	<b>\$250*</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Second Prize</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$75</b>
<b>Third Prize</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$50</b>

\* The winner of the graduate student paper competition will be invited to have their work included in the Special Conference Edition of *The Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice*.

### JUDGES:

Judges must be active within SWACJ and will be selected from the updated membership list. 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. Student(s) must author the paper; no faculty/student joint papers will be considered.
2. The paper must be an original work; it may be especially prepared for the 2011 SWACJ annual meeting, or it may be a revision of a paper prepared for coursework at the student's home university or college.
3. The paper must be submitted electronically to: **christine.nix@umhb.edu**
4. To be considered for competition, entries must be received by **midnight, September 9, 2012.**
5. The paper must meet standard publication formats as established at the student's home university or college.
6. The title page of the paper should include the student's full name and address, school affiliation and status as either graduate or undergraduate.
7. The author's 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 annual meeting or to present their papers to be eligible for the awards. However, we do encourage students to present their papers in the supportive atmosphere of the annual meeting.

Students who submit papers for presentation are **not obligated** to enter the paper contest. The paper competition is strictly voluntary.

RECOGNITION OF THE WINNERS AND PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS  
WILL BE MADE AT THE CONFERENCE LUNCHEON

-- All Students Encouraged To Participate --

## Call for Teams

The Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice  
is pleased to announce the  
Second Collegiate Undergraduate Team  
Crime Scene Interpretation Competition

**Friday October 5, 2012**  
**Beginning at 2pm**  
**Location to be announced**

The competition will be held as part of the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice (SWACJ). Teams will photograph, sketch, and document a processed crime scene.

Teams may consist of up to five members. Teams must be sponsored by a faculty member of their home institution who is a member of SWACJ. All team members must be registered as meeting attendees. We ask that teams not include professional, reserve, or former peace officers or crime scene technicians regardless of status as students.

Teams will be judged on professionalism, accuracy of processing and interpretation, and compliance with recognized standards and protocols.

For further information or registration, team sponsors should send an email to

**George Eichenberg at:**  
**eichenberg@tarleton.edu**

**To be considered for competition, entries must be received by  
midnight, September 9, 2012.**



## *Annual SWACJ Undergraduate Student Criminal Justice Quiz Bowl*

**Team Composition:** A team will consist of two to four members. Team members must be registered for the Annual Meeting as students. Teams will be registered on a first to register, first to qualify basis. A maximum of 8 teams will be allowed to participate. Each college or university participating in the SWACJ Annual Meeting may enter *one* team.

**Teams must pre-register** by contacting Dr. Claudia San Miguel ([csanmiguel@tamiu.edu](mailto:csanmiguel@tamiu.edu)) by **September 9, 2012**. Teams do not have to list exact members to pre-register for the Quiz Bowl – simply indicate that a team from a particular program will participate. Exact members must be indicated at conference check in where registration for the conference will be verified.

**Relays (Rounds):** There will be two relays plus the championship round. For the two relays, teams will be divided as evenly as possible. Placement/assignment of the teams for relays will be done randomly. The winning team from each relay will then compete for the championship. The two teams in the championship will not carry any previous points (or standing) from the first relays. Thus, both teams in the championship will start with zero points. The team with the most points in the championship round will receive the first prize (\$250). The second prize winners will also receive a cash award (\$150). **Prize money** for first and second place will be given to the faculty advisor for the winning teams to be used as they determine.

**Teams in the first relays** will be quizzed from the categories of:

1. **Introduction to Criminal Justice** – Five questions commonly found in intro CJ textbooks.
2. **Courts and Criminal Procedure** – Five questions from courts and/or criminal procedure textbooks.
3. **Women and Minorities** – Five questions relating to the impact of the CJ system on Women and Minorities
4. **Criminological Theory** – Five questions about theories of criminality.

**In the event of a tie**, the category will be *potpourri* for best of two out of three questions.

**Teams in the championship** relay will compete for first place. They will be quizzed from:

1. **Law of Arrest, Search, and Seizure** – Five questions.
2. **Major Supreme Court Decisions** – Five questions.

**In the event of a tie**, the category will be *potpourri* for the best of two out of three questions.

In all relays, Team Captains will have buzzers to ‘buzz-in’ when their team is ready with a correct answer. The Team that buzzes in first will be given the first opportunity to answer. Should that team give an incorrect response; the next team to buzz in will be given opportunity to answer, and so on down the line.

*Good sportsmanship will be observed at all times by all participants and spectators. Individual participants who engage in rude, disrespectful, or unsportsmanlike behavior may be disqualified. Participants must keep cell phones out of sight during the Bowl. Spectators who engage in rude, disrespectful, or unsportsmanlike behavior may be asked to leave the event. This includes attempting*

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

### Who is Eligible?

Undergraduate students currently enrolled (and those who will be enrolled September 2012) 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:

Registration fee for the top two winners 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 2012) 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 9, 2012** to the current president of the Texas Section:

**James E. Blair**  
**South Texas College**  
**Starr County Campus**  
**Criminal Justice – Social Sciences**  
**142 FM 3167**  
**Rio Grande City, TX 8582**  
[jblair@southtexascollege.edu](mailto:jblair@southtexascollege.edu)

### 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.

## ***Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice (SWJCJ)***

The January 2012 edition of the journal will be the last regular edition published under this journal title. The journal will be moving to a new title/format as discussed at the annual business meeting. Please see the note from Will Oliver for details.

What this means currently is that the journal will no longer be accepting submissions. Please do not send any further articles for the regular journal editions.

The conference edition will come out in April so please be sure you submit your completed conference presentation articles to Claudia San Miguel for consideration.

Lorie Rubenser

## ***Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology (JQCJC)***

The new journal to be sponsored by SWACJ will be the *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology*. The journal is aiming to be a nationally recognized journal that fills a need in academic publishing in both the disciplines. The journal also has support from Sam Houston State University and an internationally representative editorial board of recognized scholars in both criminal justice and criminology is being formed. Further, proposals will be sent out to the leading journal publishers in the hopes of securing a print/online publishing company for when the journal releases its first issue – Spring of 2013. More information on the journal will be forthcoming as things develop.

Willard M. Oliver



## **Additional Conference Information**

**Conference hotel  
To Be Announced  
Houston, TX**

**For more information contact us at:**

**[www.swacj.org](http://www.swacj.org)**

