



AMERICAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION
LAMBDA ALPHA EPSILON

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL NATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING
HUNT VALLEY, MD

Friday, March 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Atchley at 9:13 AM. President Atchley led the Pledge of Allegiance. John Webb was appointed Parliamentarian. Mark Mitchell was appointed Sgt-at-Arms. Tellers appointed were: Head Teller: Mark Mitchell, Brittany Robison, Steven Crown, John McGary, and Mitchell Marsh.

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

Executive Board: Steve Atchley, President; Greg Bridgeman, Vice-President; Daniel Hopkins, Region 1 President (proxy); John Webb, Region 2 President; Roger Pennel, Region 3 President; Dan Maxwell, Region 4 President; Chris Williams, Region 5 President; Joe Davenport, Region 6 President; and Alyssa Stolecki, 2019 National Student Representative. Preston Koelling, Past-President did not attend. Fred Campbell, Journal Editor, was also present.

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

Region 2: Alpha Epsilon Phi; Beta Phi Zeta; Delta Chi; Delta Kappa Epsilon; Lambda Delta Chi Chi; Lambda Epsilon Sigma; Nu Tau; Sigma Kappa Chi; Sigma Phi Sigma; Tau Sigma Chi; and Member at Large Region 2.

Region 3: Delta Tau Omega; Gamma Epsilon Delta; and Kappa Omicron Rho.

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

Region 5: Alpha Beta Epsilon; Alpha Mu Upsilon; Alpha Sigma Omega; Alpha Sigma Theta; Beta; Beta Chi; Delta Sigma Upsilon; Delta Zeta Omega; Iota Alpha Alpha; Lambda; Lambda Eta Chi; Nu Alpha Chi; Omicron; Tau Sigma Upsilon; Theta Gamma Epsilon; and Theta Sigma Chi.

Region 6: Beta Kappa Rho; Beta Sigma Omega Lambda; Iota Sigma; Phi Alpha Sigma; Psi Sigma Iota; Sigma Iota; Tau Alpha Omicron; Upsilon; Zeta Sigma Alpha; and Member at Large Region 6.

The votes were counted by Executive Secretary, Karen Campbell. **RESULTS: Number of votes possible: 148; Number needed for a quorum: 99; Number of registered votes: 124. A quorum was present.**

2018 Minutes Approval Committee: Leslie Palmer, Chair of the National Business Meeting Approval Committee, addressed the assembly. Leslie noted a few typos and double words in the Minutes. She recommended the Minutes be approved and accepted. ***MOTION by Paul Raffile, Chi Omega Pi Sigma, to accept the 2018 National Business Meeting Minutes with corrections noted. Carried Unanimously.***

Reports of Officers and Journal Editor: ***MOTION by Brian Meloy, Sigma Chi, 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

MOTION by Corrin Riley, Member-at-Large, to dispense with reports of Standing and Special Committees. Carried Unanimously.

Report of Executive Board Activities: President Steve Atchley addressed the assembly. He stated the Board met on Monday instead of Sunday because FedEx failed to deliver the materials needed for our meeting on Sunday. Greg stated a Survey was given to members attending the 2018 National Conference in Cleveland to ask members what were their concerns and ask for any suggestions / changes they might have or like to see. He stated the changes members would like to see are in the "transition" stage and they are going to be addressed. He stated this will take some time, but we are going to move forward. Steve stated change is coming. He stated to please understand that the E-Board hears and listens to you. He stated Greg Bridgeman would also speak to the Survey under New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

2019 National Conference: Christina Fouse, 2019 Conference Director, and Joe Walsh, 2019 Conference Coordinator addressed the assembly. Christina stated she wanted to thank everyone who has helped with the Conference. She stated we had 354 attendees. With that being said, she stated 88 Crime Scenes were processed, 88 members shot in the Firearms Competition, over 1,000 written exams were taken, and 176 participants in the Physical Agility Competition. Joe Walsh noted those who needed to report for tie breakers after the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Outcome of Survey Completed by Nicci Young and Paul Raffile Resulting From a Questionnaire That Was Handed Out at the 2018 National Business Meeting: Greg Bridgeman addressed the assembly. Greg thanked Nicci and her members for putting the Survey together. He stated that the Board took a look at the information compiled from the Survey and the information boils down into three basic issues: (1) communications, (2) website, and (3) credit cards. He said however we plan to do this, it is going to cost some money. He stated the Board is putting together a team and he will be the Project Manager for the team as we move forward. He stated each of the Regional Presidents will be contacting members to be involved. Greg said we will be working on how we are going to take credit cards. He stated he would be the first to tell you he is extremely hesitant to take credit cards simply because he does not want to have your credit card numbers when we get "hacked." He stated that is a big concern for him. He stated he estimates by the National Conference next year, he will be able to stand up, report to you, and give you a demonstration of the new website at that time.

