



*Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
Corrections Section*

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## **Section Update:**

The current year marked a transition in the section's leadership as Dr. Adam Matz assumed Chair responsibilities after the conclusion of the 2021 online conference. Likewise, Dr. Peter Wood assumed Vice Chair responsibilities and Dr. Hanser joined the section's executive board as an Executive Counselor. Dr. Johnson will conclude her service to the section as secretary/treasurer at the conclusion of the 2022 conference. Dr. Haynes and Dr. Labrecque, Executive Counselors, will also be concluding their service at the 2022 conference. The section is currently soliciting nominations for these positions and preparing for elections later this year, as well as soliciting nominations for the 2022 section awards.

The section hosted its first of what is planned to be quarterly online executive board meetings going forward on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The second meeting occurred on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The section has since worked to reestablish, reinvigorate, and create new section committees to meet the goals and needs of the section's business. Each section committee, along with its chair and members, is listed below. In addition to the four committees and chairs stipulated by the section bylaws, three ad hoc committees were established: 1) a committee to better coordinate and promote the section's journal affiliation with *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research* (CPPR); 2) a section merchandise committee to further recognize and support the sales of location-themed t-shirts at the national conferences; and 3) a social media outreach committee to further support engagement on platforms such as Twitter and Facebook. Over the summer the section solicited members to participate in these committees. At this time six section members have volunteered. We will continue to encourage regular section members to get involved.

Of most immediate concern, we learned that the memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the section and Taylor & Francis (T&F) in relation to CPPR sponsorship had expired. The section has worked with Jacquelyn Fernholz at T&F to negotiate a new agreement that would continue the section's sponsorship and affiliation with CPPR. The negotiations are ongoing at this time but we expect to have a new agreement in place by the end of the year.

## **Section Committees (as required by the section's bylaws):**

### Constitution and By-Laws Committee (Article VII, Sections 1 and 4)

- Peter Wood (Chair), Eastern Michigan University ([pwood4@emich.edu](mailto:pwood4@emich.edu))
- Natalie Goulette, University of West Florida ([ngoulette@uwf.edu](mailto:ngoulette@uwf.edu))
- Stacy Haynes, Mississippi State University ([shaynes@soc.msstate.edu](mailto:shaynes@soc.msstate.edu))

### Membership Committee (Article VII, Sections 1 and 5)

- Kathrine Johnson (Chair), University of West Florida ([kjohnson@uwf.edu](mailto:kjohnson@uwf.edu))
- Karen Hamer (member volunteer), University of Texas at Dallas ([karen.hamer@utdallas.edu](mailto:karen.hamer@utdallas.edu))
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- Cynthia Zhang (member volunteer), Evergreen Campus LLC ([cynthiazhang7@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiazhang7@gmail.com))

Nominations, Elections, and Awards Committee (Article VII, Sections 1, 6, and 8)

- Natalie Goulette (Chair), University of West Florida ([ngoulette@uwf.edu](mailto:ngoulette@uwf.edu))
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**Ad Hoc Section Committees (established by Chair per Article VII, Section 2):**

Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research (CPPR) Liaison Committee

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Section Social Media Outreach Committee

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- Adam Matz, University of North Dakota ([adam.matz@und.edu](mailto:adam.matz@und.edu))
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Corrections Journal-Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research (CPPR)

In the prior calendar year, 57 articles were submitted with a rejection rate of 39.6%. In the first six months of 2021 the journal received 28 submissions with a rejection rate of 68% (19 rejections). Dr. Tina Freiburger has now transitioned to the role of Editor and Dr. Ryan Labrecque to the role of Associate Editor (effective January 1, 2021). Prior editors of the journal include Dr. Catherine D. Marcum and Dr. W. Wesley Johnson. Each position is a three-year term with the Associate Editor transitioning to Editor at the end of their term. Currently, Dr. Labrecque, also an executive counselor for the section, serves as the liaison and primary point of contact between the section and the journal. He will assume the role of editor in 2024.

The journal was initiated in 2016 as a quarterly journal but beginning in 2020 began releasing five issues per year. When articles are accepted, they are published online after

completion of the copyediting process. The journal has demonstrated consistent sustainability with submission and publication since its inception.

The journal awarded its 2020 paper of the year award to Dr. Meyers and colleagues for their manuscript entitled *Treating the seriously ill in prison: An evaluation of a contingency management program* (<https://doi.org/10.1080/23774657.2018.1530077>).

### Corrections Now Newsletter

The section released its Spring 2021 newsletter on May 26, 2021. The newsletter was disseminated by email to all section members and posted on the section webpage of the ACJS website. Dr. Kathy Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer and Chair of the section's Membership Committee, serves as the editor for the newsletter. She is engaging with the Membership Committee in the development of the Fall 2021 newsletter. Further, the committee is exploring new ideas for structure and format (i.e., web-based options) in terms of how the newsletter may be organized and disseminated beginning in 2022. In addition, the frequency of the newsletter is being reconsidered; currently bi-annual.

### Social Media Presence

Beginning in 2016, the section established several accounts across multiple prominent social media outlets. The section has continued to be active on Twitter and Facebook. As of August 23, 2021, the section's Twitter account (@ACJS\_CS) has 1,120 followers, a slight increase over the 1,095 reported in the prior annual report. The section's Facebook page (@ACJSCS) has similarly increased its number of followers from 218 to 230. Dr. Robert Hanser, Chair of the section's newly formed Social Media Outreach Committee, is exploring the possibility of reinvigorating the section's LinkedIn group which has not experienced any substantive activity for several years. Section member volunteer Dr. Chantal Fahmy is now assisting with the section's Twitter account while Dr. Matz continues to update the section's Facebook page. These outlets are used primarily to encourage membership in ACJS and the section, promote the latest CPPR article releases, share section news, and share relevant corrections news. The section continues to seek volunteers interested in bolstering its social media outreach efforts.

