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Dear members,

I am pleased to report that our new Division has gone from crawling to walking to running during our first year and a half, thanks in large part to an excellent Executive Board and many of you who have volunteered to chair or serve on our committees.

This Newsletter is loaded with information about a variety of topics, including actions needed on your part in five areas:

First, as the Executive Board's two-year term expires this year, please submit nominations for Executive Board positions.

Second, we have expanded the number of awards from 3 to 5 this year (adding "Outstanding Book in Policing" and "Outstanding Law Enforcement Practitioner" awards), so please submit nominations for these five awards.

Third, we are seeking information about your areas of policing expertise so please share that with us so we can continue to pursue ways of facilitating dialogue among academics, policymakers, practitioners, and journal editors.

Fourth, please don't forget

From the Chair



to renew your membership in the Division of Policing (only \$15 annually and \$5 for students) so the Division can remain strong.

Fifth, please mark your schedule and attend our second annual reception in New Orleans where you can meet others with similar interests and honor the new awardees (more info coming soon). Details about each of these five actions are contained in this issue, thanks to Professor Cody Telep.

At the core of this Newsletter is a report by Professor William Terrill, who chairs our Journals Committee, a group whose goal was to explore ways to improve the status of policing journals and consider the option of adding a Division of Policing journal. I am confident that you will find this piece educational, as the editors and Journal

Committee describe the existing policing journals, including how they are similar and unique.

We have made a concerted outreach effort to increase the size and diversity of the Division's membership. In the near future, I expect that the Division of Policing will become the largest division within the American Society of Criminology.

We continue to pursue our mission of advancing theory, knowledge and practice in policing by facilitating a dialogue and building partnerships among policing scholars, practitioners, policy makers, community leaders, and students of policing around the world.

The current crisis of legitimacy in American policing has propelled policing issues to the front page of nearly every media outlet, so we have an unprecedented historical opportunity to make dramatic advances in both knowledge and practice. We look forward to a continued collaboration with you to making this happen.

Best,

Dennis

Dennis P. Rosenbaum, Ph.D.
Chair, Division of Policing

Call for Nominations: Division Awards

The Division of Policing is accepting nominations for its 2016 awards to be given at the ASC annual meeting in November. This year, the Division will be giving the same three awards as last year, in addition to two new awards.

Nominations can be sent to Cody Telep at ascpolicing@gmail.com until **August 31, 2016**. All nominations must include a letter of nomination (can be signed by multiple individuals) and the nominee's CV/resume (with contact information). Additional required award-specific information is included below. Current members of the ASC Division of Policing Executive Board and members of the Awards Committee are ineligible to receive awards while serving on the Board or the Awards Committee:

- ◆ **Early Career Award.** The Early Career Award recognizes outstanding scholarly contributions to the field of policing by someone who has received his or her Ph.D. degree within the last five years.
- ◆ **Distinguished Scholar Award.** The Distinguished Scholar Award recognizes an established academic/researcher who has held a Ph.D. degree for at least ten years and considered to be mid-career. The outstanding contributions to the field of policing may consist of a single outstanding book or work, a series of theoretical or research contributions, or the recipient's accumulated scholarly contributions.
- ◆ **Lifetime Achievement Award.** This award recognizes lifetime scholarly achievement in the field of policing. The award is not given for any single research project or study, but for a body of research developed over one's career.
- ◆ **Outstanding Book in Policing Award.** This award recognizes a monograph (not a textbook, anthology or edited volume) published in the three calendar years preceding this year (e.g. for the 2016 award, the book must have been published in 2013, 2014 or 2015). To nominate a book, please send the title of the book, authors, publisher, year of publication and a brief discussion of the reasons for the recommendation that includes the major contributions the book makes to the field of policing, the specific areas to which it contributes and its status relative to other works in policing. A single letter of nomination (can be signed by multiple nominators) is preferred.
- ◆ **Outstanding Law Enforcement Practitioner Award.** The award recognizes a law enforcement practitioner who has played an integral role in advancing the field of law enforcement and public safety in innovative ways. This may have been accomplished through a number of methods including but not limited to the following:
 - ◇ A sustained period of leadership
 - ◇ Evidence of producing organizational change
 - ◇ Evidence of leading initiatives that have produced reductions in crime
 - ◇ Development of partnerships to enhance public safety
 - ◇ Increasing community participation in public safety
 - ◇ Collaborative roles with research that have led to significant changes in law
 - ◇ Implementing major new programs or policies

Nominees must be or have been a member of a law enforcement agency, either as a sworn officer or civilian employee; must have had a leadership position in their agency and been responsible for the introduction of a new policy, practice, collaboration or initiative; and must demonstrate efforts to promote fair and effective policing. Nominators are encouraged to send external documentation if available (e.g., reports, newspaper articles).



