



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINALISTS

Education Committee

1. Background

President George Roche originally established the California Association of Criminalists Education Committee in 1971. He hoped to bridge the gap between forensic practitioners and academia. The goal of the committee was to establish and maintain communication with universities that offered a forensic science/criminalistics program or concentration. President Vincent Villena is revisiting this committee to once again establish an interaction between the California Association of Criminalists and California universities offering forensic science programs. The objective of the Education Committee is to inform universities of the many resources available to students and educators through a CAC membership.

2. General Committee Duties

Duties include but are not limited to the following:

2.1. Students:

- 2.1.1 Information resource: Scholarships, membership, seminars, workshops, training;
- 2.1.2 Membership recruitment;
- 2.1.3 Recruitment of podium and poster presentations;
- 2.1.4 Internship and volunteer programs; and
- 2.1.5 Employment opportunities.

2.2. Universities

- 2.2.1 Contact and coordinate with the Program Director and/or Scholarship Coordinator assigned to each academic program;
- 2.2.2 Contact and coordination with forensic science student organizations;
- 2.2.3 Serve as a liaison to encourage collaborative research between academic forensic scientists and practitioners;
- 2.2.4 Encourage faculty presentations at a CAC Seminar;
- 2.2.5 Encourage faculty to participate service activities to the CAC; and
- 2.2.6 Promote universities to host an educational, training, or outreach program with the CAC.

2.3. Endowment Committee

- 2.3.1 Screens scholarship candidates prior to funding approval (following board approval of funding to the university but prior to the university disbursing the scholarship funds to the students).
- 2.3.2 Timeline for A. Reed and Virginia McLaughlin Endowment McLaughlin Endowment Scholarship Funding Application Process:



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- Applications submitted to Endowment Committee Chair (deadline March)
- Approval of applications by CAC Board of Directors (CAC Spring Seminar)
- Disbursement of scholarship funding to university by CAC Treasurer (July)
- Scholarship check is deposited with the Center for Financial Aid and Scholarships (upon receipt)
- Advertising/application period for students to apply for this scholarship (February)
- Review/Selection period by Scholarship Committee (March)
- Review by University Scholarship Office to confirm GPA and enrollment criteria are met (March)
- Review by CAC Education Committee members Tamar Powell (Northern CA liaison) and Ivette Ruvalcaba (Southern CA liaison) (March)
- Disbursement of funding is either by check (in the case of students without Financial Aid Packages) or is deposited directly to a student's Financial Aid Account. All disbursement is handled by the Center for Financial Aid and Scholarships (March)

3. Duties of the Chairperson

- 3.1. The chair will prepare reports as necessary to the CAC Board of Directors; and
- 3.2. Communicating with the Endowment Chair regarding approved scholarships.

4. Committee Members

- 4.1. Education Committee Members - no defined term; and
- 4.2. Education Committee Members may attend CAC Board meetings.

4.3. Northern Education Liaison:

Tamar Powell (SFPD) tamar.powell@sfgov.org

Area responsibilities:

- Sacramento State University
- University of California, Davis

4.4. Southern Education Liaison

Ivette Ruvalcaba (KRCL) iruvalcaba@kernda.org

Area responsibilities:

- California State University, Los Angeles
- San Jose State University