

2026 Executive Board

The ACJS Nominations and Elections Committee is soliciting nominations for the following Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences offices: **Second Vice President, Trustee-At-Large, Treasurer, Region Two Trustee and Region Three Trustee.** All candidates for office must be Regular ACJS members in good standing. The individuals who are elected will take office at the Friday 2026 ACJS Executive Board Meeting.

The person elected to the office of Second Vice President will have a four-year term of office on the ACJS Executive Board and will hold the offices of Second Vice President, First Vice President, President, and Immediate Past President in turn. The persons elected to the office of Trustee-at-Large will have a three-year term. The person elected to a Regional Trustee position will have a three-year term. Only current ACJS Regular members holding professional employment affiliation in the Region and having been a member of the respective regional association for at least one full year immediately prior to being nominated or petitioning may run for the respective Trustee position.

Region Two includes the following U.S. States and Territories: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands. Region Three includes the following U.S. States and Canada: Illinois, Indianapolis, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin; Canada: Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Individuals seeking ACJS office may achieve candidacy by either petition or nomination. Individuals who use the petition process automatically secure candidacy, as long as the petitions are deemed to meet the minimum number of signatures required. Individuals who are nominated for office shall compete for placement on the slate via review by the Nominations and Elections Committee, which will make a recommendation to the ACJS Executive Board regarding the final slate of candidates.

Those nominating individuals for ACJS office are expected to contact the nominee to ensure that the nominee is willing to run for the office in question. An ACJS member seeking an office via petition must obtain seventy-five (75) signatures of Regular ACJS members in good standing; student members and ACJS Executive Board officers and personnel are not eligible to sign petitions. To confirm if all 75 signatures are for Regular ACJS members, please check the online ACJS Membership Directory located in the Member Info Hub. The directory is visible only when you are signed in on the ACJS website.

The petition must state the name and complete address of the candidate, e-mail address, home and office phone numbers, and the office the candidate is seeking. To facilitate verification, the petition must also include the clearly printed name, signature, and institutional affiliation or address of each ACJS member signing it and the signature date. More than one petition form may be submitted on behalf of a specific candidate, but it is preferred that they be combined into one document to meet the 75 signatures required.

Petition Forms **must be received no later than June 17, 2025.** The Petition Form can be found on the ACJS website at: https://www.acjs.org/election-forms-volunteer-info/.

Nomination Forms **must be received by July 1, 2025.** The Nomination Form can be found on the ACJS website at: https://www.acjs.org/election-forms-volunteer-info/.

Ways to Submit Nomination Forms and Petitions:

- 1) Email Nomination Forms to ACJS Immediate Past President Dr. Bitna Kim at bitna.kim@shsu.edu.
- 2) Scan as a PDF and email petitions to the ACJS National Office at manager@acjs.org.

Address any questions to the Nominations and Elections Committee by contacting Dr. Bitna Kim at bitna.kim@shsu.edu.

As per ACJS Policy 303.01, the following rank-ordered criteria will be used by the Nominations and Elections Committee in making recommendations to the ACJS Executive Board regarding the final slate of candidates.

- 1. Dependability, demonstrated experience, record of accomplishments.
- 2. Demonstrable service to the Academy.
- 3. Demonstrable record of scholarship or contributions to the field of criminal justice.

ACJS Policy 104.01 states its goal of inclusivity. ACJS seeks to provide opportunities for all its members to participate in the business of the Academy, including policy and decision-making.

NOTE: The final slate of candidates approved by the ACJS Executive Board will be asked to complete a Candidate's Information Form. This document will include length of ACJS membership, previous service for ACJS, previous service to other criminal justice organizations, major publications, and a candidate's statement.