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Dear Brethren,

It is assuredly a great honor for us to have been selected as co-editors of the official journal of SWACJ, and it is our hope that we will serve the journal and our membership well. We would like to thank the former editor, Jon Sorensen of Prairie View A&M University, for stepping up to the plate for Volume 2 of the journal. Jon continued to advance the journal's prestige, which we hope to carry on over the next three years. We would also like to thank the associate editors and those individuals who served as peer-reviewers over the past year. Your commitment to the journal is greatly appreciated, and we hope that it will continue to grow stronger in the coming years.

To that end, it is our intent to enhance the prestige of the journal by ensuring the quality of the manuscripts received and, through the peer-review process, select only high-quality articles for publication. We also plan to enhance the visual lay-out of the journal, adopt an "Editor's Selection" under the book reviews, and move toward publishing some printed editions of the journal. It is also our goal to move into a publication cycle where the Spring issue is published prior to the annual meeting of ACJS, and the Fall issue is published prior to the annual meeting of the SWACJ. We expect to make additional enhancements in the future, but as this is a transition issue, some of these will have to wait for now.

Although Jon stepped down as the editor of the journal at the business meeting in Oklahoma City, his work and dedication to the journal did not end there. He continued to work on the next issue of the journal by managing the peer-review process, and he assisted us in the transition of editors. Jon then, is largely responsible for the articles found in this issue; all we really had to do was the final copy-editing/production process, along with the two book reviews, one being part of the new feature for the journal, the "Editor's Selection." Again, our thanks to Jon for his assistance in this issue.

The other person that we have brought on board, to help manage the details of publishing a journal, is a Sam Houston State University Doctoral student, Sam Swindell, who is being graciously supported by the College of Criminal Justice. Sam will handle the administrative aspects of the journal, allowing us to focus on the substantive aspects of the peer-review process.

If you have any comments or suggestions about the direction of the journal or if you would like to submit a manuscript or book review, please do not hesitate to contact us at the central e-mail address for the journal [swjcyj@shsu.edu](mailto:swjcyj@shsu.edu). We look forward to working with you.

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