Scott Decker

Awards
Committee
Chair



Cody Telep

Secretary-
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More info:

Visit
ascpolicing.org
Click "Awards"

Call for Nominations: Executive Board

The Division of Policing is currently seeking nominations for all Executive Board positions. The next Executive Board will be elected in September and will serve a two year term beginning at the ASC Annual Meeting.

Please send nominations with a paragraph explaining the candidate's qualifications to Cody Telep at ascpolicing@gmail.com by August 31, 2016. Self-nominations are welcome. Please make clear what position you are nominating for. Elections will be held during the month of September. Only paid Division members are eligible to serve on the board and to vote in the election.

Position descriptions are included below:

CHAIR:
The Chair will provide executive direction for the Division and will preside over Division meetings. He or she will serve as liaison with the ASC Annual Meeting Program to ensure the inclusion of panels relating to issues on policing in the program as well as bring issues regarding policing research, as decided by the Division, to the attention of the ASC Executive Board and to appropriate ASC committees for their consideration. The Chair will appoint all committees and committee chairs, with the approval of the Executive Board.

VICE CHAIR:
The Vice-Chair will preside over Division meetings in the absence of the Chair and shall be empowered to conduct all necessary business of the Division if the office of Chair is vacant or if the Chair is unable to serve. The Vice-Chair will assist the Chair in matters of the Division.

SECRETARY-TREASURER:
The Secretary/Treasurer will keep the records and minutes of the Division; manage the membership list for the division, including the email/contact system for members; act as liaison between the division and the Treasurer of ASC; inform the executive board of the Division's balance, debts, credits, etc. and the membership of same at the Division's Annual Membership Meeting; coordinate all purchases for the division, including, for example, awards, annual meeting supplies and receptions, etc. and maintain the website for the Division.

EXECUTIVE COUNSELORS:
(3 positions)
Executive Counselors will assist the Chair with executive decisions for the Division, and each will chair at least one committee of the Division.

Left: Members of the Executive Board with inaugural award winners



Complete the Members' Expertise Form

The Executive Committee of the Division of Policing is interested in your areas of subject matter expertise. Law enforcement agencies, funding entities, the media, journal editors, and policy leaders often ask us if they could be connected to

members with specific areas of knowledge in policing. Knowing your expertise will allow us to connect more of our members to these opportunities when they arise.

To facilitate this, we ask for your help in filling out a very short form

that will take less than a couple minutes to complete. Thank you for your time and assistance.

Click [HERE](#) to complete the form or visit <http://goo.gl/lypeBE>

Journals Committee Updates



By William Terrill, Executive Counselor & Journals Committee Chair

I am pleased to offer an update regarding the activities of the Division of Policing (DOP) Journals Committee during the past year. The committee, comprised of 15 division member volunteers, has had several teleconference meetings along with countless email and telephone exchanges in an attempt to discern our mission as charged by the DOP Executive Committee: "To improve the status of existing policing journals and discuss the creation of a new journal for the Division."

We began last spring by identifying seven current policing related journals and having committee members rank order them according to their perceptions regarding "status" resulting in the following:

1. *Police Quarterly*
2. *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management*
3. *Policing & Society: An International Journal of Research and Policy*
4. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*
5. *Police Practice and Research*
6. *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology*
7. *International Journal of Police Science & Management*

We then discussed these journals within the context of peer-review

journals more broadly, coming to a consensus that, while several of these journals are academically rigorous, we do not have a "top-tier" policing journal *per se*. The committee also felt that the best policing manuscripts tend to initially go to top-tier non-policing specific journals with higher impact factor scores.

