

ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MID-YEAR MEETING MINUTES

April 24-25, 2025

Marriott Marquis, Washington DC

In attendance: President Katheryn Russell-Brown; President-Elect Natasha Frost; Past President Valerie Jenness; Vice President Ojmarrh Mitchell; Vice President-Elect Anthony Peguero; Executive Counselors Jennifer Cobbina-Dungy, Stephanie DiPietro, Henrika McCoy, Marisa Omori, Andres Rengifo, Ebony Ruhland, Chris Sullivan, and Min Xie; Treasurer Bonnie Fisher; Executive Director Chris Eskridge; Deputy Director Sheena Case; Interim Executive Secretary Megan Denver (recorder). [Absent: Executive Counselor Callie Burt.]

The first day of the meeting was called to order by ASC President Katheryn Russell-Brown at 3:10 pm, Eastern time on Friday, April 24, 2025, and adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm that day.

1. President Katheryn Russell-Brown welcomed attendees and provided an overview of the schedule. She also provided an overview of ASC 2025 sessions, noting a decline in submissions compared with last year. She announced several new thematic panels starting this year, and that the program committee created a new artwork showcase for the annual conference. She asked each member of the Executive Board (Board) to attend at least one presidential session at the 2025 annual meetings.
2. President Russell-Brown invited the new legal counsel hired by ASC to meet with the Board. Unfortunately, due to a prior commitment, he was unable to attend this session. Legal counsel shared a document on fiduciary duties. Legal counsel plans to attend the November meeting.
3. The Board moved to the consent agenda. Board members were asked whether there was need for discussion of any of the committee reports, and those that required discussion were discussed as noted below.
4. The Board approved the Cavan Committee's selection of Kwan Lamar Blount-Hill.
5. The Board approved the W.E.B. Du Bois Committee's nomination of Ruth Peterson.
6. The Board approved the Fellows Committee nominees of:
 - Lisa Broidy
 - Dana Haynie
 - Adrian Raine
 - Greg Ridgeway
7. The Board approved the Peterson Fellowship Committee's nominees:
 - Yu-Heng (Steven) Chen
 - Candice Crutchfield
 - Brielle K. Savage
8. The Board approved the Sellin-Glueck Committee's nomination of Jianhong Liu.
9. The Board approved the Sutherland Committee's nomination of Elijah Anderson.
10. The Board approved the Vollmer Committee's nomination of Daniel Nagin.
11. Committees with later deadlines provided updates that the committees were on track.

12. The Bloch committee reported that there were no nominations this year. The committee asked if the Executive Board would consider rule changes to minimize the chances of this happening in the future.
13. **Motion:** Have Executive Counselors serve in sub-committee in Y2-3 of their role for a “oversight committee” for awards and standing committees + divisions. Task: Summarize issues identified in reports and review recommendations. The motion was unanimously approved.
14. President’s Justice Award (Awardee TBD)
15. The Hindelang Committee noted there was an unusually high volume of submissions this year and expressed concern about workload given the current size of the committee. The oversight committee formed in the previous motion will review and make recommendations.
16. The Ethics Committee contacted the Executive Director and President to ask what happens if a misconduct incident occurs during a conference. Currently the Board takes reported information, but recommends contacting the police. The committee is considering possible enforcement mechanisms.
17. A Division of Public Opinion and Policy survey of the membership was discussed, and could include suggested cities for future conferences, whether we should have printed programs, whether open access should be encouraged more, whether ASC should engage in more public or front-facing work, etc.
18. The Board moved to accept consent items, including the Oral History Project.
19. The Editor-in-Chief of *Criminology*, Volkan Topalli, joined the meeting by Zoom to review and discuss recent audit reports and answer questions from the Board.
20. *[HR confidential content: notes redacted.]*
21. The Board reviewed the request from Avi Brisman and Lo Presser to rename Author Meets Critic sessions.
22. **Motion:** To rename from “Author Meets Critic” to “Author Meets Readers.” The motion was not approved.
23. The Board reviewed and discussed the Publications Committee report and recommendations.
24. **Motion:** Based on the recommendation from the Publications Committee, retain Clarke and Esposito to oversee the RFP process for the ASC’s journals. The motion was unanimously approved.

The second day of the meeting was called to order by ASC President Katheryn Russell-Brown at 9:35am, Eastern time on Saturday, April 25 and adjourned at 3:05 pm the same day.

