

# Newsletter

American Criminal Justice Association  
Lambda Alpha Epsilon

November 2017



## 2018 National Conference

Plans are underway for the 2018 (81st) National Conference to be held in Cleveland, OH March 19 - 23, 2018. The theme of the 2018 National Conference is “**Modern Technology, Police Training & Equipment**” (AM) and “**Police Accountability & Community Involvement**” (PM). The Conference will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Cleveland Rockside.

The Hotel is less than 12 miles from the Hopkins International Airport and 8 miles to downtown Cleveland. The Hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to/from the airport and offers FREE Hotel parking.

Every room is a two-room suite. The Hotel has a fitness center, whirlpool, billiards tables and an indoor swimming pool. **The Hotel is a 100% Non-Smoking Facility.**

The Hotel offers on-site dining at the Embassy Grille Restaurant. The Hotel also offers a FREE made-to-order breakfast for Hotel guests. The Hotel has other surrounding restaurants including the Bonefish Grill, Delmonico’s Steakhouse, and McDonalds.

The room rate (single through quad) is **\$120.00/night (price includes tax)**. **Room reservations must be made by February 15, 2018** to avoid higher rates. To make reservations, please use the ONLINE link on our web site at [www.acjalae.org](http://www.acjalae.org).

The **Pre-registration Form** is available on our web site along with “**Things You Need To Know**” about the upcoming Conference. The pre-registration fee for members is \$180; for guests, \$150 (**prepaid and post-marked by February 23, 2018**). Late and on-site registration for members is \$230; guests \$200 (after February 23rd).

The **Firearms Competition** will be held at **Stonewall Limited Gun Shop**, an indoor range which is 10 minutes from the Hotel. Shooters **will not** be charged a range fee and can bring their own ammunition or buy ammunition at the range. To participate in the Firearms Competition, members **MUST** sign a Statement of Competency that they have achieved a minimum score of 240 on the ACJA-LAE course of fire.

**Standard National Competitions** information, including the course of fire for the Firearms Competition, is available from the National Office or on our web site at [www.acjalae.org](http://www.acjalae.org).

The **Physical Agility Competition** will be held next to the firearms range. All participants **MUST** attend the Safety Meeting on Tuesday morning (March 20th) to sign waivers. (This meeting is mandatory! You will not be allowed to compete in the Firearms or Physical Agility competitions if you do not attend the Safety Meeting.)

The **Written Competitions** will be 75 multiple-choice questions. The 27th Annual Lip Sync / Talent Contest will be held on Wednesday, March 21st.

Additional training will be offered on Thursday for professionals and non-professionals. Some of the attractions in Cleveland is the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, NFL Hall of Fame, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, and the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

Region 6 is working hard to bring you five days of workshops, competitive events, guest speakers, and entertainment. Plan now to attend! If you have any questions at this time, please contact our 2018 Conference Director, Christina Fouse at [cfouse0002@gmail.com](mailto:cfouse0002@gmail.com) or Joe Davenport, Region 6 President and Conference Coordinator at [joeyd002@gmail.com](mailto:joeyd002@gmail.com).

## Scholarship Competition

Members are encouraged to apply for the ACJA-LAE National Scholarship each year. Applications are available from the National Office or on our web site. The **ACJA-LAE Scholarship** is awarded in three categories: Graduate, Upper, and Lower Divisions.

To enter, members in good standing must complete an application and return it to the National Office. All applications must be **postmarked by December 31st of each year to be considered**.

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in the administration of justice  
and public safety*



## Student Paper Competition

Members are encouraged to apply for the ACJA/LAE Student Paper Competition. Applications are available from the National Office or on our web site.

