



AMERICAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION
LAMBDA ALPHA EPSILON

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL NATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING
CLEVELAND, OH

Friday, March 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Atchley at 9:10 AM. President Atchley led the Pledge of Allegiance. John Webb was appointed Parliamentarian. Chris Wyatt was appointed Sgt-at-Arms. Tellers appointed were: Head Teller, Brian Meloy; Paul Raffile, Danny Hayes, Alyssa Stolecki, and Chris Wyatt

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; Preston Koelling, Past-President; Daniel Hopkins, Region 1 President; Dave Redford, Region 2 President; Roger Pennel, Region 3 President; Joe Walsh, Region 4 President (proxy); Chris Williams, Region 5 President; Joe Davenport, Region 6 President; and Ed Hemmelman, 2018 National Student Representative.

Region 1: Alpha; Chi Tau Epsilon; Eta Alpha Mu; Mu Chi Omicron; Sigma Alpha Chi; Sigma Chi; and Member at Large Region 1.

Region 2: Alpha Tau Gamma Omega; Beta Alpha Delta; Delta Chi; Gamma Alpha Epsilon; Iota Kappa Chi; Nu Tau; Sigma Phi Sigma; Upsilon Nu Tau Delta; and Member at Large Region 2.

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

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

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

The votes were counted by Executive Secretary, Karen Campbell. **RESULTS: Number of votes possible: 170; Number needed for a quorum: 114; Number of registered votes: 121. A quorum was present.**

2017 Minutes Approval Committee: Gregg Etter, a member of the National Business Meeting Approval Committee, addressed the assembly. **MOTION by Gregg Etter, Gamma Epsilon Delta, to accept the 2017 National Business Meeting Minutes as presented. Carried Unanimously.**

Reports of Officers and Journal Editor: **MOTION by Mike Snow, 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. Steve read Dell's report which stated that he and his committee consisting of Brian Meloy and Darrin Hashisaka met at the National Office and had reviewed the 2017 Conference books on February 24, 2018. His report stated there were no discrepancies or problems in the review of the books and records of the Association. The Audit is therefore completed and our National Secretary is praised again this year for the outstanding organization and the compiling of information for our Association.

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 some E-Board members attended the Advisor's Breakfast. Under old business, he stated Steve Atchley presented the Advisors with a report as to whether or not the National Conference days should be reduced? John stated there was no discussion following Steve's report. John stated it looked like the Conference will remain a five day Conference. Joe Davenport made an announcement regarding the jail tour. John stated there was extensive discussion regarding school funding. To summarize that discussion, John stated Advisors need to "turn over rocks" and have the ability and be brave and ask questions of his/her administrator(s) as to possible monies that could support a chapter and their travel to conferences. It was further discussed that many students are involved in part-time jobs and their time is limited. Therefore, this reduces the time they can spend in chapter activities. John stated another point that was discussed was how can we bring more cops or correctional officers into the Association and chapter activities. No solution was discussed on this issue. John stated that Gregg Etter stated that unless a Conference like ours can qualify for POST (Police Officers Standards and Training), we will not see any correctional officers attending this Conference because they cannot get POST credit for attending.

Bylaws/Standing Committee: Sam Dameron, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, was unable to attend the National Conference. Sam contacted Steve and reported no Bylaws were submitted for consideration.

Firearms Committee: Ian Fraser, Chair of the Firearms Committee, was unable to attend the Conference. Brian Meloy made a report to the assembly. He stated the Firearms Competition had no major issues. There was one disqualification. Brian stated there were 110 shooters and the range was very happy and were satisfied with everyone's performance. Brian further stated the Firearms Committee met after the Firearms Competition and they are exploring a change to the course of fire by moving Stage 3 from 25 to 15 yards.

Scholarship Committee: Cisco Ortiz, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, addressed the assembly and stated the winners would be announced at the Awards Banquet. There were 22 entries received 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 37 entries this year.

Report Of Executive Board Activities: President Atchley addressed the assembly on what the Board had accomplished during the week. Steve stated both he and Greg Bridgeman went around to each region's caucus and asked each Regional President and their E-Boards to come up with an "Action Plan" to increase membership and retention by the end of March. He stated we are continuing to lose chapters. He stated then the Board can decide how to move forward. He stated the E-Board is going to tele-conference quarterly. Steve stated we are the only organization of this type in the United States and he wanted to see it continue.

OLD BUSINESS

2018 National Conference: Joe Davenport, 2018 Conference Coordinator, thanked everyone for coming to the Conference. He stated the Hotel has not had any complaints and it has been a wonderful Conference. Joe thanked the Region 6 members for helping with the Conference. He said everyone worked hard and did what they were responsible for. He stated the Conference had 315 attendees. Joe urged members to keep their memberships and bring in others to join.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 National Conference: Joe Walsh, Region 4 President and Conference Coordinator, addressed the assembly. Joe invited everyone to attend the 2019 National Conference in Hunt Valley, MD (about 20 minutes north to Baltimore). He stated the Conference will be from March 3 – 9, 2019. He stated the Conference will be held at a Delta Hotel and across the street from the Hotel is a large complex consisting of many restaurants and stores. He stated the speaker for the workshop will be Lt. Col. Dave Grossman. Joe urged everyone to attend and to please stay at the Delta Hotel.

2020 National Conference: Roger Pennel, 2020 Conference Coordinator, addressed the assembly. He stated Region 3 is pretty big and there are many cities we could have a Conference in. He stated most of those cities do not have large airports. He stated only a few areas have major airports including St. Louis and Kansas City. He stated he and Gregg Etter have also considered Wichita. He stated Branson was also mentioned but their airport is too small. He stated again there were a lot of places but members "cannot get there from here" meaning there are no sizeable airports that are close. Roger stated if anyone had any suggestions to let him know.

Jim Hooker Outstanding Advisor Award Election: President Atchley stated this year, there was one nomination for the Jim Hooker Outstanding Advisor Award. **Danny Maxwell**, Advisor to the Psi Omega, was nominated by Paul Raffile, (Psi Omega). 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 Danny Maxwell the Jim Hooker Award.

Results of the Election For the Jim Hooker Outstanding Advisor Award: Number of votes cast: 124. Number Necessary to Elect: 62. Votes For Danny Maxwell: 124. Votes Against Danny Maxwell: 0. Illegal Votes: 3. By Secret Ballot, Danny Maxwell was Elected to Receive the Jim Hooker Outstanding Advisor Award.

Others, as Presented: Brian Meloy (Sigma Chi) stated he received a letter from Abby Schofield who asked him to read the letter to the assembly which states: "I am concerned with LAE's financial condition. The 2017 Financial Statement we all received shows that at the close of 2017, our balance was \$16,435.35. It has been years since our balance was that low and past E-Boards worked very hard to get the Association in a good financial place. I want to know specifically what this E-Board is doing to rectify this situation?" Steve stated that the Board is working toward a "Plan of Action" with quarterly tele-conferencing with Board members and others to increase the membership. Steve stated it is the loss of membership which is why we are where we are right now financially. Paul Raffile stated to please fill out the survey that was handed out. They will collect them and your voices will be heard.

Good of the Association: Members discussed if it would be feasible for the National Association to have fundraisers like the chapters do? Steve stated the National Association has never had a fundraiser.

Next Meeting to be held in Region 4.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.



Karen K. Campbell
Executive Secretary