



# THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

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## ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

November 14, 1981

Capital Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Members Present:

Harry E. Allen	Malcolm Klein	Victoria Swigert
William E. Amos	Donal E.J. MacNamara	Charles W. Thomas
Israel Barak-Glantz	Charles H. McCaghy	Austin Turk
Phyllis Jo Baunach	Harold E. Pepinsky	Marguerite Warren
Alvin W. Cohn	Barbara Raffel Price	Frank Williams
Chris Eskridge	Albert Reiss, Jr.	Margaret Zahn
Travis Hirschi	Frank Scarpitti	
Ronald Huff	Marilyn Slivka	

President Harry E. Allen called the Board meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. President Allen placed the name of Roland Chilton before the Board to serve as Executive Secretary of the Society, beginning a two year term of office with this meeting.

A motion was made by Charles Thomas and seconded by Barbara Raffel Price to approve the nomination of Roland Chilton to serve as Executive Secretary of the Society. Motion carried unanimously.

## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Margaret Zahn of the Nominations Committee reported the procedures the Committee followed in securing nominees for the 1982-83 election of officers. Letters were sent to all ASC members requesting nominees. Fifty responses were received with 100 names being submitted. The Committee's ranking procedure was three points to each president nomination; two points to each vice president nomination, and one point each to executive counselor nominations. The rankings were then distributed to members of the Committee. Considerations of the slate were geographic representation, prior service to the Society, male/female representation. The Committee's slate of nominees for the Board's consideration is as follows:

President-Elect: Albert Reiss, Jr. and Barbara Raffle Price  
Vice President-Elect: Charles Wellford and Austin Turk  
Executive Counselors: Joan Petersilia, Ronald Huff, James Inciardi, and Gordon Waldo

A motion was made by Harold E. Pepinsky and seconded by Charles W. Thomas to move the acceptance of the Nominations Committee slate of candidates for the 1982-83 election. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Harold E. Pepinsky and seconded by Charles W. Thomas to accept the nominations of Albert Reiss, Jr. and Barbara Raffel Price for the office of president-elect. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Charles Thomas and seconded by Harold E. Pepinsky to accept the nominations of Charles Wellford and Austin Turk for the office of vice president-elect. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Harold E. Pepinsky and seconded by Charles Thomas to accept the nominations of Joan Petersilia, Ronald Huff, James Inciardi, and Gordon Waldo for the office of executive counselor, serving a three year term of office. Motion carried unanimously.

President Allen suggested that the incoming president consider selecting his Nominations Committee prior to the Annual Meeting so that the Committee has an opportunity to meet once and select their chair and facilitate their duty in preparing the proposed slate of candidates.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ronald Huff, Chair of the Finance Committee, distributed copies of the proposed 1982-83 budget for the Board's consideration. Huff noted that in the preparation of the budget the Committee looked at the previous three years' budget projections. The Committee has projected a deficit of \$7,750.00 for next year's budget which Huff noted was worth commenting on. With the purchase of the Digital word processor and printer this year came a maintenance contract of \$1800 per year. The Society is now securing four rooms at the university, but only paying for one, and will no longer be able to tie up that space and may be in a position of paying for two rooms in the coming year which would increase the monthly rent from \$93 to \$186. This accounts for another \$1,000 in addition to the word processor contract of \$1800. Expenditures for moving to a new office, low cost carpeting, financial audit and review, and an increase for the administrator are also projected. All these items combined account for the increased costs and projected deficit.

Huff noted that on the income side, the Society could increase dues, registration fees for the Annual Meeting. On the expenditure side, the annual meeting banquet could be eliminated, cutback on the publication of THE CRIMINOLOGIST which might be able to be done on the word processor at a lesser cost. William Amos urged that the Board consider abolishing the banquet at the Annual Meeting and provide a cash bar and a significant speaker on the program.

A motion was made by Barbara Raffel Price to accept the Finance Committee's 1982-83 budget report. Seconded by Malcolm Klein; motion carried unanimously.

