



*Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
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**Annual Report
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Accomplishments and Information:

Since our September 2020 mid-year report, the Section executive board members have been planning for the annual conference in 2021. We conducted elections in December 2020. Peter Wood from Eastern Michigan University was elected to replace Adam Matz as Vice Chair of the section. Adam will move to Chair of the section in April 2021 as Natalie Goulette will move to Immediate Past Chair. Robert Hanser from the University of Louisiana Monroe was elected as an Executive Counselor to replace Lisa Carter. The Executive Board is excited to welcome these new members. Additionally, we received three nominations for our John Howard award, one nomination for our student paper competition, and no nominations for our Outstanding Member award. This was a priority of the Executive Board, and our efforts paid off. However, the Executive Board will work to further advertise the Outstanding Member award in order to increase the number of nominations for the coming year. Kimberly Collica-Cox from Pace University was selected to receive our John Howard award. Kaelyn Sanders, a new Ph.D. student from Michigan State University, was selected to receive the Kelley Cheeseman Student Travel award. The Section will continue to prioritize recognizing our members, and their students, for their great work in the field of criminal justice.

Section Progress

- This year, the corrections section continued its effort to establish and use committees to assist with section activities. Thus, we solicited volunteers for each of our extant committees. Committee membership is included below.

Publications Committee

- Tina Freiburger (chair), University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

Nominations, Elections, and Awards Committee

- Dave May (chair), Mississippi State University
- Jennifer LaPrade, Missouri State University
- Cassandra Atkin-Plunk, Florida Atlantic University
- Kyle Ward, University of Northern Colorado

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

- Natalie Goulette (chair), University of West Florida
- Stacy Haynes, Mississippi State University

Program Committee

- Natalie Goulette (chair), University of West Florida
- Kathy Johnson, University of West Florida
- Lisa Carter, Florida Southern College

Membership Committee

- Adam Matz (chair), University of North Dakota
- Ryan Labrecque, University of Central Florida

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

From January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020, 57 articles were submitted. Nineteen were rejected for a rejection rate of 39.6%. Nine additional articles have been submitted in 2021 thus far.

When articles are accepted, they are published online after completion of the copyediting process. The editor and associate editor received permission to begin publishing five articles per edition instead of four to reduce the backlog for print publication. The journal has demonstrated consistent sustainability with submission and publication since its inception.

Other exciting announcements:

Cathy Marcum's three-year term as editor ended on January 1, 2021. Tina Freiburger has moved to Editor while Ryan Labrecque is now Associate Editor of the journal. The section would like to thank Cathy Marcum for her tireless work

The article, "Treating the seriously mental ill in prison: An evaluation of a contingency management program," was chosen as CPPR's 2020 Article of the Year. The authors of the article are Travis Meyers, Arynn Infante, & Kevin Wright.

A call for papers for a special issue on Corrections-Based Responses to COVID-19 recently closed on February 1, 2021 and will be printed in the next issue.

Corrections Now Newsletter

- The Section did not distribute a Fall 2020 newsletter. In the past the newsletter has been used to highlight initiatives in the field, encourage participation for the upcoming conference, and provide a call for papers for the ACJSCS' journal, *Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research*. Moving forward, we will continue to prioritize the production and distribution of this newsletter in fall and spring.
- Production of the Spring 2021 newsletter will precede the annual ACJS conference with an anticipated publication of March 15, 2021.
- The section also plans to produce and distribute a newsletter following the virtual meeting in April to highlight the award winners and celebrate the new e-board members.

Social Media Presence

Since its inception in March, 2016, ACJSCS' social media presence on Facebook (now up to 218 followers from the 144 reported previously) and Twitter (now up to 1,095 followers from the 996 reported previously) has been active and regularly provides

relevant corrections news and research articles to its followers. The revitalized social media presence has ensured a strong following with the ability to provide information to followers and interested parties in an effective and varied manner. Additionally, all the articles published in CPPR are promoted through the section's social media accounts. The Section will continue to discuss the use of social media at our conference meetings. .

