

Newsletter

American Criminal Justice Association
Lambda Alpha Epsilon

November 2019



2020 National Conference

Plans are underway for the 2020 (83rd) National Conference to be held in Kansas City, MO, March 22—27, 2020. The theme of the 2020 National Conference is **“The Twisted Reality of Drug Addiction.”** The Conference will be held at the Embassy Suites Kansas City—International Airport Hotel.

The Hotel is located 5.5 miles from the Kansas City International Airport. The Hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to/from the airport. The shuttle runs every 30 minutes starting at 5am until Mid-night each day.

The Hotel has 237 air-conditioned two-room suites with microwaves, refrigerators, flat-screen tv, coffee makers, indoor pool and spa, fitness center, and complimentary wifi. The Hotel also offers FREE parking. **The Hotel is a 100% Non-Smoking Facility.**

The Fountain Court Bar & Grille Restaurant serving lunch and dinner is located in the Hotel and a complimentary cooked to order breakfast is served daily. The Hotel offers a complimentary Evening Reception consisting of a

variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages while enjoying light appetizers.

The room rate (single through quad) is **\$126.82/night (price includes tax)**. **Room reservations must be made by February 28, 2020** 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 \$195; for guests, \$145 (**prepaid and post-marked by February 28, 2020**). Late and on-site registration for members is \$245; guests \$195 (after February 28th).

The **Firearms Competition** will be held at **Frontier Justice**, an indoor range. Transportation will be provided to/from the range or members can drive their own vehicles. **Only Brass-cased ammunition can be used at the range.** Ammunition can be purchased onsite or members can bring their own. Frontier Justice also offers a gun rental option. **To participate in the Firearms Competition, members MUST sign a Statement of Competency that they have achieved a minimum score of 240 on the ACJALAE course of fire and attend the Safety Meeting on Tuesday, March 24th.**

Standard National Competition information including competition categories and the course of

fire for the Firearms Competition 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 24th) 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 textbooks for the written competitions are on the website. The 29th Annual Lip Sync / Talent Contest will be held on Wednesday, March 25th.

Additional training will be offered on Thursday for professionals and non-professionals.

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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 or reinstated since the last Newsletter include:

Beta Phi Chi
Brewton-Parker College
Mount Vernon, GA

Sigma Mu Chi
Southwestern Michigan College
Dowagiac, MI

Chi Upsilon
College of DuPage
Glen Ellyn, IL

Upsilon Chi Delta
University of Colorado
Denver, CO

Upsilon Chi Chi Sigma
University of Colorado
Colorado Springs, CO

Lambda Lambda Sigma
Grand Canyon University
Phoenix, AZ

Delta Chi Alpha
(professional)
Montgomery, TX

Alpha Upsilon Alpha Mu
Auburn University
Montgomery, AL

Regional Presidents

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

Region 1: Reno, NV

Region 2: San Antonio, TX

Region 3: Hays, KS

Region 4: West Chester, PA

Region 5: Tallahassee, FL

Region 6: Inver Grove Hgts, MN

Regions 1, 3 and 5 had elections for new Regional Officers:

Ian Frazer, Star Member and Member-at-Large, was elected Region 1 President. Daniel Hopkins did not seek re-election.

Roger Pennel, Star Member and Gamma Epsilon Delta member, was elected to another term as Region 3 President.

Brittany Robison, Rho Delta Nu Kappa member was elected Region 5 President. As many of you know, Chris Williams passed away right before the Region 5 Conference.

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

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 the Scholarship Competition, 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.**

Filing the E-Postcard

Chapters: Do not forget to file the e-Postcard for your chapter by May 15, 2020. 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.

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

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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.