25. **Motion:** To remove HR-related motions from April 25th, 2025’s meeting from the meeting minutes. Unanimously approved.
26. **Motion:** Rescind motions 3 and 4. Unanimously approved.
27. *[HR confidential content: notes redacted]*
28. Claire Renzetti, Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC), joined the meeting by Zoom to provide an overview of the committee’s report and answer questions from the Board.

29. Bonnie Fisher provided an overview of the dissenting opinion to the LRPC's report, the Executive Director provided a response to the reports, and the Deputy Director, Sheena Case, provided the ASC office's perspective.
30. **Motion:** Remove non-elected officials from the room. The motion was approved. [Note: The Executive Director (ED) left the room prior to this motion.]
31. **Motion:** Bring the ex-officios back for the vote on the [LRPC] committee recommendations. The motion was approved.
32. **Motion:** To accept the suggested transition plan timeline and each of the six official recommendations of the Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC) as described in principle. The motion was approved.
33. **Motion:** The Board will hire a consultant with experience in ED transitions in non-profit professional organizations to guide the transition process as described in the LRPC report and ensure that it proceeds smoothly. The motion was unanimously approved.
34. The ED indicated that this time of year is the best to hire an interim director to give them time to prepare and announced his resignation, effectively immediately. The Board drafted a message to announce the ED's resignation and honor his service to share with the ASC membership.
35. **Motion:** To adopt this statement. The motion was unanimously approved.
36. Traditionally only the ASC office has certified the results of the election. The Board discussed coordinating this role of certifying the annual election of officers with the Executive Committee.
37. **Motion:** As a matter of practice, the Executive Committee shall review the results of the elections. The motion was unanimously approved.
38. The Board thanked Bonnie for her 17 years of service as ASC Treasurer.
39. The Board approved a constitutional amendment to the Executive Secretary position. [The current Interim Executive Secretary recused herself prior to the discussion.] Update: Because the membership did not receive advance notice about the proposed amendment, this amendment will be withdrawn and brought to a membership vote in the fall.
40. **Motion:** Affirm the nomination of Min Xie for ASC treasurer effective November 15, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved. [Note: Min Xie recused herself prior to the discussion/vote.]
41. **Motion:** Adopt the proposal to amend the Treasurer description. The motion was unanimously approved.
42. **Motion:** Ex-officio members of the executive board shall be non-voting members. The motion passed. [Note: It is not clear whether ex officio voting was a policy or practice, and the policies and procedures are inconsistent. Given this might constitute a bylaws change, this will require a second full board vote.]
43. **Motion:** To approve annual standing and program committee lists by consent. The motion was unanimously approved.
44. Bonnie Fisher provided the Director's and Treasurer's report.
45. **Motion:** Increase registration fees by 10% in May 2025, followed by 5% increases every other year until amended. The motion was unanimously approved.
46. **Motion:** Approve the 2025 annual budget as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

47. **Motion:** Approve the budget for the annual meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.
48. **Motion:** Establish an ASC Annual Conference Committee, per the recommendation of the Finance Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.
49. **Motion:** Adopt international travel advisory report recommendations on the conference website. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPENDIX: ASC 2025 MID-YEAR MEETING AGENDA

ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Friday, April 25, 2025

Washington, D.C. Marriott Marquis Hotel

George Washington Room, Level M1

7:30 pm, Friday, Dinner at The Delegate (Marriott Courtyard)

9:30 am - 3:00 pm, Saturday, April 26, 2025

I. President's Greeting (15 minutes)

A. Washington, D.C. Meeting Updates

1. Overview and logistics
2. ASC Voting, Dates and Nominees

B. Fiduciary duties

II. Action Items: Continuing Discussion (1.75 hours)

A. Mid-Year Reports from Committees and Liaisons

1. Award Committees:

***Bloch**

**Carte (final due 8/15) - verbal report*

**Cavan*

**Du Bois*

**Fellows*

- Proposed Fellows Narrative

**Hindelang (final due 8/15)*

**Mentor (final due 8/15) - verbal report*

**Petersilia (final due 8/15)*

**Peterson Fellowships*

**Poster (final due 8/15)*

***Presidential Justice Award - verbal report**

**Sellin-Glueck*

**Sutherland*

**Teaching (final due 8/15)*

**Vollmer*

2. Standing Committees:

**Diversity and Inclusion Committee*

***Ethics Committee**

**Liaisons to Related Societies:*

- AAAS

- COSSA

- United Nations

**Membership Committee*

**Mentoring Committee*

- **Nominations Committee (final due 10/15)*
- **Peterson Fellowship Development Committee*
- **Policy Committee*
- **Scientific Integrity Committee - verbal report*
- **Student Affairs Committee*
- **Teaching Committee*