The **Student Paper Competition** is awarded in three categories: Graduate, Upper, and Lower Divisions. To enter this Competition, members must complete an application and submit an original paper which deals with issues and problems in areas of criminology, law enforcement, juvenile justice, courts, corrections, prevention, planning and evaluation, career development, or education in the field of criminal justice. All applications must be **postmarked by December 31st of each year to be considered.**

## Chapters Chartered

With the help of the Regional Presidents and the Membership Committee, the Association continues to charter new chapters. The chapters that have been chartered since the last Newsletter include:

Lambda Epsilon Sigma (*reactivated*)  
University of Texas at El Paso  
El Paso, TX

Delta Psi Sigma  
Florida Technical College  
Deland, FL

Kappa Phi Omega (*reactivated*)  
Miller-Motte Technical College  
Chattanooga, TN

Lambda Rho Theta (*reactivated*)  
(professional)  
Las Vegas, NV

Delta Upsilon  
Wayne State College  
Wayne NE

Alpha Upsilon Beta  
University of Arkansas  
Fayetteville, AR

Lambda Alpha Sigma Lambda  
ECPI University  
Virginia Beach, VA

Omega Psi Theta  
Concordia College  
Selma, AL

Beta Alpha Chi  
(professional)  
Oconomowoc, WI

Zeta Delta Omega (*reactivated*)  
Mount Mary University  
Milwaukee, WI

Sigma Theta  
Austin Community College  
Austin, TX

Zeta Alpha Chi  
Tusculum College  
Greenville, TN

Alpha Mu Upsilon (*reactivated*)  
Florida A & M University  
Tallahassee, FL

Beta Chi (*reactivated*)  
Btoward College  
Davie, FL

Alpha Beta Kappa (*reactivated*)  
Florida International University  
Miami, FL

Eta Alpha Mu  
(professional)  
Gilroy, CA

Alpha Pi Beta  
Remington College  
Shreveport, LA

Delta Tau Omega (*reactivated*)  
Fort Hays State University  
Hays, KS

Gamma Phi Gamma (*reactivated*)  
Technical College of the Low Country  
Beaufort, SC

Omicron  
University of Louisville  
Louisville, KY

Sigma Delta Chi  
Central Maine Community College  
Auburn, ME

Rho Delta Nu Kappa  
(professional)  
Hopkinsville, KY

Kappa Theta Rho (*reactivated*)  
Waukesha County Technical College  
Pewaukee, WI

Sigma Pi Kappa  
San Francisco State University  
San Francisco, CA

Phi Kappa Sigma  
Talladega College  
Talladega, AL

Alpha Sigma  
Ivy Tech Community College NE  
Fort Wayne, IN

Upsilon Nu Tau Delta  
University of North Texas  
Dallas, TX

Theta Sigma Chi  
Florida State College  
Jacksonville, FL

Lambda Epsilon Omega  
Surry Community College  
Dobson, NC

Gamma Upsilon Nu Zeta  
(professional)  
Cartersville, GA

Gamma Upsilon Kappa Chi  
(*reactivated*)  
Grantham University  
Lenexa, KS

Beta Tau Kappa  
DeSales University  
Center Valley, PA

Epsilon Chi Upsilon (*reactivated*)  
East Central University  
Ada, OK

Gamma Delta Zeta  
(professional)  
Fresno, CA

Alpha Chi Gamma (*reactivated*)  
Jones County Jr. College  
Ellisville, MS

Tau Sigma Chi Xi (*reactivated*)  
University of the Incarnate Word  
San Antonio, TX

## Filing the E-Postcard

**Chapters:** Do not forget to file the e-Postcard for your chapter by May 15, 2018. The e-Postcard has to be filed electronically (there is a direct link on our web site). Chapters should use the tax period of January 1st through December 31st of each year. The e-Postcard takes less than 5 minutes to complete. If your chapter has their Federal tax exempt status revoked because of failure to file the e-Postcard, the chapter cannot ask for non-profit tax donations and will have to pay Federal tax on any revenue received during the reporting year.

Furthermore, the chapter will have to reapply for tax-exempt status by filling out the appropriate IRS forms and paying the appropriate User Fee to have their tax exempt status reinstated. It could take up to a year or more to get the chapter reinstated as a non-profit.