Albert Reiss spoke against the \$1800 maintenance contract for the word processor noting that it was highly unlikely that the Society would spend any money to repair the equipment and suggested that the \$1800 be banked as a reserve for future replacement of the word processor. McCaghy stated the executive office would look into the length of commitment for the service contract.

Several suggestions were offered regarding the 1982 Annual Meeting: (1) Hold the banquet on Friday evening; (2) Retain the banquet and increase registration fees by \$5-10; (3) Eliminating the banquet and hosting a cocktail party where tickets would be distributed for one or two drinks and award presentations could be made; (4) Cash bar and dance.

A motion was made by Charles Thomas that the Society eliminate the Annual Meeting banquet, but retain the relative formality of a cocktail party, with two drinks provided, with the Society covering the cost of the bartender and room, with registration fees remaining constant and provide tables for participants and where presentations could be made, if and only if the Society could renegotiate terms of the contract with the hotel without doing physical damage to present contract negotiations.

Huff noted that it was important that the Society have some formal gathering to honor the award recipients and give the participants an opportunity to get together. Alvin Cohn suggested that students be charged a \$10 registration fee and treated as equals, receiving the drink tickets, and recommended that the event be held on Thursday evening. President Allen suggested that the Executive Committee, with the Board's approval, be given the authority to determine the specifics for such a proposal in the interim.

Huff noted that the Finance Committee authorized the treasurer to sell off old certificates of deposit that are presently earning 7-3/4% and to reinvest same in the Merrill Lynch Ready Assets Trust Account that is presently earning 18.05%. The Committee also authorized the Treasurer to invest in instruments that would not tie up funds longer than six months. On the expenditure side, the Committee recommended that the Publications Committee review and determine if THE CRIMINOLOGIST should reduce the publication to four issues versus the present six issues and process the newsletter at the ASC executive office on the word processor. Huff also noted that the budget projects the purchase of a typewriter, through OSU, at a cost of approximately \$890.00 with the Society reimbursing the university. In the amounts projected for withhold taxes for the administrator, the Committee urges Sarah to take this money and buy her own retirement contract. The Society is a 501C3 organization and can establish a plan that would not be counted as income for her.

The Committee voted to increase the awards for the ASC Gene Carte Student Paper Competition, as the Society is paying less than some university departments for their awards. The Committee recommends \$300 for the first prize; \$150 for second prize, and \$100 for third prize. With regard to the audit and financial review, Huff noted that the Committee had solicited two bids for an audit; one from an individual CPA, John Resler, and the other from Coopers, Lybrand. In the process of discussions with the big eight accounting firm, the Committee inquired (1) the cost of a small audit; (2) financial review; review of the Society's procedures, management advise, as well as a certified audit statement. The Finance Committee recommends that the Society accept Mr. Resler's proposal of \$900 to audit the records. The budget projects \$1500 for the audit and financial review.

A motion was made by Harold E. Pepinsky and seconded by Charles Thomas to accept the audit proposal of John Resler and also to seek his management advise for the Society's recordkeeping. Motion carried unanimously. Motion amended by Harold E. Pepinsky and seconded by Charles Thomas to retain the firm of John B. Resler to conduct an audit and financial review for ASC with a fee not to exceed \$1500. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Austin Turk and seconded by Malcolm Klein to accept the report of the Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

#### HARVE HOROWITZ CONTRACT

President Allen asked the Finance Committee to review Harve Horowitz's performance and recommend to the Board whether or not to retain his services. In Horowitz's new contract he will be asking for a higher percentage and noted that ASC is one of the lowest percentage organizations that he is handling. Huff noted that he has asked publishers for names of people that do similar work as Harve and the amount that they charge. President Allen suggested that this information be collected before the end of the year and would like the Boards' approval to negotiate with Horowitz or another representative. A motion was made by Harold E. Pepinsky and seconded by Barbara Raffel Price to authorize President Allen to negotiate with Harve Horowitz or another representative on advertising and exhibits for the coming year. Motion carried unanimously.

