

Newsletter

American Criminal Justice Association
Lambda Alpha Epsilon

November 2018



2019 National Conference

Plans are underway for the 2019 (82nd) National Conference to be held in Hunt Valley, MD, March 3 - 8, 2019. The theme of the 2019 National Conference is “**The Bulletproof Mind: Psychological Survival.**” The Conference will be held at the Delta Baltimore Hunt Valley Hotel.

The Hotel is located 30.5 miles from the Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI). The Hotel **does not** offer a complimentary shuttle to/from the airport. The estimated taxi fare to/from the Airport at this time is \$35. Please check the fare as it gets closer to the Conference.

The Hotel offers complimentary WiFi, fitness center, mini refrigerator, two pools and complimentary shuttle service within a 3-mile radius of the Hotel. **The Hotel is a 100% Non-Smoking Facility.**

The Hotel offers on-site dining at the Cinnamon Tree Restaurant (breakfast, lunch & dinner), Café 245 featuring Starbucks coffee

(breakfast & lunch), and the Polo Lounge and Bar.

The room rate (single through quad) is **\$137.94/night (price includes tax)**. **Room reservations must be made by February 8, 2019** to avoid higher rates. To make reservations, please use the ONLINE link on our website at www.acjalae.org.

The **Pre-registration Form** is available on our website 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 8, 2019**). Late and on-site registration for members is \$230; guests \$200 (after February 8th).

The **Firearms Competition** will be held at **Continental Arms**, an indoor range which is 8 minutes from the Hotel. **Shooters will be charged a \$10 range fee and they can bring their own ammunition or buy ammunition at the range.** To participate in the **Firearms Competition**, mem-

bers **MUST** sign a **Statement of Competency** that they have achieved a minimum score of **240** on the **ACJA-LAE** course of fire and attend the **Safety Meeting** on **March 5th**.

Standard National Competition information including competition categories and the course of fire for the **Firearms Competition** is available from the National Office or on our website at www.acjalae.org.

The **Physical Agility Competition** will be held at the Hotel. All participants **MUST** attend the **Safety Meeting** on Tuesday morning (March 5th) 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**.)

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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 Delta Chi Chi
Louisiana Delta
Community College
Monroe, LA

Lambda Iota Sigma
Spartanburg Methodist College
Spartanburg, SC

Alpha Phi Kappa
(reactivated)
Lamar University
Beaumont, TX

Delta Kappa Epsilon
(reactivated)
Northern Oklahoma College
Tonkawa, OK

Beta Phi (reactivated)
Florida Atlantic University
Boca Raton, FL

Sigma Theta Chi
South Texas College
Weslaco, TX

Sigma Kappa Chi
University of Texas
Rio Grande Valley
Edinburg, TX

Kappa Omega Psi
(reactivated)
Colorado Technical University
Aurora, CO

Sigma Rho Delta
Lee College
Baytown, TX

Beta Phi Zeta
St. Edward's University
Austin, TX

Sigma Chi Chi
(reactivated)
Seward Co. Community College
Liberal, KS

Newly Elected Regional Presidents

All six regions had their Regional Conferences in October. The Conferences were held in the following cities:

Region 1: Anaheim, CA

Region 2: Fort Worth, TX

Region 3: Lee's Summit, MO

Region 4: King of Prussia, PA

Region 5: Richmond, KY

Region 6: Gurnee, IL

Regions 2, 4 and 6 had elections for new Regional Officers:

John Webb, Star Member and Member-at-Large, was elected Region 2 President. Dave Redford did not rerun for the office.

Danny Maxwell, Advisor to the Psi Omega Chapter, was elected Region 4 President. Joe Walsh did not rerun for the office.

Joe Davenport, Star Member and Sigma Iota Chapter member, was again elected Region 6 President

These members will serve/continue to serve on the Executive Board.

Filing the E-Postcard

Chapters: Do not forget to file the e-Postcard for your chapter by May 15, 2019. 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.

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 website. 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.**

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

Chris B. Traxson
At-Large
University of Cincinnati

Graduate Key Awards

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George B. Snyder
At-Large
Arkansas State University

Samantha A. Colon
Alpha Upsilon
Argosy University

Thomas W. Wines
Rho Chi
Rosemont College

Zachery A. Grigg
At-Large
New Mexico State University

Gold Key Awards

Daryll A. Winfrey
Alpha Upsilon
Argosy University

Jessica Sanchez DeLaCruz
At-Large
Cal-State Fresno

Edward Lewis
Rho Chi
Rosemont College

William C. Smith
Rho Chi
Rosemont College

Shawn R. Stiver
Rho Chi
Rosemont College

Andrew O'Hara
Rho Chi
Rosemont College

David Potter
Rho Chi
Rosemont College

Lee O'Brien
Rho Chi
Rosemont College

Gold Key Awards

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Michael Buckley
Rho Chi
Rosemont College

Rasheed Murrell
Rho Chi
Rosemont College

Curtis L. Miller
Rho Chi
Rosemont College

Chris Fries
Rho Chi
Rosemont College

Shawn R. Hughes
At-Large
Thomas Edison State University

Pablo R. Cabrera
At-Large
Texas A & M University

Silver Key Awards

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

Eric D. Dupree
Omega Eta Psi
Remington College

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

2019 National Conference

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The **Written Competitions** will be 75 multiple-choice questions. The 28th Annual Lip Sync / Talent Contest will be held on Wednesday, March 6th.

Additional training will be offered on Thursday for professionals and non-professionals. Some of the attractions in Hunt Valley is the National Aquarium, Fort McHenry, Baltimore Civil War Museum and Historic Ships in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Region 4 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 2019 Conference Director, Christina Fouse at cfouse0002@gmail.com or Joe Walsh, Conference Coordinator at acja@walshpa.com

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 available Online. The completed form must be sent to your Regional President by December 1, 2018 for consideration. The Regional President will submit the chosen recipient and one alternate by December 31, 2018. The Executive Secretary will notify the recipient by January 31, 2019.

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, 2018 for consideration. The Regional President will submit the chosen recipient and one alternate by December 31, 2018. The Executive Secretary will notify the recipient by January 31, 2019.

2019 Membership Renewals

The 2019 membership renewal forms with attached 2019 membership cards will be mailed to each member on December 1st. If you have paid your National dues through your local chapter and receive 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 detach and retain your 2019 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 2019 members will be counted toward your chapter's vote at the 2019 National Conference and you must be a member in good standing (paid 2019 dues) in

order to compete in the competitions. **Your membership is not valid until the National Office receives the \$35.00 renewal fee.**

2018 Executive Board & Business Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the 2018 Executive Board and Annual Conference Business Meetings held in Cleveland, OH 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 Bylaws, 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, 2018*

National Bylaws and Standing Rules

Copies of the updated 2018 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.

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