

# ACJS GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

## MINUTES

April 14, 2021

Time: 5:30 PM Eastern

Virtual Meeting

**ACJS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:** Cassia Spohn (President), Heather Pfeifer (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President) Denise Paquette Boots (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President), Prabha Unnithan (Immediate Past President), Marlyn Jones (Treasurer), Erin Orrick (Secretary), Anthony Peguero (Trustee-At-Large/Incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Lorenzo Boyd (Trustee-At-Large), Cathy Marcum (Trustee-At-Large), Cassandra Reyes (Region 1 Trustee), Chad Posick (Region 2 Trustee), Melissa Burek (Region 3 Trustee), Christine Nix (Region 4 Trustee), Stephanie Mizrahi (Region 5 Trustee), John Worrall (Executive Director), Letiscia Perrin (Association Manager), Brie Diamond (Incoming Region 4 Trustee), Robert Bing (Incoming Trustee at Large)

1. Introductions (Spohn)

- President Spohn called the meeting to order and introduced those who would be presenting reports throughout the meeting

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report (Paquette Boots)

- Boots thanked the efforts of those involved in the meeting and is looking for committee members to serve, starting March 2022, especially those individuals who represent the diversity in the Academy. Those who are interested can email [2023acjs@gmail.com](mailto:2023acjs@gmail.com). Committee membership is limited to active members.
- Boots reviewed the activities and charges for the standing committees and thanked those who have already agreed to serve as Deputy chairs.
- Boots reported on the meeting of the BFA committee.

3. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Report (Pfeifer)

- Pfeifer reported on the theme of the 2022 annual meeting: “Avenues of Change: Integrating Research, Advocacy, and Education.”
- She thanked program co-chairs Courtney Porter and Monica Summers and all topic chairs.

4. Executive Director’s Report (Worrall)

- Worrall thanked those who made the virtual program successful, especially Mizrahi and Perrin.
- Worrall reported on the financial difficulty in canceling in person meetings. Group gathering ban by the mayor in San Antonio invoked the force majeure clause and resulted in no financial loss.
- Worrall reported on the cancelation in Orlando that resulted in an initial request for ACJS to pay the full \$500K cancelation fee, with negotiations ending on a

\$25K fee payable over 2 FY. Overall, the Academy fared well. There are still unknowns moving forward, but the Academy is in pretty good shape.

- Worrall reported on the relationship with CJRA. Until recently, this was a collaborative effort with ASC, but ASC did not renew their contract in 2021. Requests for input on the future of CJRA can be directed to Peter Wood.
- Worrall updated the membership on the RFP for the directory project, which was awarded to the University of Cincinnati. They are tasked with building a directory of CJC and justice related programs. This type of directory had not previously existed.

5. Treasurer's Report (Jones)

- Jones reported on the actions taken to reduce financial vulnerability due to cancellations.
- Jones reported on the successful internal and external audits for this past year.

6. President's Report (Spohn)

- Spohn updated the membership on her role during this unusual year of being president.

7. Member Q & A

- No questions from the audience.
- The board members encouraged attendance at the conference Las Vegas.
- Pfeifer will work with Spohn and Mizrahi to try and incorporate any activities planned for Orlando during the Las Vegas meeting.
- Spohn noted that the conference was recorded.