### Membership

As of August 19, 2021, the section has a total of 120 active members including 12 lifetime members and 14 student members. Overall, this represents an increase of 35 members from February 28, 2021 (with 11 new student members). For comparison, the total membership for 2020 (as of November 30, 2020) was 130. A look through available data from the past few years (dating back to January of 2018) indicates the membership for the section has remained stable. It regularly drops just under 100 members at the start of the year and then peaks at about 130 by the end of the year. The highest number of members on record over this time span was 136 at the end of 2019.

### Website

In May and June numerous updates and additions were made to the section's webpage on the ACJS website located at <https://www.acjs.org/page/CorrectionsSection>. Updates included changes in the executive board (e.g., Chair, Vice Chair) and contacts, updates to the name of the Student Travel Award (now the Kelly Cheeseman Outstanding Student Travel Award) and monetary amount awarded, updates to award nomination deadlines and contact information, updates for 2021 award winners, updates to social media links for the section and CPPR, and new file attachments (e.g., latest newsletter and annual report).

### Annual Meeting Preparations

- The section formally requested meeting space for its reception at the annual ACJS conference in Las Vegas in 2022. Specifically, the section requested a one-hour time block between 4-7 on March 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>. Given the association indicated it would not be able to schedule or provide space for section executive board meetings, the section will schedule its own executive board meeting at a nearby restaurant or coffee shop at a later date prior to the conference.
- The section is currently conducting outreach to solicit nominations for awards and officer positions on the executive board. Elections will be held for two executive counselors and one secretary/treasurer at the end of the year. Currently, the section has received two executive counselor nominations and two award nominations (one for Outstanding Member Award and one for the John Howard Award). Award and officer nominations are due by the end of October.
- A non-profit organization in the Las Vegas area will be selected to receive a \$500 donation; the section will begin looking at possible candidates for this donation later this year or in early 2022. Likewise, the section will seek out a keynote speaker for the conference reception. The section will also continue to use ACJS and location-themed t-shirts as a fundraiser at the exhibit hall during the conference. Dr. Stacy Haynes, Chair of a newly formed Merchandise Committee, is in the early planning stages for the design/sale of the shirts as well as exploring other possible merchandise options.
- Note, because ACJS moved to an updated website and conferencing system, the section no longer prepares a "Sections of Interest" table for the program.

### **Action Items for ACJS Executive Board**

- None at this time.

### **Action Items for the Section's Executive Board**

- Execute a new agreement with T&F to continue the section's sponsorship of CPPR.
- Continue to reach out to the section members and abroad to encourage nominations for the secretary/treasurer position and two executive counselor positions, due by November 15, 2021. Host elections for these positions at the end of this year.

- Continue to reach out to the section members and abroad to encourage nominations for the section awards, due by October 29, 2021.
- Continue to encourage section membership through email and social media outreach campaigns.
- Maintain social media presence on Facebook and Twitter.
- Beginning this year the executive board has switched to quarterly online meetings. Most recently the executive team met on August 20, 2021. The section intends to have its next meeting in mid-October.

### Budget

The section is currently working through negotiations with T&F on a new agreement to continue its sponsorship of CPPR. Previously the section paid \$3,500 annually to the publisher. However, it is the section's intent to reduce that to \$2,000 going forward and better balance its budget so as to no longer operate at a slight deficit. These changes will be reflected in the next annual report budget proposal. Below is the budget information as represented in the most recent 2021 annual report.

#### Actual Budget for 2020-2021

- See Attachment A.

#### Approved Budget for 2021-2022

- See Attachment B.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Corrections Section Actual Budget 2020-2021**

<b>Revenue</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Membership Total</b>	<b>\$2,125</b>	<b>Journal Support (T&amp;F)</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
		<b>Breakfast Reception</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
		<b>Award</b>	<b>\$ 600</b>
		<b>Plaques (4 @ \$25)</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>T-Shirt Sales (49 @ \$20)</b>	<b>\$ 990</b>	<b>T-Shirts (59)</b>	<b>\$ 570.89</b>
		<b>Shipping</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,115</u></b>	<b>Donation</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$5,270.89</u></b>

**Revenue over expenses = (\$2,155.89) (\$3,115.00 - \$ 5,270.89)**

**Carryover from 2018-2019= \$20,511.21 (\$21,027.78 – \$516.57)**

**Carryover from 2019-2020= \$20,557.01**

**Carryover from 2020-2021= \$18,401.12 (\$20,557.01 – \$2,155.89)**

**ATTACHMENT B**

**Corrections Section Approved Budget 2021-2022**

<b>Revenue</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Membership Total</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>Journal Support (T&amp;F)</b>	<b>\$ 3500</b>
		<b>Breakfast Reception</b>	<b>\$ 1000</b>
		<b>Outstanding Memb Award</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>
<b>T-Shirt Sales (72 @ \$20)</b>	<b>\$1,440</b>	<b>Student Travel Award</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>
		<b>Plaques (3 @ \$50)</b>	<b>\$ 150</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 6,440</u></b>	<b>T-Shirts (72)</b>	<b>\$ 600</b>
		<b>Shipping T-Shirts/Awards</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
		<b>Donation</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 6350</u></b>

**Revenue over expenses = \$ 90 (\$6,440 - \$6,350)**