ACCCJ AGM and Award Ceremony Program
Meeting Minutes

ASC, San Francisco
November 13th (Wednesday)

1. President Hong Lu made a short opening speech to welcome all AGM participants
2. Board Directors report
   a. Hong Lu (President)
      In the president's report, she touched on her goals; (a) to provide opportunities for members, and (b) to enhance ACCCJ reputation and impact. She further reported on the program initiatives in her tenure as president. This included fundraising and funded awards, a mentorship scheme, a leadership forum, a research bulletin, the database program and a student affairs committee.

      She discussed the managerial aspect of being president – collectively with the Board, she has established a routinized monthly board meeting, a board shared drive for motions and feedback, formalized routine work such as archiving, awards, election and fundraising; moreover, the creation of a student office manager position that aims at an enhanced involvement of students with our association, and fostering interactions and mentorship. Additionally, she emphasized the importance of the Board of Advisors, the formation of ad hoc committees, and reaching out to individual members for assistance.

   b. Hua Zhong (President Elect)
      The president-elect reported on ACCCJ summer activities, which included 2024 Research Forum of Crime Prevention, 2024 Research Forum on Crime Prevention and Social Governance in the Digital Era, International Research Forum on Quantitative Studies of Law, Research Forum on "Technology Era: Crime Governance and Dispute Resolution Seminar", Research Forum on "Crime and Punishment in Common Law Countries - Lessons and Experiences" and Panel of Sociology of Crime and Deviance, 2024 Annual Meeting of Chinese Sociological Association, Harbin, Heilongjiang.

      She organized and submitted four Panels to ASC 2024 on behalf of ACCCJ with two Roundtables, one Leadership Forum, AGM and Award Ceremony, ACCCJ AGM Dinner, ACCCJ Mentorship Luncheon Meeting and ACCCJ Joint Board Meeting to ASC 2024 on behalf of ACCCJ.

c. Chenghui Zhang (Treasurer)

The treasurer provided a financial report. She updated the membership numbers, which increased from 107 to 132, with 66 Lifetime Members and 30 Student Members. Furthermore, she reported a net loss balance of $1,800 and the acceptance of IRS Tax Filing.

d. Eddie Wei (social media)

Eddie Wei, the social media handler, reported the creation of a X (Twitter) account on December 3, 2022, with 165 tweets posted since January 2023. By the end of October 2024, the account had gained 88 followers. Most tweets received around 100 views but garnered fewer than 5 likes and retweets. To improve engagement, there is a need to establish a stronger presence on X. Additionally, YouTube channel has been revived, featuring new videos to further enhance our online presence.

e. Sishi Wu (website and newsletter)

Sishi Wu, responsible for the website, reported several updates regarding the website, with a website maintenance workflow, written instructions for the current and future admin team and regular updating. In addition, she reported the website featured the ACCCJ Research Bulletin and the Young Scholar Workshop.

Moreover, Sishi Wu reported on the information about ACCCJ Newsletter on behalf of the newsletter team led by Dr. Hongming Chen. She mentioned that the ACCCJ Newsletter consists of two issues each year. The spring issue is released after ACJS, around late June, while the winter issue is released after ASC, around late December. To gather information for the newsletter, she solicits input through Qualtrics surveys, with the spring survey conducted around May and the winter survey conducted around late November. The compiled information is then organized into the ACCCJ Newsletter template, which is circulated through the ACCCJ group email.

3. Election
   a. Election process and results - Vincent Cheng
   The candidates for the election were Enshen Li from City University of Hong Kong, Yan Zhang from Sam Houston State University, Xingting Wang from Ball State University, Shujing Shi from University of Cambridge and Siying Guo from Wayne State University.

A total of 44 responses were recorded, with 5 votes from non-eligible members. Ultimately, there were 39 valid votes cast, resulting in a 30.4% response rate. These results were endorsed by both the Election Committee and the Board of Directors.

According to the results, President Elect was Yan Zhang, who received 38 votes. Treasurer was Xingting Wang, who received 39 votes. Non-officer Board Directors included Enshen Li, who received 37 votes, Shujing Shi, who received 33 votes and Siying Guo, who received 32 votes.

  b. The five newly elected board members made short speeches to appreciate the support they received.

4. Award Director's opening speech – Ming-Li Hsieh
  a. Awards and awards policy – Ming-Li Hsieh
    The ACCCJ Awards consist of 7 prestigious accolades, including the Shanhe Jiang Outstanding Student Paper Award, Student Travel Award, President's Service Award, Hong Lu Outstanding Student Service Award, Ivan Sun Young Scholar Outstanding Research Award, Steven F. Messner Outstanding Book Award, and ACCCJ Outstanding Paper Award. These awards, 4 of which fall under Naming Rights, acknowledge excellence and outstanding contributions within the ACCCJ community.

    The award policy encompasses several key steps, including the initiation of new award rules and the editing of prior award rules. These rules undergo board discussion and approval before being sent to the donor or award chair for further editing. If feedback is received, the board engages in another round of discussion and approval. Once the results are determined, they are communicated to the donor or award chair. Finally, the "Call for Nomination" is distributed to solicit nominations for the respective awards.

    The award guidelines were drafted by the Ad Hoc Committee (i.e., Shun-Yung Kevin Wang, Chi Mei Jessica Li, Ming-Li Hsieh) and approved by the Board on 4/16/24.

5. Award presentations (Photos can be found on the ACCCJ website)
  a. President's Service Award - Ming-Li Hsieh
  b. Steven F. Messner Outstanding Book Award - Lening Zhang
  c. Shanhe Jiang Outstanding Student Paper Award - Spencer Li
  d. ACCCJ Outstanding Paper Award - Shanhe Jiang
    ● Wan Huang, East China University of Science and Technology
    ● Xiaojin Chen, Tulane University

- Yuning Wu, Wayne State University
  e. Ivan Sun Young Scholar Outstanding Research Award - Shun-Yung Kevin Wang
     - Kai Lin, University of Technology Sydney
  f. Hong Lu Outstanding Student Service Award - Spencer Li
     - Shujing Shi, University of Cambridge
     - Xinyi Situ, University of Maryland
  g. Student Travel Award - Yan Zhang
     - Chia-Hung Lin, Sam Houston State University
     - Kehui Wu, University of Macau
     - Shujing Shi, University of Cambridge
  h. President Commendation Award - Hong Lu
     - Jianhong Liu - University of Macau

6. Celebration
   a. Birthday Celebration
      - Prof. Liu, Jianhong
      - Prof. Zhao, Jihong (Solomon)
   b. Retirement Celebration
      - Dr. Bill Hebenton

7. Group photo taken (then most participants joined the ACCCJ dinner gathering afterwards)