#### PETITION FOR DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME

Phyllis Jo Baunach requested the Board's consideration again for the petition for a Division on Women and Crime in the Society. A motion was made by Harold E. Pepinsky and seconded by Charles H. McCaghy to approve a separate division in the Society entitled Division on Women and Crime. Motion carried unanimously.

#### ASC/ACA PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION 1983-84

Clifford Simonsen, member of the Program Committee for the American Correctional Association, stated he would like to reestablish contact between ASC and ACA for the 1983-84 programs of ACA as the ACA meetings have not been represented by the academic community as well as they would like. ACA meetings are held in August of each year with the 1983 meeting scheduled for Chicago and the 1984 meeting scheduled for San Antonio. The meetings are set up through the 60 affiliate organizations of ACA into five subject tracks. ACA would like to alert ASC to the ground rules for presenting papers at their meetings and would like to seek input for topic areas. Each affiliate bids for the topic area, and the affiliate seeks the papers. Alvin Cohn suggested that ACA place their Call for Papers in THE CRIMINOLOGIST, and in the past ASC has sent out flyers of sponsoring organizations in ASC's membership mailings, with the sponsoring organization paying a percentage of the mailing costs involved.

Simonsen inquired if there was some mechanism within the Board or an ASC committee that he could contact directly to discuss ACA meeting topics, etc. The Board suggested that Simonsen contact the Interorganizational Relationships Committee for further input and contact Alvin Cohn for an announcement in the ASC newsletter, but did not feel there was anything further they could offer at this time.

#### DISTINGUISHED BOOK AWARD

President Allen reported that he had received a letter from Alvin Cohn recommending another award by considered by the Society -- Distinguished Book Award -- noting that the time had come for the Society to recognize a specific publication in the past year for an award, recommending that readers and interdisciplinary texts in criminology and criminal justice be excluded from consideration. Cohn noted that the person need not be a member of the Society to receive such an award.

Pepinsky expressed strong reservations on book awards and Scarpitti stated the Society should be careful about giving out too many awards as we could begin to dilute the meaningfulness of the awards -- have few awards and make the important and prestigious. Malcolm Kline reported he is presently chairing a criminology section of ASA that is undertaking this task. A motion was made by Charles McCaghy and seconded by Charles Thomas to defer further consideration of the Distinguished Book Award until a report is given by Malcolm Klein regarding ASA's efforts. Motion carried unanimously.

#### AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE EVALUATION

Alvin Cohn, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Criminology and Criminal Justice Evaluation, reported that ASC would not only have to consider the appropriateness of entering into this area of activity, but also its essential objectives, and stated he was not sure that a university needed ASC to come in to teach its faculty, and did not know what levels of expertise the Society had. Cohn stated that at this time, with the Society's budget crunch, he did not feel ASC would be prepared to embark on something that would cost seed money. President Allen asked Cohn to correspond with other members of the committee and prepare a statement for the March Board meeting.

COSA--CONSORTIUM FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES ASSOCIATION

Malcolm Klein asked the Board's reconsideration of the request from COSA for financial support, and felt it was important that the Society take a financial position in helping them obtain more staffing at \$1,000 or \$500, so that they could take it to other organizations showing that ASC is supporting their cause. Klein reported that ASC is giving an organizational contribution along with individual membership contributions. A motion was made by Barbara Raffel Price and seconded by Charles Thomas that the Society reconsider changing its position to COSA and offer a donation of \$500, thereby expressing its support of their work. Favor: 4; Opposed: 6; Abstained: 3. Motion defeated.

Scarpitti noted that the Society has a committee chaired by Albert Reiss whose responsibility it is to try to lobby for criminology and criminological research with federal agencies and people in government in general who have responsibility for determining criminological research. Scarpitti stated that if the Society is sincerely interested in lobbying for criminology and criminal justice, it should consider at this time or in the near future a small travel budget to members of the committee to go to Washington. Barbara Raffel Price suggested that the matter be referred to the National Policy Committee and ask them for a report on what they need to do their job and report their findings at the next Board meeting. Seconded by Phyllis Jo Baunach.

