

ACJS Standing Committees

Note – Only regular/lifetime/senior members in good standing (e.g., up to date with dues) may serve on standing committees. Each Standing Committee of the Academy shall be given the Committee's responsibilities. The composition shall be as diverse as possible, both philosophically and demographically. There should be diversity by gender, race, region, and length of Academy membership whenever possible.

COMMITTEE	DESCRIPTION	TERM	RESTRICTIONS
Academic Review	Periodically criminal justice programs (like all academic disciplines) are reviewed by individuals external to the host institution. ACJS provides a list of criminal justice academics to serve as external reviewers for program reviews. They review the program in terms of local or state standards developed and adhered to by the institution. Thus, program review is an independent assessment of a program against a set of standards agreed to prior to review.	3 years (staggered)	Appointed by 1 st Vice President – three members each year Total = 9 members
Affirmative Action	Ensures adherence to ACJS Affirmative Action policies; makes recommendations regarding Affirmative Action funds pursuant to ACJS policies (e.g., scholarships, mini-grants); Chair may establish subcommittees (up to 3 AAC members) to evaluate applications/nominations for award funds.	Annual	N/A
Assessment	Maintains the online ACJS Assessment Forum; presents sessions at the ACJS Annual meeting on assessment issues; reviews assessment materials for use by academic programs in criminal justice and criminology.	3 years (staggered)	Assistant (Deputy) Chair Appointed by 2 nd Vice President – Total = varies

Awards	Seeks nominations for ACJS Academy Awards (11 awards); each sub-committee reviews nominees and award criteria; recommends award recipients to ACJS Executive Board.	Annual	Each award sub-committee requires minimum of 3 members Total = 33 members
Budget, Finance, and Audit	Reviews ACJS budget, conducts an internal audit of all financial accounts, and approves all investment accounts and contracts established in the name of the Academy; oversees the financial condition of the Academy	Annual for one appointed member	Appointed by 2 nd Vice President; must include Treasurer, Past President or Past Treasurer, and one member at-large Total = 4 members
Constitution and By-Laws	Reviews the ACJS Constitution, By-Laws, and Policies; makes recommendations for changes to the ACJS Executive Board	3 years (staggered)	Appointed by 2 nd Vice President; two members Total = >6 members
Ethics	Provides guidance on ethics issues; investigates inquiries of violations of the ACJS Code of Ethics	3 years (staggered)	Appointed by Trustees-At-Large; two members who are tenured or hold senior rank Total = 6 members, plus Immediate Past President

Membership	Provides recommendations on how to increase ACJS membership	Annual	N/A
National Criminal Justice Month	Develops resources to recognize National Criminal Justice Month and promotes the CJM through partnerships and events	Annual	N/A
Nominations and Elections	Solicits nominations for vacancies for the ACJS Executive Board; recommends candidates for approval; oversees the National Elections of the Academy	Annual	Appointed by Immediate Past President; minimum five members, one from each Region Total = >5 total members, plus Immediate Past President
Program	Topic chairs of the program; obtains submissions; reviews abstracts; recommends panels and presentations for the ACJS annual meetings	Annual	N/A
Public Policy	Serves as the ACJS liaison to policy makers in the federal government sector	3 years (staggered)	Appointed by 2 nd VP; appoints three members Total = 9 members
Student Affairs	Provides recommendations on how to increase student membership and student involvement in ACJS; awards ACJS student scholarships (two awards).	Annual	N/A