

# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

## Executive Board Minutes November 14, 1987 Le Grand Hotel - Montreal, Quebec

### Members Present:

William Chambliss  
Terence P. Thornberry  
Charles Wellford  
Marvin Krohn  
J. Robert Lilly  
Phyllis Jo Baunach  
Douglas A. Smith

Joan McCord  
Carl Klockars  
Marc Riedel  
Nicole Rafter  
Julius Debro  
Neal Shover  
Don M. Gottfredson

### Guests Present:

Raymond Michalowski  
Clayton Hartjen  
Theodore Ferdinand

Margaret Zahn  
Chris Eskridge

## CRIMINOLOGY REPORT

Douglas Smith reported on the status of CRIMINOLOGY. He noted that under the current operation of the journal, the mean time for decisions on articles that have been reviewed is approximately 61 days. He also reported that the tentative contents for Volume 26:1, had been selected and that the full set of editorial advisors had been appointed. Dr. Smith noted that the journal had instituted a policy of gender-neutral language and was providing APA guidelines to all authors. He also noted that reviewers were receiving comments of other reviewers' recommendations after a decision had been made and that to date the journal had used 182 different reviewers. There was general discussion of the operation of the journal and members of the Board noted the improvement in procedures at this point.

## 1988 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Raymond Michalowski reported on the planning for the 1988 program and the call for papers distributed at the 1987 meetings. He indicated that there may be some problems with the facilities in the hotel; that he is working closely with hotel representatives. There was a general discussion of whether the Society should be more selective in its acceptance of papers for the meeting. It was noted that it was important that the program include the sessions in which there was extremely high quality control and also that the program should include as many as possible of the submissions of abstracts from members. In conjunction with next year's program, **it was moved by Don Gottfredson and seconded by Julius Debro that the Society should provide air travel for the Gene Carte winner to the meetings. This motion passed unanimously.**

## COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

There was general discussion of the difficulty of maintaining continuity between committees of ASC and of the lack of guidance for these committees. It was recommended that a one-page committee guidelines sheet be prepared. P. J. Baunach agreed to prepare this for the midwinter meeting. **It was moved by Nicole Rafter and seconded by Carl Klockars that chairs be required to report at the end of each year on the activities of their committees; that these reports be maintained in the national office and passed on to successor chairs. The motion passed unanimously.**

## NATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

Margaret Zahn reported on behalf of the National Policy Committee. It was decided that the report of the National Policy Committee would not be in the form of motions but would be presented as information for the Board. Dr. Zahn reported that the Policy Committee felt that it should be expanded to seven members and that they should be appointed for two-year staggered terms. She also noted that the Committee felt that it would be important, particularly at this upcoming midwinter meeting, for the chair of the Policy Committee to be present to report. **It was moved and seconded that the National Policy Chair be invited to attend the midwinter meeting. This passed unanimously. It was also moved by Don Gottfredson and seconded by Marc Riedel that the Executive Board encourages the National Policy Committee to participate in the 1988 program. This also passed unanimously.** It is anticipated at the midwinter meeting the Policy Committee will present a report to the Board detailing its recommendations for procedures for the Society to follow in reaching policy determinations.

## THE CRIMINOLOGIST NEWSLETTER

The Board noted that the motion passed at its previous meeting regarding policy gender neutral language in publications did apply to THE CRIMINOLOGIST. The Board also requested the Executive Secretary to prepare after each Board meeting a brief synopsis of the Board activities and to have that published in THE CRIMINOLOGIST.

## DIVISION ON INTERNATIONAL CRIMINOLOGY

Clayton Hartjen and Ted Ferdinand presented the report for the International Division. The Division reported that it vigorously supports the providing of journals to third-world institutions and organizations and that the Division will prepare guidelines for the midwinter meeting on this activity. It was reported that the Division plans to increase its dues by \$2.00 and to use the increased revenue to provide funds for a foreign scholar to attend the Annual Meeting. **It was moved by Ted Ferdinand and seconded by Marc Riedel that the Executive Board approve the \$2.00 dues increase in the International Division pending approval by the Division's membership. The motion passed unanimously.**

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee presented the recommended budget for the upcoming year. It was noted that the budget was balanced and that it included increases in revenues from journal subscriptions and meetings and that it also included a salary increase for Sarah Hall and other changes in line items. **It was moved by Julius Debro and seconded by Marvin Krohn that the salary increase for Sarah Hall be approved. This passed unanimously.** Bob Lilly and Charles Wellford were asked to explore the current functions and duties of Sarah Hall and to report back to the Board at the midwinter meeting with regard to any further merit adjustments in her salary. **The motion was then made to approve the full budget. It was seconded and passed unanimously.** It was also reported that the Finance Committee is considering the extent of the invested funds maintained by the Society and whether any of these should be used for special purposes.