AMICUS BRIEF - MATTHEW YEAGER

President Allen reported that Matthew Yeager has filed a freedom of information suit against the Drug Enforcement Administration for refusing to give him information he requested from their files in 1976, and it is now in appeal before the D.C. Court of Appeals to be argued in December and a decision rendered in late spring. Yeager is asking organizations such as ASA, PPA, and ASC to file a brief. The consensus of Tuesday's Board meeting was to file a narrow brief arguing for the release of information to social science researchers from any government agency, but not to argue for the qualifications of Matthew Yeager. Yeager's lawyer estimates it would take 60-80 hours at \$75.00/hr. to write that kind of brief. Barton Ingraham informed President Allen that he could possibly have the brief prepared for \$1,000, if he could find a lawyer to do it. Reiss suggested that the Society explore with various law schools to see if a student would be willing to prepare such a brief as part of his/her classwork.

Frank Scarpitti made a motion that the Board vote to commit a total of \$500 for the preparation of an Amicus Brief and that the final decision on the future of this matter rests in the hands of the ASC Executive Steering Committee and that the president can direct any pursuit of further information to the point where he feels comfortable going to the Executive Committee with a recommendation not to exceed \$500. Motion carried unanimously.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REPORT

Frank Scarpitti suggested that a local committee would be the logical choice to go through the files and records in the Columbus office as a screening committee to come back to the March meeting with a classification of materials and method for assemblage of materials in the archives at Columbus. He suggested that Joseph Scott, Simon Dinitz, and Ronald Huff comprise the committee. It was noted that Dr. Dinitz would be out of the country for at least six months, and the name of Dennis Longmire was suggested for his replacement. A motion was made by Barbara Raffel Price to accept the report of the Archives Committee; seconded by Harold E. Pepinsky. Motion carried unanimously.

## 1981 PROGRAM REPORT

Frank Scarpitti reported on behalf of Roland Chilton and stated that the meeting was very successful because of Roland and his committee. The projected attendance at the meeting was 1,002. Six hundred reservations were guaranteed for the Thursday banquet, and the hotel stated they had served 587 dinners. Scarpitti noted there were a couple of distressing matters at the meeting. Tony Platt has been a problem for the last couple of years by setting up a table of his book exhibits and not paying for the space as other exhibitors have done. Horowitz received numerous complaints from the book exhibitors and Horowitz wanted to have Platt removed from the premises. Scarpitti made a motion that the Society bill Tony Platt for the price of one table exhibit at \$150; seconded by Barbara Raffel Price. Austin Turk suggested a friendly amendment to the motion that the Local Arrangements and Program Committee for 1982 make sure that the hotel in Toronto is well aware of what happened in D.C. and make sure that it does not allow this to happen. Klein offered another friendly amendment suggesting that clarity from Roland Chilton be secured as to whether Roland gave him permission before billing Platt. Israel Barak suggested that Platt be made to produce a document stating that he was authorized by the Society to use the hotel space. Motion carried unanimously.

McCaghy noted that Tony Platt also did not, and has not in the past, registered for the meetings, and wondered how much of this was going on. McCaghy wanted to know if the Society could require that participants be preregistered for the meeting and if they are not, they are eliminated from the program. Turk suggested the following: (1) anyone whose name is on the program should pay a registration fee; (2) people have been listed three times this year on the program and this is against the Society's rules for program participation; (3) some participants organized and presented over two sessions. Reiss noted that panels should be advised that the order is given in the program and it should be adhered to so that people can make a choice as to their appearance on the program.