2020 National Conference: Christina Fouse, 2020 Conference Director, and Roger Pannel, 2019 Conference Coordinator addressed the assembly. Christina stated they are still in the planning process. She stated the Conference will be held in Kansas City, MO and they are looking at the week of March 22 – 29, 2020. She stated the hotels and their contracts are in the process of being reviewed. Roger stated he recently read the National Geographic Travel Magazine which listed 28 places in the entire world people needed to visit and Kansas City was among those places. He stated Kansas City must not be a boring place.

2021 National Conference: Christina Fouse, 2021 Conference Director, stated the Conference will be hosted by Region 5 and is in the preliminary stage. She stated the two places that are in strong consideration are Louisville, Kentucky and somewhere in Florida. She stated more information will be forthcoming as it becomes available. She stated they will try and keep the dates to the second or third week of March.

Veronica Villalobos, Delta Chi, asked to address the assembly. She stated that she attended last year's National Conference and brought up the idea of having a fund raiser at this National Conference. She stated last year, she discussed a fund raiser that could have taken place at this Conference. She stated she was given contact information, she sent out emails about doing a fund raiser at the Conference, and never got anything back. She stated she knows the Association is very tight on funds and having the funds is a large factor in making the changes. **MOTION by Veronica Villalobos, Delta Chi, to hold a fund raising event at the 2020 National Conference because members are there and together we can put in a little effort during the Conference to raise money toward the bigger goal.** She further stated by having a fund raiser at a National Conference, she thought the potential would be \$30,000 to \$100,000 in one day. She stated by doing this bi-annually or annually, the Association would not have to worry so much about budget and the Association would have the budget to make the changes the members want and help the Association continue to grow. **Carried Unanimously.**

Election of Officers:

Election of National President – The Nominations Coordinator only received one nomination letter from Steve Atchley nominating **Greg Bridgeman** for the office of National President. Steve Atchley was not seeking a second term as National President. Steve asked if there were any nominations from the floor for the office of National President. There were none. **MOTION by Sam Dameron, Gamma Epsilon Zeta Rho, that nominations be closed and to elect Greg Bridgeman National President by Acclamation. Carried Unanimously.**

Election of National Vice-President – The Nominations Coordinator only received one nomination letter from Joe Davenport, Region 6 President, nominating **Brian Meloy** for the office of National Vice-President. Steve asked if there were any nominations from the floor for the office of National Vice-President. There were none. **MOTION by Greg Etter, Gamma Epsilon Delta, that nominations be closed and to elect Brian Meloy National Vice-President by Acclamation. Carried Unanimously.**

Jim Hooker Outstanding Advisor Award Election: President Atchley stated this year, there was one nomination for the Jim Hooker Outstanding Advisor Award. **Leslie Palmer**, Advisor to the Beta Sigma Omega Lambda, was nominated by Ed Hemmelman, (Beta Sigma Omega Lambda). 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 Leslie Palmer the Jim Hooker Award.

Results of the Election For the Jim Hooker Outstanding Advisor Award: Number of votes cast: 129. Number Necessary to Elect: 63. Votes For: 124. Votes Against: 0. Abstentions: 0. Illegal Votes: 5. By Secret Ballot, Leslie Palmer was Awarded the Jim Hooker Outstanding Advisor Award.

Bill Melnicoe Distinguished Service Award – President Atchley stated that **Michael Snow** was nominated for this Award by Sam Dameron and himself. The Award is an earned Award granted to members of ACJA-LAE in recognition of outstanding service to the national organization or within a specific region of ACJA-LAE. Many members spoke on behalf of awarding Michael Snow this Award. The Award is granted upon the favorable vote of a majority of the voting membership. Many members spoke in favor of awarding Mike Snow the Bill Melnicoe Distinguished Service Award.

Results of Bill Melnicoe Distinguished Service Award Election: Number of votes cast: 131. Number Necessary to Elect: 63. Votes For: 122. Votes Against: 2. Abstentions: 0. Illegal Votes: 7. By Secret Ballot, Michael Snow Was Awarded the Bill Melnicoe Distinguished Service Award.