The Keys awarded since the last Newsletter are as follows:

Graduate Key Awards

Katie Cassandra Nelson
Member-at-Large
Eastern Kentucky University

Eric Treadway
Member-at-Large
Cal-State Dominguez Hills

Alvin F. Lugod
Member-at-Large
Lamar University

Michael A. Bartelucci
Member-at-Large
Concordia College & University

Roger C. Byrd
Beta Phi Chi
Georgia Southern University

Kelly Desso
Member-at-Large
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical
University

Graduate Key Awards

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Nicholas C. Reiland
Omicron
University of Louisville

Sherah Lasette Basham
Member-at-Large
Walden University

Gold Key Awards

Karin Collins
Kappa Pi Delta
University of South Carolina

Rodney L. Harper
Alpha Upsilon Lambda
Averett University

Mary Ann Pratt
Member-at-Large
Southeastern Oklahoma State
University

Emily Ann Cosme
Chi Sigma Upsilon
Columbia Southern University

Silver Key Awards

Mary Ann Pratt
Member-at-Large
Grayson College

2019 Executive Board & Business Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the 2019 Executive Board and Annual Conference Business Meetings held in Hunt Valley, MD are posted on the ACJA-LAE website for your review.

National Bylaws and Standing Rules

Copies of the updated 2019 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.

Message From the National President

As we send out this years National Newsletter, I felt it was an appropriate time to bring the membership up to date on all that is happening within the Association. This year has been both busy and difficult to say the least. In a period of 45 days we lost Mr. John Webb, the Region 2 President and Mr. Chris Williams, the Region 5 President. Both of the individuals will be greatly missed by the organization as a whole and their friends and families even more. We will celebrate their lives at the upcoming conference in March.

Over the last few months we have been working a number of initiatives that we will provide full reports on at our National Business Meeting in March. The list below gives you an idea of just what we are working on:

- ◆ National and Regional Conference Manual review and updates.
- ◆ A single firearms safety training standard that all members must complete prior to participating in our firearms competition.
- ◆ The ACJA Technology and Innovation Committee has been working tirelessly on a variety of topics for modernization of the Association website and online presence.
- ◆ A comprehensive transition plan to ensure continuity of service for Association employees.
- ◆ A study on moving the Association's current incorporation out of the State of California.
- ◆ A study on reducing the length of the National Conference.
- ◆ A study on centralizing the location of the National Conference which will allow us to lock in better costs and insure access to range and firearms friendly hotels.

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Message From the National President

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In addition to these actions, we continue our normal day-to-day operations. With the help of Mr. Gregg Etter and Region 3, a major marketing campaign was initiated and a second round of emails will be going out in the very near future. There are a variety of other issues that are being considered as well. I am currently working on putting a Social Media Committee together and more information will be coming out on that initiative very soon. If you have a desire to serve in this group, please send me an email and I will put you in touch with the group.

Change is the one constant in today's society. Our Association will be going through some significant changes over the next few months. These changes will require people who are willing to step up and do the work needed to ensure success. I ask that each of you take a few minutes and ask yourself what you can step up and do to assist the Association as it moves forward in these fast paced and ever-changing times. New ideas and energy are going to be needed if we intend to grow this Association. Please remember that this is your Association and the Executive Board and myself are simply the caretakers. If you have things you want to discuss, bring it to your Regional Board and President or if you are not comfortable doing that, feel free to bring it to my attention. I have but one goal as your President and that is to ensure that our Association is there for you. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Greg Bridgeman
National President
ACJA-LAE

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 on the website. The completed form must be sent to your Regional President by December 1, 2019 for consideration. The Regional President will submit the chosen recipient and one alternate by December 31, 2019. The Executive Secretary will notify the recipient by January 31, 2020.

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 on the website. The completed form must be sent to your Regional President by December 1, 2019 for consideration. The Regional President will submit the chosen recipient and one alternate by December 31, 2019. The Executive Secretary will notify the recipient by January 31, 2020.

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, 2019***

2020 Membership Renewals

The 2020 membership renewal forms with attached 2020 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 2020 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 2020 members will be counted toward your chapter's vote at the 2020 National Conference and you must be a member in good standing (paid 2020 dues) in order to compete in the competitions.