## 1982 PROGRAM REPORT

Israel Barak-Glantz, chair of the 1982 program, noted that the sessions would begin on Thursday, November 4, running through November 6, and will run for three full days, morning to evening. The hotel site is the Sheraton Centre in Toronto and the theme of the meeting is "Crime and Criminology in the Americas". The Program Committee consists of eight members: Raymond J. Michalowski, Jr., University of North Carolina, "Criminology Theory"; Ronald Huff, Ohio State University, "Applied Criminology/Public Policy"; Thomas Gabor, University of Ottawa, "Dangerousness and Violence"; Mary C. Sengstock, Wayne State University, "The Criminologist and His/Her Profession"; Gordon Waldo, Florida State University, "Research Methods"; Charles Reasons, Simon Fraser University, "Patterns of Criminal Behavior"; Elmer H. Johnson, Southern Illinois University, "Comparative and International Crime and Criminology"; and Jim Hackler, University of Alberta, "The Future of Criminology". Barak noted that probably two additional committee members will be added to cover the area in women and crime and Clifford Shearing from the University of Toronto on a subject to be announced. The committee has met to establish the ground rules and what kind of criteria will be used to evaluate papers, etc. The Program Committee, in the call for papers, will be asking for a detailed abstract which the Committee intends to publish in bulletin form so that participants can look and decide which panels they wish to attend. There will be a plenary session for each award winner. The Committee is introducing something new -- plenary sessions dealing with the aspects of criminal justice: law enforcement, courts and corrections. Soliciting participation of two Americans and two Canadians, one academic and one practitioner. There will be 11 timeblocks for the three days. There is space for 726 participants; 121 panels, 44 roundtables and 132 participants in the roundtables. There will be 858 members participating in the program and it was

noted that the spirit of the theme was the two sides of the border. Prices quoted for hotel rooms has been \$60 for a single; \$69 for a double (US funds). Barak noted that a banquet had been planned, but due to the Board's discussion regarding a cocktail party, this matter would have to be taken up with the hotel to see if we are "locked" into a banquet per our contract. Barak requested the Board's advice as to how to incorporate the divisions of ASC in the program. The Board reiterated their position that divisions do not have any control over the Annual Meeting and must work through the program chair and committee for space on the program.

A motion was made by Charles Thomas and seconded by Charles McCaghy to accept the report of the 1982 Program Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

The matter of day care service at the Annual Meeting was brought up for discussion. Problems of quality of supervision of care and insurance were discussed and it was suggested that a statement be provided in the packets to program participants that child care is available through the hotel, stating rates and contact number. Phyllis Jo Baunach suggested a block of time be set aside at the Annual Meeting for the special interest groups (divisions) so that they can meet. Motion carried unanimously.

#### STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Frank Williams,, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, reported that his committee had examined the feasibility of ASC sponsored student chapters, but given the problems associated with the reality of sponsorship, the Committee suggested the following recommendations:

- (1) That ASC, through its members, encourage the establishment of local groups of students with an interest in criminology.
- (2) That ASC encourage group student membership by advising present regular and student members of the University of Florida arrangement and enumerating the benefit of such an organization.
- (3) That ASC make arrangements to list local groups of student members in the membership directory.

A motion was made by Harold E. Pepinsky and seconded by Charles Thomas to accept the report of the Student Affairs Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

#### INTERORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The report, prepared by Clifton Bryant, chair, noted that it contained a list of a number of professional organizations that have concerns in the area of the study of criminology and criminal justice. Letters were sent to the presidents of all the organizations asking that they identify individuals to serve as a part of a contact network, if in fact, their organization would be interested in participating in such an endeavor. The creation of the contact network, and perhaps a subsequent newsletter or other communication device might well be only a first step. Other possibilities have been discussed by the Committee including such long-term eventualities as an interactive on-line computer network that might link the various organizations or some central "clearinghouse" situation where information on the study of crime aand criminal justice might be accumulated, stored, and be available for retrieval as needed by different groups. Perhaps a more realizable goal beyond the contact network and newsletter would be some type of annual meeting of members of such a contact network to exchange ideas and information, or an arrangement whereby certain members of the network might attend the meetings of several organizations and report on them to the network. All such thoughts and suggestions are

speculative, however, and the Committee felt that the initial activity should be a more formalized contact arrangement with other organizations in the field, and the letters of lists of contact persons that will be subsequently generated, is an attempt to implement such an effort.

