



AMERICAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION
LAMBDA ALPHA EPSILON

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL NATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING
AUSTIN, TX - 2017

Friday, March 31, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Preston Koelling at 9:10 AM. President Koelling led the Pledge of Allegiance. John Webb was appointed Parliamentarian. Chris Williams was appointed Sgt-at-Arms. Tellers appointed were: Head Teller, Brian Meloy; Brittany Robison, John McGary, and Mark Mitchell

Proxy registration and roll call were taken by Karen Campbell, Executive Secretary. The following chapters were present or represented by proxy:

Executive Board: Preston Koelling, President; Steve Atchley, Vice-President; Jeanne Hopkins, Region 1 President; Dave Redford, Region 2 President; Roger Pennel, Region 3 President; Joe Walsh, Region 4 President; Greg Bridgeman, Region 5 President; Joe Davenport, Region 6 President; and Cassidy O'Neill, 2017 National Student Representative.

Region 1: Alpha; Chi Tau Epsilon; Delta Psi Chi; Eta Alpha Mu; Gamma Chi Chi; Mu; Mu Chi Omicron; Phi Omega Alpha; Sigma Alpha Chi; Sigma Chi; Sigma Pi; and Member at Large Region 1.

Region 2: Gamma Alpha Delta; Gamma Alpha Epsilon; Iota Kappa Chi; Nu Tau; and Member at Large Region 2.

Region 3: Chi; Delta Tau Omega; Delta Upsilon; Gamma Epsilon Delta; Kappa Omicron Rho; Kappa Sigma Upsilon; Tau Epsilon Lambda; Zeta Rho Omega; and Member at Large Region 3.

Region 4: Alpha Alpha Alpha; Alpha Omega; Alpha Psi Omega; Alpha Tau Delta; Chi Nu; Chi Omega Pi Sigma; Delta Pi Omega; Delta Xi Omega; Gamma Alpha Psi; Gamma Epsilon Zeta Rho; Lambda Alpha Sigma Lambda; Lambda Kappa Alpha; Mu Sigma; Omega Alpha Omicron; Psi Omega; Rho Chi; Rho Iota Sigma; Sigma Chi Nu; Sigma Delta Chi; Sigma Omega Theta; Sigma Pi Xi; Sigma Tau Omicron; Sigma Upsilon; and Member at Large Region 4.

Region 5: Alpha Beta Kappa; Alpha Chi Epsilon; Alpha Omega Rho; Alpha Omega Xi; Alpha Sigma Omega; Beta; Beta Chi; Beta Nu Alpha; Delta Sigma Upsilon; Delta Zeta Omega; Iota Alpha Alpha; Lambda; Lambda Eta Chi; Lambda Omicron Pi; Nu Alpha Chi; Nu Sigma Alpha; Omicron; Pi Gamma Epsilon; Phi Kappa Sigma; Rho Delta Nu Kappa; Rho Eta Mu; Sigma Zeta; Tau Omicron Rho; Tau Sigma Upsilon; and Member at Large Region 5.

Region 6: Alpha Beta Pi; Alpha Omega Chi; Alpha Sigma; Beta Alpha Chi; Beta Kappa Rho; Beta Sigma Omega Lambda; Iota Beta Phi; Iota Sigma; Kappa Theta Rho; Lambda Chi Gamma; Mu Sigma Upsilon; Phi Alpha Sigma; Psi Sigma Iota; Sigma Iota; Tau Alpha Omicron; Zeta Delta Omega; Zeta Sigma Alpha; and Member at Large Region 6.

The votes were counted by Executive Secretary, Karen Campbell. **RESULTS:** Number of votes possible: 193; Number needed for a quorum: 129; Number of registered votes: 159. A quorum was present.

