**Oklahoma Criminal Justice Association**

**Annual Conference**

**April 8, 2016**

**University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma**

**Business Meeting Minutes – Nigh University Center, Constitution Hall**

Secretary/Treasurer: Burle Steelman

Meeting called to order by OCJA President Dr. Rashi Shukla

Treasurer’s report completed by Professor Burle Steelman

Minutes from April, 2015 were approved.

Officer Elections – Secretary/Treasurer for OCJA 2017: nomination for Burle Steelman from the University of Central Oklahoma. A vote of OCJA members unanimously elected Burle Steelman as Secretary/Treasurer. President Elect: Dr. Mizell was nominated for OCJA President Elect for 2018 OCJA Conference, no other nominations occurred. Dr. Mizell was unanimously elected as President Elect.

Theme for 2017: Conference participants suggested the following themes: Human Trafficking, Technological Challenges in Criminal Justice, Domestic Violence, Interpersonal Violence, and Emerging Trends in Criminal Justice. A motion was made to approve Emerging Trends in Criminal Justice as the theme. Emerging Trends in Criminal Justice was unanimously voted chosen as the theme for next year’s conference.

New Business – President Dr. Rashi Shukla brought up the issue of the OCJA logo. Cameron University has access to the original logo which was chosen through a student competition. A motion was made to hold a contest to choose a new, updated OCJA logo. The motion was unanimously approved and a contest will be held in 2016-2017 to design a new logo.

President Dr. Rashi Shukla also brought up the technological access of the ocja.weebly.com website and the Gmail account ocjaac@gmail.com. Professor Burle Steelman made a motion to approve the weebly account, Dr. Don Mizell seconded and the weebly account was unanimously voted to continue for 2016-2017. Dr. Rashi Shukla made the motion to continue use of the gmail account for the 2016-2017 year, Dr. Don Mizell seconded, and the account was unanimously approved for use in 2016-2017.

Treasurer Burle Steelman brought up the issue of the inconvenience of the bank location and that a subsequent treasurer/secretary may choose to move the bank location. Dr. Jaime Burns suggested tabling the discussion to the next year; Dr. Sid Brown advised that the association ensure the continuation of financial records be made available to avoid financial issues in the future. Dr. Langely moved that it be tabled, Dr. Jaime Burns second, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Rashi Shukla discussed the possibility of a pre-registration discount for early registrants. Dr. Mizell suggested a $5.00 deduction in conference registration fees for pre-registrants. Dr. Shukla made a motion to approve the issue, Dr. Mizell seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Langley mentioned that representation from other universities at the business meeting was low and the association should endeavor to build upon the integration of other universities. He suggested having a meeting to figure out how to get students and other universities more involved. He asked that other OCJA members contact him with suggestion to further develop the conference and possibly host a luncheon too. A guest suggested contacting the DA Council to collaborate on the CLEET training offered each year.

President Elect Dr. Rashi Shukla thanked everyone for coming and moved to close the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Langley and the motion was unanimously approved.