

Council of Past Presidents

Chair - Shaun Klucznik, MA, CJM, CCHP
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The Council of Past Presidents is established under Article IX of the American Jail Association By-Laws.

Under Section 9.01, past presidents of the Association who are members in good standing serve as members of the Council. The Council is chaired by the immediate past president, who serves a one-year term.

Under Section 9.02, the Council serves as an advisor to the President, the Board of Directors, and committees of the Board. Members of the Council may also be appointed to standing or special committees of the Board and, when appointed, have all the rights of committee members. The Council also provides members to serve on the Awards Committee of the Board.

Under Section 9.03, the Chair convenes the Council during the Association's annual meeting of members. Council members may attend meetings of the Board ex officio and without vote.

Council Purpose

The Council of Past Presidents provides institutional knowledge, continuity, and advisory support to the President, Board of Directors, and committees of the Board. The Council also supports the Association by identifying Past Presidents who are willing to serve on committees, including the Awards Committee, when needed.

Council Activities May Include:

- Providing advice and historical perspective to the President and Board of Directors.
- Supporting standing and special committees when appointed.
- Providing members to serve on the Awards Committee.
- Meeting during the annual conference as required by the By-Laws.
- Participating in informal Past President gatherings, such as the AJA President's Happy Hour, to maintain communication, mentorship, and engagement among past and current Association leaders.
- Identifying appropriate ways for Past Presidents to remain involved in AJA initiatives, training, governance, and member support.