2016 Minutes Approval Committee: Leslie Palmer, Chair of the National Business Meeting Approval Committee, addressed the assembly. It was noted that in the 2016 minutes, last paragraph under the Good of the Association, the number \$150,000 within the paragraph had the last "0" missing from the number. **MOTION by Gregg Etter, Gamma Epsilon Delta, to accept the 2016 National Business Meeting Minutes as corrected. Carried Unanimously.**

Reports of Officers and Journal Editor: **MOTION by Brian Meloy, Member-at-Large, to dispense with the Executive Board and Journal Editor Reports since they had been given in the Executive Board meeting and caucuses. Carried Unanimously.**

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Audit Committee: Dell Caldwell, Audit Committee Chair, was unable to attend the Conference. Karen read Dell's report which stated that he and his committee consisting of Brian Meloy and Darrin Hashisaka had reviewed the 2016 Conference books on February 25, 2017. There were no problems, inaccuracies, or other issues. As always, our National Secretary had everything in top order. I am pleased to report that the 2016 audit of the National books is completed.

Advisors Committee: John Wilt, Chair of the Advisors Committee, gave his report and an overview of what was discussed at the Advisor's Breakfast. John stated 34 Advisors and E-Board members attended the meeting. The 2016 minutes were approved as read. Karen stated the Advisor's Handbook would be reprinted and will include all ACJA's National Presidents. John stated it was brought up by Mike Biggs (Sigma Pi) that perhaps the length of the National Conference is too long. It was stated by Danny Hayes (Kappa Omicron Rho) that some advisors and/or students may have to leave the Conference a day or two to save money. Chris Przemieniecki (Sigma

Tau Omicron) stated he was put in charge of conducting a survey to see if members wanted to shorten the National Conference or not or change the schedule. The data from the survey he received stated that the National Conference should keep the same schedule.

Bylaws/Standing Committee: Sam Dameron, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, gave his report to the assembly. Sam reported no Bylaws were submitted for consideration.

Firearms Committee: Ian Fraser, Chair of the Firearms Committee, was unable to attend the Conference. He did not submit a report.

Scholarship Committee: Dr. Craig Laker, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, addressed the assembly and stated the winners would be announced at the Awards Banquet. There were eight (8) entries this year.

Student Paper Competition: Dr. Bill Blount, Chair of the Student Paper Competition Committee, did not attend the Conference. Karen stated that Dr. Blount had submitted the winners to her and they would be announced at the Awards Banquet. There were 35 entries this year.

Report Of Executive Board Activities: President Koelling addressed the assembly on what the Board had accomplished during the week. He stated quite a few topics were discussed. He stated the Board discussed and made changes to the Executive Reimbursement Policy. Preston further stated that the Board had discussed the future planning of National Conferences and appointed Christina Fouse the Conference Director for future National Conferences. He further stated the Board had voted on and approved the 2018 budget and themes for the National Conference. He stated IJM (International Justice Mission) had made a presentation to the Board requesting a possible partnership with ACJA-LAE. The Board also discussed how important the advisors are to the chapters.

OLD BUSINESS

2017 National Conference: Christina Fouse, 2017 Conference Director, addressed the assembly. She stated over 300 members and guests had registered for the Conference. Christina thanked Danny Maxwell (Psi Omega) and his chapter for handling the physical agility competition. She also thanked the Nu Tau chapter for putting together the Crime Scene. (In addressing the assembly, the microphone was "cracking" and a couple of sentences were inaudible.)

NEW BUSINESS

2018 National Conference: Joe Davenport, Region 6 President and Conference Coordinator, addressed the assembly. He stated the Conference will be held in Cleveland, OH, March 18 – 23, 2018. The theme of the Conference will be in two parts: Modern Technology, Police Training and Equipment (AM) and Police Accountability and Community Involvement (PM). He stated the firearms range is about 10 miles away from the Hotel and the physical agility competition will be within walking distance of the range. Joe stated he is working on the tours and ride-alongs. He also has made arrangements with the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the NFL Hall of Fame for discount rates.