3. Journals:

- *Criminology and CPP review time report
- *Criminology (Volkan Topalli)
- **Publications Committee*
 - *Informed Strategies proposal*
 - *Paula Gantz proposal*
 - *Maverick Publishing proposal*
 - *Clarke and Esposito proposal*
- *Criminology & Public Policy (OJ Mitchell)

4. Divisions:

- *BioPsychoSocial
- *Communities and Place
- *Convict Criminology
- *Corrections and Sentencing
- *Critical Criminology and Social Justice
- *Cybercrime
- *Developmental and Life Course Criminology
- *Experimental Criminology
- *Feminist Criminology
- *Health and Disability Criminology
- *Historical Criminology
- *International Criminology
- *People of Color and Crime
- *Policing
- *Public Opinion and Policy
- *Qualitative Research
- *Queer Criminology
- *Rural Crime
- *Terrorism and Bias Crime
- *Victimology
- *White Collar and Corporate Crime

5. Oral History Project (Consent item)

6. Black@ASC

III. Action Items: New Discussion (1.5 - 2 hours)

A. Renaming *Author Meets Critic* sessions

B. Finance Committee composition:

1. Current President to serve as the Chair
2. Senior Accountant as an ex-officio member (non-voting)

- C. Executive Secretary (N. Frost)
 - 1. Constitutional Amendment
 - 2. Policy Manual narrative
 - 3. Executive Secretary Nomination
- D. Treasurer (N. Frost)
 - 1. Treasurer nomination
 - 2. Proposal to amend Treasurer Description
- E. ASC Sponsorships (S. Case)
- F. Staff Bonuses (C. Sullivan)
- G. International Advisory (A. Rengifo)
- H. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - 1. Ad Hoc Award Renaming Committee
 - *Report
 - *Award renaming policy proposal
 - *Appendix T revisions suggested tracked
 - *Appendix T revisions suggested clean
 - 2. Ad Hoc Annual Meeting Quality Committee (J. Cobbina-Dungy)
 - *Report
 - *Meeting Session Content
- I. Committee updates (Consent items)
 - 1. Karen Parker - AAAS representative (replacing B. Pridemore)
 - 2. Matt Maycock - Chair, Diversity & Inclusion (replacing B. Willingham)
 - 3. Jason Williams added to the Hindelang Committee (replacing J. Cobbina-Dungy)
 - 4. Sheldon Zhang, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee (replacing C. James)
 - 5. Justin Pickett is no longer on the Ethics and the Scientific Integrity Committees
 - 6. Ericka Wentz is now the Ethics Committee representative to the Scientific Integrity Committee

Saturday Meeting

- IV. Action Items: New Discussion (3 hours)
 - A. Long-Range Planning Committee Report
 - 1. Report (C. Renzetti - 1.5 hours)
 - 2. Response to the LRP committee recommendations (B. Fisher)
 - B. Financial Matters (C. Eskridge & B. Fisher)
 - 1. Executive Director and Treasurer's Report
 - *Balance Sheet 2024
 - *Profit and Loss 2024
 - *Proposed revised 2025 budget
 - *Proposed revised 2025 budget, line-item details
 - *Proposed revised 2025 Annual Meeting budget
 - 2. Long-term fiscal concerns
 - 3. Finance Committee report (B. Fisher, N. Frost, V. Jenness, M. Xie)
 - *Finance Committee report - V. Jenness
 - *Dues, Fees, Ads, Booth Cost History

- *Letter to Katheryn April 12
- *2024 Balance Sheet Notations
- *2024 P&L Annotated Budget
- *Analysis of Budget
- *Five Takeaways
- *Proposed dues and fee increases

V. Reporting Out (5 minutes)

- A. Website posting (V. Jenness)

VI. 2026 Meeting (N. Frost - 15 minutes)

A. Theme:

- 1. Chicago meeting theme and Program Committee Co-Chairs

B. Committee Appointments:

- 1. 2026 Award Committees
- 2. 2026 Program Committee
- 3. 2026 Standing Committees

VII. Future Meetings of the ASC Board (5 minutes)

- A. Tuesday, November 11, 2025, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm; Washington, D.C.
- B. Saturday, November 15, 2025, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm; Washington, D.C.
- C. Friday and Saturday, May 1-2, 2026; Chicago, IL