Membership

- As of February 28, 2021, the Section has a total of 85 members, including 3 student members. The cancellation of two annual ACJS meetings has undoubtedly impacted our membership numbers. To increase overall membership numbers the spring newsletter will encourage members to invite their students to join the section. The newsletter will be sent to section members who may or may have not renewed their membership with ACJS yet. We hope this will remind past members to renew their membership with the section. The e-board will also look into waive the registration fee for new student members. Finally, increasing membership will continue to be a point of emphasis for 2021-2022.

Website

- The section continues to work on updating the Section website and new material is submitted to Letiscia Perrin regularly.
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Annual Meeting Arrangements

- Preparations are being finalized for the 2021 conference and, specifically, the executive board and business meetings.
- A non-profit organization in the Orlando area will be selected to receive a \$500 donation at the conclusion of this year's virtual meeting.
- We are pleased that Kimberly Collica-Cox, the recipient of our John Howard award, will serve as our keynote speaker at our virtual section meeting.
- The General Business Meeting will be Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6pm CST. The meeting will take place via Zoom. The agenda is almost finalized.
- We will once again use t-shirts as a fundraiser for our section. The final design is being created and t-shirts will be ordered. T-shirts will be sold virtually as we did last year. Stacy Haynes and Dave May will head this task.
- Because of the ACJS move to an updated website and conferencing system, we will no longer prepare 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

- Continue section membership drives to increase student members and practitioners.
- Evaluate and amend the Section bylaws to reflect award amount increases

- Maintain social media presence on Facebook and Twitter and increase frequency of solicitations for membership to the association and the section. We currently have 1,095 followers on Twitter, and 748 on the CPPR Twitter account as well. Since the account was opened, we have posted over 900 messages (corrections in the news, latest CPPR article releases) to Twitter; with most of those messages also being posted to Facebook as well.
- Our social media accounts have also been used to highlight new and advancing board members

Budget

The ACJSCS actual budget and the estimated budget for 2018-2019 demonstrate that the Section is financially sound and responsible. Although the Section spent roughly \$500 more than our approved budget, this included the Section's financial responsibility to Taylor and Francis for its online journal (\$3,500).

Proposed Budget for 2019-2020

- See Attachment A.

Actual Budget for 2019-2020

- See Attachment B.

Proposed Budget for 2020-2021

- See Attachment C.

ATTACHMENT A

Proposed Budget for 2020-2021

Revenue		Expenses	
Membership Total	\$5,000	Journal Support (T&F)	\$3500
T-Shirt Sales (72 @ \$20)	\$1,440	Breakfast Reception	\$1000
		Awards	\$ 350
		Plaques	\$ 150
TOTAL	<u>\$6,440</u>	T-Shirts (72)	\$ 600
		Shipping	\$ 0
		Donation	\$ 250
		TOTAL	<u>\$5850.00</u>

Revenue over expenses = \$ 590.00 (\$6,440 – \$5,850.00)

ATTACHMENT B

Corrections Section Actual Budget 2020-2021

Revenue		Expenses	
Membership 2018 Total	\$2,125	Journal Support (T&F)	\$3,500.00
		Breakfast Reception	\$ 0
		Award	\$ 600
		Plaques (4 @ \$25)	\$ 100.00
T-Shirt Sales (49 @ \$20)	\$ 990	T-Shirts (59)	\$ 570.89
		Shipping	\$ 0
TOTAL	<u>\$ 3,115</u>	Donation	\$ 500.00
		TOTAL	<u>\$5,270.89</u>

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 C

Corrections Section Proposed Budget 2021-2022

Revenue		Expenses	
Membership 2019Total	\$5,000	Journal Support (T&F)	\$ 3500
		Breakfast Reception	\$ 1000
		Outstanding Memb Award	\$ 100
T-Shirt Sales (72 @ \$20)	\$1,440	Student Travel Award	\$ 500
		Plaques (3 @ \$50)	\$ 150
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,440</u>	T-Shirts (72)	\$ 600
		Shipping T-Shirts/Awards	\$ 0
		Donation	\$ 500
		TOTAL	<u>\$ 6350</u>

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