

Criminal Justice Association of Georgia Annual Business Meeting – Savannah, GA

November 10, 2011 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Officers Present Included: President Gerald Fisher, President Elect Peter Fenton, Secretary/Director of Communication Jennifer Allen. Treasurer Fred Knowles was absent.

- The meeting was called to order by President Gerald Fisher at 4:35 p.m.
- Peter Fenton was introduced as the President Elect and Jennifer Allen was introduced as the Secretary/Information Officer.
- The minutes of the 2010 annual business meeting were approved without revision.
- The CJAG Constitution was discussed but was not distributed to the group. The Constitution was modified through motion by K. Wheel-Carter changing the title of Secretary to Secretary/Director of Communication.
- The CJAG bylaws were modified through motion by K. Wheel-Carter to include acceptance of non-profit status, changes in officer titles, term limits for officers, and duties for officers.
- The CJAG annual dues were modified through motion by C. Ubah. Full and associate members will now pay \$15.00 annually. Student members will pay \$5.00 annually. Annual membership dues will expire August 31<sup>st</sup> and will become due September 1st for the following year.
- Elections were held for the 2011-2013 terms. Through motion by K. Wheel-Carter the following officers were chosen:
  - President – Peter Fenton
  - President Elect – Gerald Fisher
  - Secretary/Director of Communication – Jennifer Allen
  - Treasurer – Fred Knowles
- Discussions were held on the following topics:
  - Membership recruitment for faculty and students – there was mention of lifetime membership dues in CJAG; contacting all criminal justice academic programs in Georgia for new members and conference sponsorship; commitments to bring one new member to the annual business meeting next year; and members were requested to send a list of criminal justice departments near their home schools to Peter Fenton for membership recruitment
  - CJAG budget and provisions for removing officers from their positions – the budget was read and there was a suggestion for creating provisions for officer removal. All new memberships and dues should be paid through the Treasurer
  - Increased annual dues and expenditures – it was suggested that the increased dues could be used to fund a separate conference sponsored by CJAG; to give awards to

faculty/students for excellence in academic work; and to pay for the webhosting of the new site

- The CJAG listserv – subscription information was provided to new members and others interested
  - An annual CJAG conference – suggestions and concerns were expressed regarding separating from the Georgia Political Science Association and having an annual one day conference sponsored by CJAG and/or corporate/publisher sponsors; having students present at the conference; being published in an academic journal sponsored by CJAG and not being able to get published in the GPSA conference proceedings. Peter Fenton offered Kennesaw State University as the first host site
  - Getting additional concessions from GPSA – suggestions were made that Peter Fenton should approach GPSA about CJAG receiving a portion of registration fees and/or having the membership fees separated for CJAG and GPSA at the annual conference
  - Other associations – comments were made about allowing other associations to affiliate with CJAG but concerns were expressed about the non-profit status and potential violations
  - Officer elections and term limits – explanations were provided on the changes in term limits in the by-laws for officers
  - History of CJAG – a history was provided on the organization and how changes have occurred over the years
- Panel Leads for the 2012 GPSA/CJAG Annual conference include:
    - Emran Khan – Clayton State University
    - Charles Ochie – Albany State University
    - Karen Wheel-Carter & Michael Shapiro – Georgia Perimeter College
    - Charles Ubah – Georgia College & State University
    - Gerald Fisher – Georgia College & State University
    - Peter Fenton – Kennesaw State University
- Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.