A motion was made by Charles Thomas and seconded by Charles McCaghy to accept the report of the Interorganizational Relationships Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

#### CHANGE OF ASC MEMBERSHIP YEAR

Charles McCaghy reported that at the last Board meeting the issue arose about changing the membership year of the Society to correspond with the Annual Meeting--beginning November 1 instead of March 2. There could be problems with the change regarding the dates of journal publication. Charles Thomas reported he had met with people from Sage to discuss such a matter and suggested that the Society adopt a calendar year basis for both membership and the journal. ASC's book close with Sage on December 31, and that is the basis for their accounting system. The Society could go calendar year for membership as well. If members join at the meeting and were on a calendar year, the first journal would be the February issue. The membership would go through the calendar year and Sage would be willing to negotiate a bigger issue for November of last year that would be #3-4 and drop a double issue on a one-time only basis. ASC's accounting year would match with Sage's and our journal year would interface with theirs. Members would be paying in November for a full journal year and the February issue would be the first one they receive. This could smooth out a lot of problems with regards to financial statements from Sage and the membership year with the Annual Meeting schedule.

Harold E. Pepinsky moved to accept Charles Thomas' proposal of adjusting the ASC membership year, effective January 1, 1983, with a solution reached with Sage Publications agreeable to both parties, so that it would begin on January 1, running through December 31 and make an appropriate adjustment in the journal cycle so that the February issue would be the first journal volume. Seconded by Phyllis Jo Baunach. Motion carried unanimously.

#### CRIMINOLOGY REPORT

Charles Thomas distributed copies of CRIMINOLOGY'S annual report, November 1, 1980 through October 31, 1981. Thomas reported that during the past journal year 35-40 manuscripts were received and only 15 were accepted. If this persists for any significant period of time, Thomas stated that manuscripts would have to be solicited. He noted there are not enough high quality manuscripts coming through to fill the increased number of pages that Sage has given ASC under the new contract. Thomas welcomes any recommended papers and would contact authors and invite submission of high quality papers, but they would still be required to go through the review process.

A motion was made by Harold E. Pepinsky and seconded by Austin Turk, to accept the CRIMINOLOGY Annual Report and to commend the editor for his progressive efforts to improve the journal and to continue his efforts. Motion carried unanimously. Thomas noted that he is considering taking the student award winning papers without going through the peer review process and publishing them in the journal which might enhance the stature of the ASC Gene Carte Student Paper Competition.



ASC CORPORATE COUNSEL

President Allen noted that a copy of the 1984 Annual Meeting contact had been sent to John Palmer for his review, but to date not reply has been received. President Allen proposed that the Society might reconsider the corporate counsel, sending him a letter thanking him for his past help and try to secure a new corporate counsel. President Allen stated that he was not prepared at this time to recommend any names to the Board for counsel and would appreciate the Board forwarding to the Steering Committee any names for corporate counsel and charging the Steering Committee to appoint a new counsel.

A motion was made by Harold E. Pepinsky and seconded by Charles Thomas that the ASC Steering Committee look into a new counselor for the Society. Motion carried unanimously. McCaghy stated that the Society should consider paying a retainer to ensure that he/she will be prompt in these matters. Pepinsky amended his motion to the Executive Steering Committee that they look into the counselor fee and if a counselor cannot be secured to report back to the Board on cost figures. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

President Allen stated that two suggestions had been received for the February or March Executive Board meeting: (1) meet in Columbus, Ohio, on March 6; (2) meet in conjunction with the Western Society of Criminology, February 25-26. Newport Beach, California, with the Board meeting on February 27.

A motion was made by Harold E. Pepinsky and seconded by Marilyn Slivka to meet in Columbus, Ohio, March 6, 1982. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Hall, Administrator