



## **Presidents Message**

Welcome to the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences. We at NEACJS are dedicated to the advancement of Criminal Justice as a science, a profession and as an educational discipline. We believe that we have a responsibility and a voice in establishing and executing the policies associated with our discipline. Criminal Justice is dynamic and requires constant involvement by those of us who hold positions within our respective organizations that allow us to drive policy decisions in a positive direction. NE ACJS is fortunate to have many dedicated and hard-working members who are in large part responsible for many of the advances that have taken place and will continue to take place in the discipline.

This year, as in past years, we held a very successful conference at Roger Williams University, our gracious host for many years. The topic this year was "*10 Years Out: The Lingering Effect of September 11, 2001 on Criminal Justice*". The conference was attended by more than 120 members and guests. Our Keynote Speaker, Mr. Jack Thomas Tomarchio, former Undersecretary for Intelligence and Analysis Operations, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, started us off with a powerful briefing on the world of counterterrorism post bin Laden. Our Luncheon Speaker, Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing, Bernard K. Melekian provided us with the most up to date information from Washington DC regarding the effect of the economy on policing America in a post-9/11 world. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our annual conference from the bottom of my heart. As program chair I truly appreciated your efforts.

This year's conference saw the highest level of student participation in recent memory. We were very fortunate to have twenty-three student presenters supported by their faculty and schools able to display the results of their research. NEACJS has increased its contribution to supporting students through research paper writing contests, scholarships and various other methods of advancing student scholarship. We have pledged to continue this effort.

In our Executive Board meeting at the end of this year's conference a consensus was formed to openly support our faculty and professional members in their effort to secure academic development funding. In a tough economy tough decisions must be made on where to spend very limited resources. Reducing the support for faculty and criminal justice practitioners that would allow them to attend high-quality conferences on the national, regional and state levels is tantamount to eating the seed corn when famine is imminent. Criminal Justice is a discipline that changes constantly. We must refresh and renew our understanding of what is material to our profession. It is our hope that we may be of some service in assisting those who feel they are not supported by their institutions or agencies.

If you are not a member of our wonderful organization and you are from our area please consider joining NEACJS. If you are already considering joining our group please contact any member or me personally so that we may assist you with the process.

Respectfully

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