



*Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
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**Annual Report
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Section Update:

The past year marked a transition in the section's leadership as Dr. Matz assumed Chair responsibilities after the conclusion of the 2021 online conference. Likewise, Dr. 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. An election was held at the end 2021 with two candidates running for the Secretary/Treasurer position and four candidates running for the two Executive Counselor positions. Dr. Haynes will assume the role of secretary/treasurer while Dr. Renee Lamphere and Dr. Christina Mancini will fill the two executive counselor positions. Complete contact information for the section's two new executive board members appears below.

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The executive board of the section met quarterly with meetings occurring on May 17th, August 20th, and November 5th. The team's next scheduled Zoom meeting is set for February 25, 2022, followed by the conference meeting on March 17th. 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. We continue to encourage regular section members to get involved.

The section Chair worked with Jacquelyn Fernholz at Taylor and Francis (T&F) to negotiate a new agreement to continue the section's sponsorship and affiliation with CPPR. After numerous discussions and revisions with the input of executive board members and the journal editors an agreement was finalized, reviewed and approved by the association president Dr. Heather Pfeifer, and executed in January of 2022. Most notable, the new agreement reduces the level of sponsorship required of the section from \$3,500 to \$2,000. The agreement also includes a \$500 sponsorship for the CPPR paper award from T&F to the section. Going forward the section will include the CPPR paper award with its section awards and will recognize winners at its business meeting during the annual ACJS conferences. Finally, the editor stipends were adjusted from \$2000 (per year) provided to the editor to now \$1500 for the editor and \$500 for the associate editor.

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

- Kathrine Johnson (Chair), University of West Florida (kjohnson@uwf.edu)
- Karen Hamer (member volunteer), University of Texas at Dallas (karen.hamer@utdallas.edu)
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- Cynthia Zhang (member volunteer), Evergreen Campus LLC (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)
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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 Merchandise Committee

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Section Social Media Outreach Committee

- Robert Hanser (Chair), University of Louisiana Monroe (hanser@ulm.edu)
- Adam Matz, University of North Dakota (adam.matz@und.edu)
- Chantal Fahmy (member volunteer), University of Texas at San Antonio (chantal.fahmy@utsa.edu)

Corrections Journal-Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research (CPPR)

Dr. Tina Freiburger currently serves as Editor and Dr. Ryan Labrecque as Associate Editor. 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. However, beginning in 2020 the journal transitioned to 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 2021 paper of the year award to Dr. Ebony Ruhland for the manuscript entitled *It's All About the Money: An Exploration of Probation Fees* which can be located at <https://doi.org/10.1080/23774657.2018.1564635>.

Corrections Now Newsletter

The section released its Spring 2021 newsletter on May 26, 2021 and Fall 2021 newsletter on December 8, 2021. The newsletter was disseminated by email to all section members. Dr. Kathy Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer and Chair of the section's Membership Committee, served as the editor for the newsletter. Dr. Stacy Haynes will assume this role when transitioning to the Secretary/Treasurer position at the conclusion of the 2022 conference. The Membership Committee continues to explore new ideas for structure and format (i.e., web-based options) in terms of how the newsletter may best be organized and disseminated. 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 February 4, 2022, the section's Twitter account (@ACJS_CS) had 1,218 followers, a slight increase over the 1,120 reported in the midyear report. The section's Facebook page (@ACJSCS) has slightly increased its number of followers from 230 to 240 as well. Dr. Robert Hanser currently serves as the Chair of the section's Social Media Outreach Committee. 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 November 30, 2021, the section had a total of 132 active members including 12 lifetime members and 19 student members. This represented an increase of 47 members from February 28, 2021. For comparison, the total membership was 130 in 2020 and 136 in 2019 (as of November 30th of each respective year). The membership for the section has remained relatively stable. That said, 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. As of February 1, 2022 the section was at 102 members.

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). The section will review and update the webpage again after the conclusion of the 2022 conference.

Annual Meeting Preparations

- The Corrections Section General Business Meeting and Awards Reception will be in Amazon R of the conference center from 5:00-6:30pm on Thursday, March 17th. Refreshments and food have been ordered for the meeting.
- The section will present multiple awards for section service as well as three annual awards. Dr. David May will receive the Outstanding Member Award, Dr. Ebony Ruhland the CPPR Paper of the Year Award, and Dr. Mary Stohr the prestigious John Howard Award. Dr. Haynes has prepared the orders to produce the plaques and will prepare them for shipping to the conference.
- A non-profit organization in the Las Vegas area will be selected to receive a \$500 donation. Dr. Matz has identified several appropriate candidates and is currently in the process of finalizing this selection. Likewise, Dr. Matz will seek out a keynote speaker for the conference reception. He is currently in the process of identifying a speaker, potentially a representative from the Nevada Department of Corrections.
- The section will continue to use ACJS and location-themed t-shirts as a fundraiser at the exhibit hall during the conference. Dr. Stacy Haynes, Chair of the Merchandise Committee, will be coordinating the design (along with Dr. Goulette), shipping, and sale of the shirts.
- Volunteers have been solicited from the membership to help represent the section at the exhibit hall during the conference and assist in the sale of the conference-themed shirts. A dozen volunteers have already signed up to assist. The section was assigned table 1 in the Amazon A Ballroom where the exhibit hall will take place.

Action Items for ACJS Executive Board

- None at this time.

Action Items for the Section's Executive Board

- Finalize selection of a Keynote Speaker for the Business Meeting.
- Finalize selection of the non-profit organization to receive the \$500 donation and invite to attend Business Meeting.
- Finalize T-Shirts and prepare to ship for the conference.
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- Finalize volunteer schedule for the exhibit hall.
- Remind prior members with lapsed memberships to renew.
- Continue to encourage section membership through email and social media outreach campaigns.
- Continue to promote CPPR through the section's social media outreach.