The difficult question thus becomes how might we improve the status of policing research as reflected in the specialty journals? To this end, we subsequently discussed several potential recommendations including:

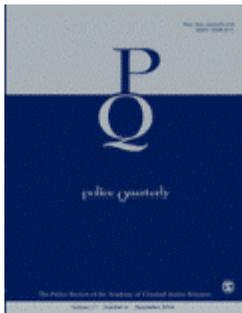
- ◆ Encourage the DOP to select an existing policing journal, or create a new journal, as the "official" DOP journal (and thus ASC affiliated);
- ◆ Encourage the DOP to "endorse or sponsor" one or more of the existing journals;
- ◆ Encourage the DOP to select an existing policing journal, or create a new journal, that centers on publishing funded research;
- ◆ Encourage DOP members to improve their quality of reviews so potential authors get better feedback to enhance their work. In a related vein, another suggestion was to create a centralized/integrated "police reviewer" database that would be used by all of the policing editors;
- ◆ Encourage more established police scholars to submit their best work initially to a policing journal;
- ◆ Encourage existing policing journal publishers and editors to better "delineate" the focus of their journal to provide more clarity with respect to goals, aims, and scope, so as to allow perspective researchers more clear cut routes for manuscript placement.

After debating these various suggestions, we felt the best course of action in the short term would be to investigate the possibility of the last suggestion first, as a preliminary inquiry revealed that most of the journal descriptions are broad in nature and it is difficult to discern differences between journals. Perhaps there are more substantial distinctions between the journals than the official descriptions imply. Alternatively, perhaps there is little to no difference between some of the journals, thereby flooding the market and watering down quality. In fact, both Sage and Taylor & Francis each have two policing journals.

Given the current landscape, we decided to reach out to several editors to better learn about their experiences overseeing policing journals to determine if we could learn something that would help us to more clearly grasp the nature of our mission.

What follows (pp. 5-7) is the official description of the four journals ranked highest by the Journal Committee, followed by additional insight offered by the editors based on one-on-one meetings at last year's ASC conference in Washington DC, as well as numerous follow-up phone calls and emails with the editors.

Police Quarterly (PQ)



Official Description

Police Quarterly (PQ), peer-reviewed and published quarterly, is a scholarly journal that

publishes theoretical contributions, empirical studies, essays, comparative analyses, critiques, innovative program descriptions, debates, and book reviews on issues related to policing. The only such journal published in North America, *PQ* seeks to publish both qualitative and quantitative police-related research that emphasizes policy-oriented research of interest to both

practitioners and academics.

The journal is published by Sage with Professor John Worrall (University of Texas at Dallas) serving as the editor. The journal's most recent impact factor is 1.158.

Additional Insight Offered by Editor Worrall

Focus: Since taking over in 2008, Editor Worrall has focused on policy related/oriented empirical research. He feels it is important for an editor to chart his/her own course, and he gets excited when he receives a manuscript in an area that is not overly studied (see his 2009 editorial piece for further). *PQ* publishes review essays and thought pieces from time-to-time (particularly those

with good cite potential), but this is fairly rare. Editor Worrall is open to publishing qualitative pieces, but he mainly receives quantitative manuscripts. Purely descriptive articles are rarely published. He believes impact factors are important, but editors should not be obsessed with them. *PQ* also publishes special issues.

Manuscript Numbers: On average approximately 125-150 submissions per year; 4 issues per year with 4-5 articles per issue; 50% desk reject; 15% overall acceptance.

Overall View: Dr. Worrall believes the golden area of prominence policing once had on the broader criminal justice field may be behind us.

Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management



Official Description

Interdisciplinary and wide-ranging in scope, the journal covers the latest international developments on matters of policy,

practice, management, operations, education and training, science and technology. The journal provides readers with a truly global and comparative perspective on policing. Sections within the journal include refereed articles, reviews of recent research and 'state of the art' reviews on topical issues. This journal is for those concerned with achieving greater effectiveness in policing and law enforcement. The worldwide readership includes senior police officers and policy makers, plus

academics teaching and researching in this field.

The journal is published by Emerald with Professors Lorie Fridell and Wesley Jennings (University of South Florida) serving as co-editors. The journal's most recent impact factor is .725.

Additional Insight Offered by Editor Jennings

Focus: Editor Jennings notes they mainly seek empirically based manuscripts, although the journal considers theoretical contributions as well, but rarely receives them. He looks for conceptually rich manuscripts with a solid research design/method, and accepts both quantitative and qualitative pieces, although mainly receives/prefers the former. He also notes some concern

with the title of the journal in regard to everything after the colon: International Journal of Police Strategies & Management. The editors see the journal more of a general policing journal as opposed to one narrowly focused on just strategies and management.

Manuscript Numbers: On average receive approximately 140-150 submissions per year; 4 issues per year with 12-15 articles per issue, 50 days in review until initial editorial decision; 15-18% desk reject and 26-28% overall acceptance.

Overall View: Editor Jennings believes existing published research is respectable and solid, but the quality and empirical rigor could be strengthened.