**If your chapter has a web or Facebook Page, please send the link to the National Office.**

## Key Awards

As a member of ACJA/LAE, you are entitled to receive our **Scholastic Honor Awards**. In recognition of outstanding scholastic attainment in the field of the administration of criminal justice, Keys (a distinctive charm/pin with the ACJA/LAE logo) and a Certificate are awarded to members who exemplify themselves academically. Members who qualify can obtain their awards by submitting a Certified Grade transcript along with the **Scholastic Honor Awards Form** (available on our web site). Upon verification that the candidate meets the requirements for the Award, the Certificate and Key Emblem will be mailed to the recipient. The qualifications are as follows:

**Graduate Keys**—are awarded to those members who meet the requirements with a Graduate/Masters Degree. In order to qualify for a Graduate Key, a member's GPA average must be at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.

**Gold Keys**—are awarded to those members who meet the requirements with a Bachelors Degree. In order to qualify for a Gold Key, a member's GPA average must be at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.

**Silver Keys**—are awarded to those members who meet the requirements with an Associate Degree. In order to qualify for a Silver Key, a member's GPA average must be at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.

## Graduate Key Awards

Anu Anthony Littles  
At-Large  
Columbia Southern University

Chad T. Hockensmith  
At-Large  
Columbia Southern University

Joseph S. Walsh, Jr.  
Chi Omega Pi Sigma  
DeSales University

John V. Bauer  
At-Large  
Aspen University

Brian J. Reno  
At-Large  
Columbia Southern University

Daniel K. Kaiser, Jr.  
At-Large  
Utica College

## Graduate Key Awards

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Teresa S. Boswell  
At-Large  
University of Central Florida

Michael L. Hawkins  
Gamma Epsilon Delta  
University of Central Missouri

Tamara J. Lynn  
Delta Tau Omega  
Kansas State University

Kimberly L. Willis  
Tau Sigma Upsilon  
Troy University

Theresa Harrison-Sawyer  
Sigma Upsilon  
South University

Tina H. Smith  
At-Large  
University of Baltimore

Eric F. Prince  
At-Large  
Asuza Pacific University

Oksana Bykova-Dognon  
At-Large  
University of Nebraska

Michael J. Wheelock  
At-Large  
Oakland City University

## Gold Key Awards

Brielle Bernardy  
At-Large  
Metropolitan State University

Jennifer Perez  
Omega Delta  
New Jersey City University

Elizabeth A. Fox  
Alpha Beta Epsilon  
Lincoln Memorial University

Zachery A. Grigg  
At-Large  
New Mexico State University

Joni R. Monroe  
At-Large  
Peru State College

Allena D. Rosenberry  
Chi Sigma Upsilon  
Columbia Southern University

Valerie N. Kimball  
Pi Lambda Alpha  
Central Methodist University

## Gold Key Awards

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Angela M. Gudzinski  
Beta Kappa Rho  
Ferris State University

Michael J. Wheelock  
At-Large  
Oakland City University

Lawson H. Burrow III  
Zeta Alpha Chi  
Tusculum College

Timothy W. Wengloski  
Psi Omega  
University of New Haven

Chris B. Traxon  
At-Large  
University of Arkansas-Fayetteville

Elsie Bradley  
Omega Eta Psi  
Remington College

Michael S. Casello  
At-Large  
University of Minnesota

Mark E. Monroe  
Rho Chi  
Rosemont College

China L. Horton  
Zeta Epsilon Nu  
University of Tennessee at Martin

Nicholas C. Reiland  
Omicron  
University of Louisville

Timothy B. Hunter  
Tau Alpha Omicron  
Trine University

Lynn Timmons  
Lambda Omicron Pi  
Rasmussen College

David Psi Omega  
Chi Omega Pi Sigma  
University of New Haven

## Silver Key Awards

Lori A. Shranko  
Gamma Chi Chi  
Grossmont College

Melanye T. Diaz  
Sigma Chi Nu  
Northern Virginia Community College

Jill M. Nelson  
Mu Gamma Gamma  
Metropolitan Community College

## Silver Key Awards

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Ashley M. Kendrick  
Beta Kappa Rho  
Ferris State University