2019 National Conference: Joe Walsh, 2019 Conference Coordinator, stated he has been working on the 2019 Conference. He stated he brought a contract from the Hunt Valley Inn in Hunt Valley, MD for the Board to review. He stated the Board and Christina, the Conference Director, had reviewed the contract for approval. The Board had no issues with the contract. It will be signed by the newly elected President.

Election of Officers:

Election of National President – The Nominations Coordinator only received one nomination letter from Sam Dameron and Mike Snow, Members-at-Large and Star Members, nominating **Steve Atchley** for the office of National President. Preston asked if there were any nominations from the floor for the office of National President. There were none. ***MOTION by Mike Snow (Region 4 Member-at-Large) that nominations be closed. Carried Unanimously. MOTION by Mike Snow to elect Steve Atchley National President by Acclamation. Carried Unanimously.***

Election of National Vice-President – The Nominations Coordinator only received one nomination letter from Nicci Young, President of Region 4 at the time of the nomination, nominating **Greg Bridgeman** for the office of National Vice-President. President Koelling asked if there were any nominations from the floor for the office of National Vice-President. ***Rebecca Esau, (Kappa Sigma Upsilon), nominated Danny Hayes, (Kappa Omicron Rho), for the office of National Vice-President. Danny accepted the nomination. MOTION by Thomas Fleming, (Alpha Delta Pi), that nominations be closed. Carried Unanimously.*** Members spoke on behalf of each candidate. (A majority vote of all votes cast must be secured by one nominee to secure election to office.)

Results: Number of votes cast: 160. Number Necessary to Elect: 81. Greg Bridgeman received 105 votes. Danny Hayes received 54 votes. Abstentions: 0. Illegal Votes: 1 Greg Bridgeman was elected National Vice-President.

Jim Hooker Outstanding Advisor Award Election: President Koelling stated this year, there was one nomination for the Jim Hooker Outstanding Advisor Award. **Dr. Gregg Etter**, Advisor to the Gamma Epsilon Delta Chapter, was nominated by Stacia Pottorff, (Gamma Epsilon Delta). The Award is an earned Award granted to advisors of ACJA-LAE in recognition of outstanding service to a chapter and/or

region of ACJA-LAE. The Award is granted upon the favorable vote of a majority of the voting membership. Many members spoke in favor of awarding Gregg the Jim Hooker Award.

Results of the Election For the Jim Hooker Outstanding Advisor Award: Number of votes cast: 158. Number Necessary to Elect: 81. Votes For Gregg Etter: 155. Votes Against Gregg Etter: 2. Abstentions: 1. Illegal Votes: 0. By Secret Ballot, Gregg Etter was Elected to Receive the Jim Hooker Outstanding Advisor Award.

Star Member Award Election: President Koelling stated that he had nominated **Lori Schmitz** to receive the Star Member Award. Three-quarters (3/4) of the voting membership present at the Annual Conference is required to secure this Award. Star Members are elected to Life Membership from within the membership of the Association in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the Association. Many members spoke in favor of awarding Lori the Star Member Award.

Results of Star Election for Lori Schmitz: Number of votes cast: 158. Number Necessary to Elect: 119. Votes For: 157. Votes Against: 1. Abstentions: 0. Illegal Votes: 0. By Secret Ballot, Lori Schmitz was Elected to Star Membership

MOTION by Richard Gillespie (Gamma Epsilon Delta) that all ballots cast be destroyed. Karen asked for point of order and stated Standing Rules Section A, 8, d. which reads: All ballots shall be kept by the Grand Chapter Executive Secretary until the next Board Meeting. The ballots may then be destroyed. Richard WITHDREW his Motion.

Good of the Association: Joe Davenport stated members can start making reservations for the 2018 Cleveland Conference now. Karen stated she will get the information on the web site as soon as possible. Christina asked all members to bring their meal tickets to the Closing Banquet.

Next Meeting to be held in Region 6.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.



Karen K. Campbell
Executive Secretary