

## **ACJS ZOOM BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**November 23, 2020**

**Time: 11:00am EST**

**Zoom Conference Call**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cassia Spohn (President), Heather Pfeifer (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President), Prabha Unnithan (Immediate Past President), Marlyn Jones (Treasurer), Erin Orrick (Secretary), Anthony Peguero (Trustee-At-Large), 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), Stephanie Mizrahi (Region 5 Trustee), John Worrall (Executive Director), Letiscia Perrin (Association Manager)

- President Spohn called the meeting to order at 11:06am EST
- ACTION ITEM: the planning process for the virtual annual conference.
  - The Board discussed the logistical issues with switching to a virtual format
    - The limits of a 2-day forum and being unable to accommodate all those who submitted presentations.
  - Other plans for the virtual conference include highlighting reforming criminal justice topics papers, the 2 plenaries, the 4 author meets critics panels, the 2020 awards ceremony and abbreviated Bruce Smith talk, the 2021 awards ceremony and Bruce Smith talk.
  - The Board also discussed the possibility for others to submit posters, PowerPoints, or video to be available during the conference and/or sometime after with opportunity to interact with answer/questions.
  - Mizrahi questioned if there is a need for space for regions to hold their business meetings
    - The Board encourages regions to schedule their own zoom meetings
  - Perrin discussed that the proposal from Cadence, a vendor for a virtual platform was less expensive than expected and presented the Board with the associated estimated costs.
  - The Board discussed providing the virtual conference for free for current members.
- Worrall reported that the cancelation notice was sent to the Caribe and the membership. He reported on the current status of the Caribe response.
- Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup> will be the scheduled Board meetings.
- A motion was made by Pfeifer and seconded by Reyes to do a virtual conference with Cadence. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.
- ACTION ITEM: the ACJS Board's role in CJRA
  - Worrall reported to the Board that the ASC Board voted not to approve the Brimley part of the CJRA contract (lobbying part)

- Consensus is that there isn't a noticeable impact and so it is not money well spent.
  - Media relations part might continue, but it might be an a la carte option.
  - Board needs to decide if we should revoke the contract
- A motion was made by Boyd and Reyes seconded to reject the prior approval of the Brimley part of the contract. The motion carried with 11 votes in favor and no abstentions.
- Other Business
  - Perrin noted that membership is doing well, we are only slightly short of where we were at this time last year.
  - Unnithan reminded the Board the election is ongoing- voting ends the 18<sup>th</sup> of Dec.
  - Pfeifer noted that she will work with Spohn to allow her to engage in some of the opportunities she missed this year.
- Meeting was adjourned at 11:49am EST.