Policing and Society: An International Journal of Research and Policy



Official Description: *Policing & Society* is widely acknowledged as the leading international academic journal specializing in the study of policing institutions and their practices. It is

concerned with all aspects of how policing articulates and animates the social contexts in which it is located. This includes: Social scientific investigations of police policy and activity; Legal and political analyses of police powers and governance; Management oriented research on aspects of police organization. Space is also devoted to the relationship between what the police do and the policing decisions and functions of communities, private sector organizations and other state agencies. As such, the journal is of vital interest to academics involved in the scholarly study of all of the varied facets of contemporary policing, as well as police and other practitioners involved in social regulation and control. *Policing & Society* is renowned for its genuinely international scope and has correspondents in most countries where there is a tradition of academic inquiry into all aspects of policing. The journal is committed to rigorous policy debate and the very highest standards of scholarship.

The journal is published by Taylor and Francis with Professor Jenny Fleming

(University of Southampton, UK) serving as the Editor-In-Chief, Professor Jennifer Wood (Temple University) serving as the North American Regional Editor, Professor Sebastian Rochè as the European editor, and Professor Tim Prenzler as the Asia Pacific editor. The journal's most recent impact factor is .569.

Additional Insight Offered by Editors Fleming and Wood

Focus: The editors are interested in manuscripts with big ideas, those that are innovative, offer something new, and even those that may be controversial. They also look for manuscripts that push boundaries, have a theoretical contribution, but also those with a rigorous methodology. Comparative research pieces are also widely considered. They use a regional editor system, with a strong international component. The purpose of the regional editor system is to build up the reviewer database to ensure a more qualified pool of reviewers with context expertise, methods expertise and theoretical sophistication. As much as possible, regional editors work to ensure that papers are reviewed by scholars from other jurisdictions or national contexts. This helps to focus authors on contributing to larger, global debates. In other words, the editors try to “cross-pollinate” reviews across countries to avoid papers that are overly colloquial and descriptive and to move away from authors “self-referencing” (i.e. referring other

scholars within their networks without acknowledging work done in other parts of the world). To date, most submissions come from United Kingdom, United States, and Australia. At times English writing/grammar can be an issue, especially for submissions from South America and part of Europe. The journal does special issues, but the editors are increasingly discerning in this area as it can be a challenge for special issue editors to secure top-notch contributions on a topic that can make a global contribution. Sometimes special issue submissions lack the theoretical and/or methodological sophistication to make a contribution. The journal also publishes “revisiting the classics” and book reviews.

Manuscript Numbers: In 2015 the journal received 269 submissions, up from 165 in 2014 (39% increase); beginning this year the journal will go to 8 issues per year, with 5-6 articles per issues; approximately 75 days in review until initial editorial decision; overall acceptance 56%.

Overall Views: As a whole, there are good contributions from the various policing journals and a smaller amount of very excellent contributions. Unfortunately, the various journals tend to function in silos, and there should be greater cross-journal dialogue and the development of a collective strategy for elevating the status of policing journals as a whole. Senior scholars need to play a key role in this conversation.

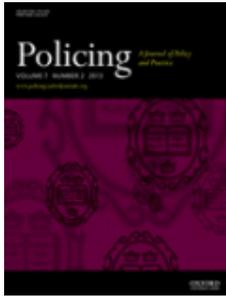
ASC 2016 Roundtable With Journal Editors

We invite all members to bring their journal questions to our special roundtable featuring policing journal editors at ASC 2016 in New Orleans.

Details will be posted at <http://www.ascpolicing.org/annual-meeting-events/> as soon as they are available.

The event is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 17 at 2:00pm (prior to the Division's awards ceremony and reception)

Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice



Official Description:

A leading policy and practice publication aimed at connecting law enforcement leaders, police researchers, analysts and policy makers, this peer-reviewed journal

will contain critical analysis and commentary on a wide range of topics including current law enforcement policies, police reform, political and legal developments, training and education, patrol and investigative operations, accountability, comparative police practices, and human and civil rights. The journal has an international readership and author base. It draws on examples of good practice from around the world and examines current academic research, assessing how that research can be applied both strategically and at ground level.

The journal is published by Oxford with Professor P.A.J. Waddington (University of Wolverhampton, UK) and Professor Peter Neyroud (Institute of Criminology, Cambridge University, UK) serving as the General Editors, and Professor Cynthia Lum (George Mason University) serving as the North American Editor.