Steven J. Van Alstine  
Beta Kappa Rho  
Ferris State University

Angela M. Gudzinski  
Beta Kappa Rho  
Ferris State University

James E. Sheppard  
Delta Pi Omega  
Southwest Virginia Community College

Cara L. Vecsera  
Xi Kappa Pi  
Brown Mackie College

Chris B. Traxson  
At-Large  
Northwest Arkansas Community College

Emily A. Cosme  
Chi Sigma Upsilon  
Columbia Southern University

Camille Martin  
Omega Eta Psi  
Remington College

Tosha Freeman  
Omega Eta Psi  
Remington College

Brandi D. Walton  
Omega Alpha Omicron  
Danville Community College

James W. Rosson  
Omega Alpha Omicron  
Danville Community College

Jackie S. Jones  
Omega Alpha Omicron  
Danville Community College

India N. Hammell  
Omega Alpha Omicron  
Danville Community College

Cassidy C. Padgett  
Omega Alpha Omicron  
Danville Community College

Zachery A. Grigg  
At-Large  
New Mexico State University

Bertrand B. Blanc  
At-Large  
West Valley Community College

Samuel Anderson  
Mu Chi Omicron  
Merritt College

Nathan L. Day  
At-Large  
McCann School of Business & Technology

## Richard McGrath Memorial Fund

If you are planning to attend the National Conference, members can apply for the Richard McGrath Memorial Fund. The Fund is made available to help **deserving student members** attend the National Conference.

The criteria for applying for these funds is outlined in Section R., Sub-section 3 of the Standing Rules which are available on our web site. The application is also available Online. The completed form must be sent to your Regional President by December 1, 2017 for consideration. The Regional President will submit the chosen recipient and one alternate by December 31, 2017. The Executive Secretary will notify the recipient by January 31, 2018.

## Ron Pincomb Memorial Fund

If you are planning to attend the National Conference, members can apply for the Ron Pincomb Memorial Fund. The Fund is made available to help **deserving professional members** attend the National Conference.

The criteria for applying for these funds is outlined in Section S. Sub-section 4 of the Standing Rules which are available on our web site. The application is also available Online. The completed form must be sent to your Regional President by December 1, 2017 for consideration. The Regional President will submit the chosen recipient and one alternate by December 31, 2017. The Executive Secretary will notify the recipient by January 31, 2018.

## 2018 Membership Renewals

The 2018 membership renewal forms with attached 2018 membership cards will be mailed to each member the first week in December. If a member has paid their National dues through their local chapter and receives a dues notice, please disregard it. Sometimes, these cross in the mail. However, please be sure that your chapter has sent your dues to the National Office. **The yearly annual renewal fee is \$35.00.** Upon receipt of your dues notice, please de-

tach and retain your 2018 membership card and return the larger portion with your check/money order in the amount of \$35.00 to the National Office as soon as possible. Only current 2018 members will be counted toward your chapter's vote at the 2018 National Conference and you must be a member in good standing (paid 2018 dues) in order to compete in the competitions. **Your membership is not valid until the National Office receives the \$35.00 renewal fee.**

## 2017 Executive Board & Business Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the 2017 Executive Board and Annual Conference Business Meetings held in Austin, TX are posted on the ACJA-LAE web site at for your review.

## Jim Hooker Outstanding Advisor Award

At the 2007 National Conference, the **Jim Hooker Outstanding Advisor Award** was established to honor an outstanding Chapter Advisor each year. The criteria is outlined in National By-laws, Article III., J., 5. In order to be nominated for this Award, the Advisor must be a "member" of the Association. *The Jim Hooker Outstanding Advisor Form is available on the web site. If you have an Advisor you would like to nominate for the award, nominations must be submitted to the Executive Secretary by December 31, 2017.*

## National Bylaws and Standing Rules

Copies of the updated 2017 National Bylaws and Standing Rules are available on our website. These Bylaws and Standing Rules supersede all other copies that you may have in your files.

Please send your  
Chapter News and  
activities including  
chartering events,  
fundraising, social  
functions, etc. to the  
National Office for