Star Member Award Election: President Atchley stated that **Major Richard Gillespie** had been nominated by Gregg Etter, Gamma Epsilon Delta) 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 Major Gillespie the Star Member Award.

Results of Star Election: Number of votes cast: 132. Number Necessary to Elect: 93. Votes For: 75. Votes Against: 49. Abstentions: 0. Illegal Votes: 8. By Secret Ballot, Richard Gillespie Was Not Elected to Star Membership.

Other Issues: Steve stated there has been a lot of discussion over the years regarding the Regional Conference Manual. He stated he urges people to follow it and they do not. He stated it is going to be rewritten in addition to the National Conference Manual. Christina Fouse is going to be the Chair of the Committee. Each Regional President will appoint a member from their region to assist in the rewriting of the Manual. He stated if we are going to have a document stating this is how we do business, you have to follow that document or why do you have it? Conrad Vajnar, Delta Tau Omega, stated he would like to see the competition standards updated to have the Crime Scene and Physical Agility Competitions standardized to be the same each year. He stated that way, all participants would be judged the same way if the competitions had the same rules and the same deductions each year. He stated members pay a lot of money to come out and compete each year. Greg Bridgeman stated he should get in touch with his regional representative who would be working on the Manual with this suggestion. John Webb stated what might work better is anyone who wants to see changes to the Manual to write it out and get the information to their Regional President. Then the Regional President could get the changes to the representative of their region who is working on the Manual updates. John stated the Manual should be continuously reviewed by the Committee. ***(A Motion was made on this issue and then Withdrawn.)***

Steve stated there were a variety of reasons he decided not to run for a second term as National President. He thanked the membership for having him as their National President for the last two years.

Karen stated there was a recommendation by Dr. Bill Blount to raise the amount of the Student Paper Awards. She stated she brought this recommendation to the Board and the Board did vote to raise the awards \$50 each to the following: \$200 for First-Place, \$150 for Second-Place, and \$100 for Third-Place in the three categories.

Nicci Young, Chi Omega Pi Sigma, stated Region 4 is selling graffiti party t-shirts for \$5 to have members sign their shirts. A prize will be given for the most signatures, but members do not have to participate if they do not want to. One dollar (\$1) of each t-shirt purchased will go back to the McGrath/Pincomb Fund. Nicci also thanked Steve Atchley for his service to the Association.

Greg Bridgeman stated a proposal from the Firearms Committee had been made to the Board regarding a change to the course of fire. He stated the Board voted for the change and asked Brian Meloy to address the assembly on the change that was made. Brian stated Stage 3 is now 18 rounds in 60 seconds from the 15 yard line.

Paul Raffile, Chi Omega Pi Sigma, asked that the Bylaws Proposal Form be added to the website with the other forms.

Good of the Association: Nicci Young, Chi Omega Pi Sigma, stated it is very difficult to gather proxies because the chapter's information is not always correct (i.e., chapter officers/advisors and emails of record). She urged all chapters to update their chapter information each semester with Karen to be sure their information is correct. She also stated it is important to keep addresses current if members move, these updates can all be done via email.


Cisco Ortiz, Tau Alpha Omicron, addressed the assembly. He stated his university has started a Craig Laker Memorial Scholarship to benefit criminal justice students. He stated some have asked how they can donate to the scholarship. Cisco stated he has envelopes and information with him if anyone wants that information.

John Wilt, Advisor Committee Chair, thanked the 30 advisors who attended the Advisor's Breakfast. John stated the advisors are the life-blood of the Association and asked that all advisors attending the Conference stand up and be recognized.

Steve stated that he did not think most members knew this, but Karen Campbell has been the National Executive Secretary to the Association for 40 years, that is four decades. John Webb stated he has known Karen for 40 years and one thing the Association is blessed with, in addition to finding her, was also finding her husband Fred. He stated that the Association has the National Office in their home and Fred has been the Journal Editor for many years. John stated he was the first National Student Representative of the Association and then became the first student to be elected to National Office as the National Vice-President. He urged the members to have a voice in Association business, participate and do not get discouraged. He further stated that members need to be careful what they post on social media because employers and investigators are looking at this information and when it is digital, it is there forever, there is no such thing as delete.

Next Meeting to be held in Region 3.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.



Karen K. Campbell
Executive Secretary