

**Division of Terrorism and Bias Crime
Spring Report
March 16, 2018**

The DTBC was created in 2015 and it has a current membership of 96 and a current balance of \$5,500.

Our current DTBC Board is composed of the following members:

Joshua D. Freilich, Chair
Steven M. Chermak, Vice Chair
Sue-Ming Yang, Secretary/Treasurer
Laura Dugan, Executive Counselor
Nancy Morris, Executive Counselor
Jeff Gruenewald, Executive Counselor
Gary LaFree, Immediate Past Chair (& Founder)
William S. Parkin, Social Media/Web Manager
Brent Klein, Student Member

In February 2018 we scheduled a conference call with these main agenda items:

1. To move forward on the proposal to formalize the change in our elections so that we have staggered representation on the Executive Committee by electing a new Chair, Vice Chair and one Executive Committee member one year and electing a Secretary-Treasurer and two other Executive Committee members the following year. Laura Dugan is chairing a subcommittee to address this issue.
2. Following up on a decision made at our annual Board, and also Membership meetings at the ASC conference in Philadelphia, we have created a new Student Paper Award that will recognize the top two student authored studies. The first place paper will receive a \$500 award, and a Plaque, while the second place paper will receive \$250 and a plaque. The awards will be presented at the annual ASC Division meeting. Steven Chermak is Chairing the sub-committee that will manage the submission process, and select the winners.
3. Selecting the DTBC's Outstanding Scholar Award. Last year, this subcommittee was chaired by Joshua Freilich and it selected Brent L. Smith as the 2017 DTBC's inaugural Outstanding Scholar. Brent received a plaque and gave a short address during the Division meeting in Philadelphia. This year's award application and selection process will be managed by a sub-Committee chaired by Laura Dugan. The award will be presented at the annual ASC Division meeting and the winner will receive a plaque and will again make a short address.
4. Preparation for the election of new DTBC members for next term for Treasurer/Secretary (to replace Sue-Ming Yang) and 2 Executive Counselors (to replace Laura Dugan & Jeff Gruenewald). We will develop a list of nominees & the elections will be held over the summer

and will be monitored by Sue-Ming Yang & Jeff Gruenwald. William Parkin will assist them by developing the web site to be used for the elections.

5. Reach out to other professional associations to collaborate; and continuing to grow our membership. Carla Lewandowski is chairing our Outreach committee

6. Fundraise, and possibly endow our student awards. Nancy Morris is chairing our Fundraising committee.

7. Crafting a Division History & Narrative. LaFree, Freilich & Yang will work on this.

8. William Parkin & Jeff Gruenewald are working on devising guidelines for our Division's social media activities in terms of circulating relevant information, highlighting members' activities, and promoting interactions among our members.

9. Planning for the 2018 DTBC Division meeting in Atlanta is well under way with Sue-Ming Yang playing a lead role.