## 1989 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Joan McCord distributed a list of tentative committee appointments for 1989 and invited comments from Board members. The list will be formally presented to the Board for its action at the midwinter meeting.

## ADVERTISING AND EXHIBITS

Chris Eskridge reported on behalf of Advertising and Exhibits. He noted that there were 18 booths at the current meeting and that 70 had advertised. The Board expressed its appreciation for the fine work that Chris has done in this area. **Julius Debro moved on behalf of Chris Eskridge that the rates for booths at the 1989 meeting be set at \$300.00 and that for individual book display the rate to be set for \$30.00. This was seconded by Charles Wellford and passed unanimously.** Eskridge also noted that at the 1988 meetings the plan was to close the exhibits on Friday night.

## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nominations Committee reported its recommendations for the offices of president, vice president, and executive counselor. After extensive discussion and debate the Board adopted the following slate of officers for the upcoming election: for President, Joan Petersilia and Terence Thornberry with Malcolm Klein as the alternate; for Vice-President, Rita Simon and Michael Gottfredson with Harold Pepinsky as the alternate; for Executive Counselor, Andre Normandeau, Meda Chesney-Lind, Coramae Richey Mann and M. Kay Harris with Robert Crutchfield and Marjorie Zatz as alternates.

## **EDITORIAL BOARD**

Marc Riedel reported on behalf of the Editorial Board. **It was moved that the first place Gene Carte student paper award be published in CRIMINOLOGY.** After discussion, this motion was withdrawn. **It was then moved that the editor of CRIMINOLOGY should invite the first place winner to submit their paper. This passed unanimously.** Riedel noted that there was discussion of creation of a book review section in the journal and of the value of providing for authors to be able to submit manuscripts on diskettes. It was decided that at this point the book review section would not be included in the journal and that the Committee would continue to study and make recommendations on how diskette submissions could be achieved.

## **SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The Site Selection Committee moved that a survey of membership be conducted on sites for future meetings and the degree to which hotel rates, air fare rates, proximity of meetings, etc. should be used in making a decision on site selection. **This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.** It was also moved that the current Site Selection Committee in reaching its recommendation for the 1991 site for our meetings should work closely with the 1991 Fiftieth Anniversary Committee that was created at the November 11 Board meeting.

## **CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS COMMITTEE**

Phyllis Jo Baunach reporting on behalf of the Constitution and By-laws Committee and the Women's Division moved that Section 4C and Section 4D of the Constitution of the Women's Division be changed in accordance with the results of their recent election. The membership overwhelmingly approved these changes. **The Board unanimously approved both changes. On behalf of the Constitution and By-laws Committee it was moved that the By-laws of the ASC Constitution be altered to provide that dues be paid by February 1 of each year rather than January 1.** This motion was defeated on a vote of one in favor, 12 against. **It was moved on behalf of the Constitution and By-laws Committee that Article 7 of the ASC Constition By-laws be amdned to provide that both the administrator and treasurer would be allowed to sign checks up to \$500.00. This motion passed 13-0.**

## **ASC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

It was announced that the work done by the Executive Secretary in preparing a first draft of ASC policies and procedures had been assigned for further action to the Constitution and By-laws Committee. They will report back to the Board at the midwinter meeting.

## NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE/JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Charles Wellford moved that the Board support the continued independence of the National Institute of Justice and also support increased funding for NIJ. It was also moved that the State Justice Institute should be encouraged to provide peer review for its funding decisions and that the Congress should give consideration to consolidating the various research institutes (e.g., SJI, NIJJDP) under the direction of the National Institute of Justice. This was unanimously approved by the Board and an ad hoc committee consisting of Charles Wellford as chair, Nicole Rafter, P. J. Baunach and Julius Debro was asked to be sure that ASC's position on these issues was made clear.

## RESOLUTIONS

At the Annual Business Meeting, three resolutions were passed by those in attendance. A resolution on hate-violence, a resolution on the death penalty and a resolution on Montreal Police Department. After considerable discussion, the Board voted to refer the resolution on hate-violence and the death penalty to the National Policy Committee for their recommendations at the midwinter meeting. On a vote of 8 - 3, the Board approved the resolution concerning the Montreal Police Department. The executive secretary was requested to have these resolutions and the appropriate explanation of Board action placed in an upcoming ~~CRIMINOLOGY~~ issue.

Motion was made to adjourn. Board adjourned its meeting at 2:25 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Charles F. Wellford  
Executive Secretary