Additional Insight Offered by Editor Lum

Focus: One of the main goals of the editors is to encourage readership by practitioners. The journal encourages and accepts empirical research and policy analysis, although it also publishes theoretical pieces, opinion pieces, and commentary where appropriate. The journal also publishes special issues, book reviews, and case studies. In the past the journal had a 4,000 word-limit to keep articles succinct and appealing to practice, but

has now extended its word limit to 6,000 words, so to encourage slightly longer research articles. However, the overall goal to be a resource and publication outlet for *both* practitioners and researchers remains its priority

Manuscript Numbers: On average receive 80 submissions per year; 4 issues per year with approximately 12 articles per issue; 15% desk reject, 48-50 overall acceptance.

Overall View: We need to attract more high-quality policing pieces to policing journals, but unfortunately are competing with *Justice Quarterly*, *Criminology & Public Policy*, *Criminology*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, etc. We are up against the norms of tenure and academic status that work against getting more of these pieces into the policing journals.

What Did We Learn?

There are some pronounced differences that one might not easily grasp based only on the official journal description. For example, some may be surprised that the editors of *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management* are not primarily oriented to manuscripts focused on "Strategies & Management." As well, since 2014, the new editors at *Policing and Society* are actively looking for manuscripts with "big ideas" and "innovation" and even those that are "controversial," while *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice* editors are indeed very committed to policy pieces focusing on the connection between science and practice.

Conversely, there are commonalities across the journals as well. For instance, empirical research is an important element for each of the outlets. Perhaps the most pressing commonality though is a fairly wide consensus from editors that there is much room for improvement and the belief that the policing journals lack status within the broader criminal justice field.

Such a state has essentially brought the committee full circle with respect to how we might improve the existing landscape. While the insight offered by the editors may allow potential authors to more effectively focus (or target) manuscripts to particular policing journals, we are not entirely sure how this might lead to improved quality and subsequently

enhanced prominence of policing research within the specialty journal framework. Hence, we call on our DOP members as a collective whole to weigh-in on this issue. At this year's ASC conference in New Orleans we will sponsor a special session (details coming soon) with several of the journal editors serving as panelists. This will be an opportunity for an open dialogue between editors and researchers. It will also provide a forum for the editors to simply communicate with one another in an official setting. In fact, several of the editors noted that more "cross-journal dialogue" would be beneficial. Prior to the conference, however, fellow DOP members should feel free to contact me (william.terrell@asu.edu) with your thoughts as to how best to move forward, if at all.

Division Committee News and Updates



Peter Neyroud

Awards Committee

Chair: Scott Decker

See page 2 for our call for nominations for the Division's five awards. Nominations are due **August 31, 2016**.

International Committee

Chair: Peter Neyroud

Look for more in our next issue on an international summer program for Ph.D. students interested in policing

Journals Committee

Chair: William Terrill

See updates from the Journals Committee on pages 4-7 and join us at ASC for a special roundtable with journal editors (see page 6)

National Data Collection Committee

Chair: Matthew Hickman

During the past year, the The National Data Collection Committee (NDCC) worked with staff from the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) to test out a process for our committee to review proposed data collections.

The NDCC completed review of a BJS body worn camera survey, which also included some items related to citizen's complaints about police use of force. BJS was appreciative of the input from the committee, and it appears

that many of the comments/suggestions were integrated into the final data collection instrument. That study is now in the field, so we are calling that a first successful venture for the committee.

We are now looking at hopefully being able to provide comment on the FBI's new efforts to collect data on police shootings. As we understand it, they are presently building consensus among the practitioner community but will be looking for input from others (including researchers), and are targeting 2017 for eventual data collection. It's very exciting to see some long overdue movement in that area!

Looking forward, an important issue for this committee is whether it should serve in these types of "technical assistance" roles, or move toward more of a data advocacy role. We encourage input from the broader Division membership about clarifying our role in the coming years.

Policy and Practice Outreach Committee

Chairs: Anthony Braga and Cynthia Lum

The Policy and Practice committee held a listening session at ASC with leading government, research, and

professional agencies and associations to hear about their research needs and learn more about how the Division can best advance policing policy and practice. Attendees included academics, representatives from professional organizations such as the Police Executive Research Forum and the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training, and top officials from the Department of Justice, including National Institute of Justice Director Nancy Rodriguez, Bureau of Justice Assistance Director Denise O'Donnell, and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Director Ronald Davis.

