

ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2023
Philadelphia Marriott Downtown
Franklin 11

Katheryn Russell-Brown, Rod Brunson, Jennifer Cobinna-Dungy, Bonnie Fisher, Natasha Frost, Elizabeth Groff, Valerie Jenness, Henrika McCoy, Shadd Maruna, Ojmarrh Mitchell, Anthony Peguero, Andres Rengifo, Min Xie, Chris Eskridge (recorder)

The meeting was called to order by ASC President Val Jenness at 9:30 am, Eastern time on Saturday, November 18, 2023.

1. Val welcomed the attendees who in turn introduced themselves.
2. The Board unanimously voted, now at the 2nd consecutive Board Meeting, to approve the diversity and inclusion statement below, with links as noted in the statement to be developed and updated over time.

ASC's Commitment to Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

The American Society of Criminology (ASC) strives to foster an inclusive community of scholars, researchers, practitioners, teachers, and students who are committed to advancing criminological knowledge as well as criminological practice in ways that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion. As an international organization, we recognize the imperative of promoting these values in every facet of our mission and activities, as well as within the field of criminology writ large.

Growing a Diverse Pipeline: ASC is committed to nurturing a robust pipeline of diverse criminologists, recognizing that broad perspectives enrich and advance the field in ways that expand and deepen our impact. We are committed to creating and nourishing opportunities for mentorship, teaching, research collaboration, and professional development to empower the next generation of criminologists.

Centering Marginalized Communities: ASC acknowledges the profound impact of crime and crime control measures on marginalized people and communities in the context of broad systemic inequalities. We pledge to initiate, sustain, and promote research and scholarship that address the deeply entrenched challenges faced by marginalized people and communities and to ensure that their voices are heard, understood, and valued in our academic and professional discourse and practices. By doing so, we aim to amplify our contributions to the meaningful development of solutions that promote justice and equity.

Addressing Past Harm: ASC is resolute in its commitment to dismantling barriers to access within the field of criminology. We recognize the historical inequities and harm that have marred our discipline's past. Through sustained commitment and ongoing effort ([add link here](#)), we continually strive to create a more equitable and welcoming space

where all individuals, regardless of their social categories, can flourish and contribute to the advancement of inclusive criminological knowledge and practice.

Building on these principles, ASC aspires to foreground diversity, equity, and inclusion as a central tenet of its core mission within the realm of criminology and criminal justice. We invite our members, partners, and stakeholders to join us on this journey, as we work collectively to create a just, equitable, and inclusive future for our discipline and the diverse communities we serve.

Examples of ASC's Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Efforts ([create link to include in above DEI statement](#))

- Established a childcare grant to help support parents and careers with on-site childcare costs
- Financially supported Black@ASC for at least three years
- Increased Ruth D. Peterson Fellowship for Racial and Ethnic Diversity to \$8,000
- Organized Presidential Sessions that reflect pressing justice concerns with diverse composition on those panels:
 - “Honoring Criminology’s Unpaid Debt to W. E. B. Du Bois”
 - “50th Anniversary of Mass Incarceration”
 - “Reckoning with Police Violence in America”
- Established the following divisions:
 - Feminist Criminology (DFC) ~ Est. 1982
 - People of Color & Crime (DPCC) ~ Est. 1996
 - Rural Criminology (DRC) ~ Est. 2018
 - Queer Criminology (DQC) ~ Est. 2020
 - Convict Criminology (DCC) ~ Est. 2022
- ASC supported the establishment of the following division journals:
 - Race & Justice
 - International Criminology
 - Feminist Criminology

3. The Board voted, now at the 2nd consecutive Board Meeting, to approve the establishment of the W. E. B. DuBois Research Award as per below. This is now an official award.

The W.E.B. Du Bois Research Award is given to recognize transformative scholarship that engages criminology, criminal justice and race/ethnicity. The scholarship may be based on research that investigates in the intellectual tradition of Du Bois, such as an examination of race/ethnicity-related issues through methodology, theory development/critique, historical analysis, and/or ethnographic scholarship. The award, which may be given to an individual or collaborators, may be based on a single book, a single article, a thread of related research, or the body of work of a senior scholar.

Members of the ASC Board may not receive this award during their term in office. The Executive Board may decide not to give the award in any given year. Award decisions will be based on the strength of the nominees' qualifications and not on the number of nomination endorsements received for any particular candidate.

4. The Board voted to approved the establishment of the Graduate Student Poster award as an official award. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive \$500, \$300 and \$200 respectively. The award recipients may request a meeting registration fee waiver from the Society President.
5. The Board voted to place all reports that have been submitted to the Board in the past and going forward on a webpage that will be available for the ASC Board Members only, by year and by category (ad hoc, awards, divisions, liaisons, standing).
6. The Board charges Val and Liz to review the Board Minutes for the last 7 years and to create a summary of the decisions approved by the Board (i.e., positive votes) and attendant actions subsequently undertaken. They will include a “status report” on the actions (e.g., “done,” “in progress,” “fell off the radar,” etc.). They will provide their report to the prior to the Spring Board Meeting.
7. The Board voted to add the paragraph below to the Society Constitution. This will be voted on by the Society members at the upcoming Society officers’ elections.

Executive Counselors have no specific responsibilities per se, other than those assigned to them by the ASC leadership on an individual basis. The general responsibilities lie in attending and participating in the Board Meetings (nine in all spread out over the three-year term in office), and being involved in the governance of ASC during their term in office. Executive Counselors serve as voting members of the Executive Board.

8. The Board voted to temporarily suspend the Research Collaborative Initiatives Committee. Min will report on potential collaborative research opportunities at the upcoming Spring Board Meeting.
9. The Board voted to populate the Constitution and Bylaws, Mentoring, Nominations, Student Affairs, and Teaching committees with members serving staggered three-year terms.
10. The Board voted to discuss the ideas presented in the Policy Committee’s November 15 memo that was sent to the Board. Val will touch with the Chair of the Policy Committee and discuss.
11. The Board will review the idea of staggered Annual Meeting registration rates for those who reside outside the United States at the Spring Board Meeting.
12. The Board will discuss the paper submission/standards process during the spring meeting in light of expressed concerns that non-research-based submissions are being accepted and included in panels at the Spring Board Meeting.
13. The Board approved the budget detailed below.
14. The Board decided to hold a Zoom meeting sometime between now and the Spring Board Meeting.
15. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET

INCOME

Advertising/Marketing	\$25,000
Annual Meeting	560,000
<i>Criminologist</i>	5,000
<i>Criminology</i>	70,000
<i>CPP</i>	70,000
Dues	340,000
Employment Exchange/Web	100,000
Investments	65,000
Misc.	2,500
Peterson Fellowship Donations	1,000
Reprints	<u>500</u>
TOTAL	\$1,239,000

EXPENSES

Advertising/Marketing	\$6,000
Affiliations	9,000
Annual Meeting	470,000
Awards	6,000
Committees	12,000
<i>Criminologist</i>	8,000
<i>Criminology</i>	65,000
<i>CPP</i>	110,000
Employment Exchange	1,000
Equipment Expense	8,000
Executive Board	15,000
Executive Director Office	1,000
Future Years Mtg Expense	3,000
Initiatives	12,000
Misc	42,000
Office Expenses	47,000
Personnel	340,000
Peterson Fellowships	30,000
President's Fund	12,000
Professional Fees	20,000
Taxes	<u>22,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,239,000