Additionally, the committee wants to learn about members' specific areas of expertise. Law enforcement agencies, funding entities, the media, journal editors, and policy leaders often ask us if they could be connected to members with specific areas of knowledge in policing. Knowing your expertise will allow us to connect more of our members to these opportunities when they arise. To facilitate this, the Policy and Practice Outreach Committee is asking for your help in filling out a short 2-minute survey. Visit <http://goo.gl/lypeBE> to complete the survey and see page 3 for more information.



Matt Hickman



Anthony Braga



Cynthia Lum

ASC 2015 Recap

The Division of Policing hosted its reception and first ever awards ceremony at the ASC Annual Meeting in Washington, DC on November 19, 2015. See photos of our inaugural award winners below.

Thanks to our many members who attended. We have been promised a larger room in New Orleans! Thanks also to Ronald

Davis, Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services and Nancy Rodriguez, Director of the National Institute of Justice, who provided opening remarks at the event and welcomed our members on behalf of the Department of Justice.

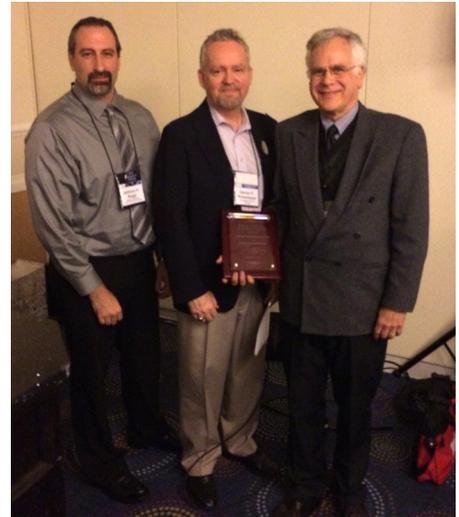
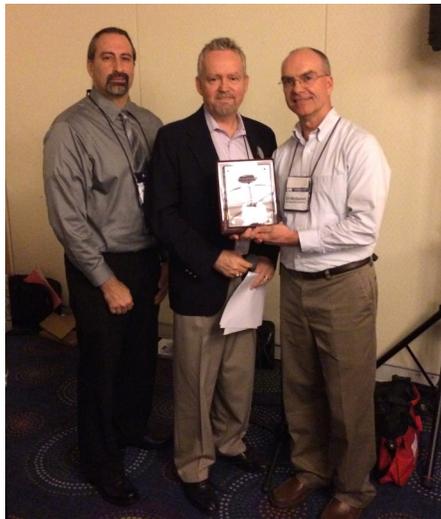
See more on our ASC 2015 events and plans for 2016 at: <http://www.ascpolicing.org/annual-meeting-events/>



Ronald Davis



Nancy Rodriguez



The Division's inaugural award winners with Chair Dennis Rosenbaum and Vice Chair Anthony Braga. From left: Tal Jonathan-Zamir, Early Career Award; Edmund McGarrell, Distinguished Scholar Award; Stephen Mastrofski, Lifetime Achievement Award

Join us for ASC 2016!

We look forward to seeing many of our members at the ASC Annual Meeting in New Orleans in November. The Division will once again be holding a reception and awards ceremony.

This year we will be honoring five awardees (see the call for

nominations on page 2) and please get your nominations in by August 31, 2016.

Details will be posted to <http://www.ascpolicing.org/annual-meeting-events/> as soon as they are available, but our reception is tentatively scheduled for Thursday,

November 17 at 3:30pm.

Also look for details coming soon on a special members social event following our reception. We will also host a special roundtable with journal editors prior to the reception. More details coming soon (see page 6).

Look for much more information on our ASC plans online soon and in the next issue of our newsletter, which will be released just prior to the conference.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016 TODAY!

If you haven't already, be sure to renew your Division of Policing membership for 2016. We also welcome new members joining us for the first time this year! Dues are only \$15 annually and just \$5 a year for students. You can renew on the same membership form you use to renew your ASC membership. Remember, only paid members will be eligible to participate in our Executive Board elections in the fall. Thank you so much for your support of the Division of Policing!

Visit www.ascpolicing.org/membership for more information.



DIVISION OF POLICING REMINDERS

- ◆ Submit your nominations for Division awards by August 31 (see page 2)
- ◆ Submit your nominations for Executive Board members by August 31 (see page 3)
- ◆ Complete the members' expertise form (see page 3)
- ◆ Join us in New Orleans for our journal editor roundtable and our awards ceremony and reception (see page 6 and page 9, details coming soon)
- ◆ Join or renew your 2016 membership today!