

ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 2025, 3:00-7:00pm
Georgetown Room (Marriott Hotel), Washington, DC

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

Note: One incoming Board member, Jennifer Peck, joined as an observer. ASC Consultant Nancy Kidd joined for the last hour of the meeting. Several Board members joined virtually due to the travel disruptions that occurred this week.

The meeting was called to order by ASC President Katheryn Russell-Brown at 3pm (Eastern time) and adjourned at approximately 7pm.

1. The President welcomed the Board. She mentioned the upcoming Awards program and presidential panels at the conference, and encouraged Board member attendance.
2. The President provided a summary of the President's Report.
3. The Board discussed how the issue of expanding divisions is recurring, and a moratorium on new divisions has been discussed in the past. The threshold requirement also increased from 3% to 5% in the past, although this is currently inconsistent in the ASC policies and procedures (bylaws).
4. Other issues raised include needing to poll the membership on adding restrictions to conference presentation submissions, reducing duplicative Board discussions for unresolved issues, and a newly created Board tracker that documents Board actions and to do items. A handful of virtual meetings have been prescheduled to address these and other issues, and the Vice President will be presenting ideas from his recent Criminologist article (Nov 2025 issue) in the first virtual meeting.
5. **Motion:** To accept the consent agenda reports. The Motion was unanimously approved.
6. The Board discussed the Oral History Criminology Project's (OHCP) request for additional funding (from \$5,000 to \$10,000) for travel. The conversation included: recognizing the work of the OHCP over the years, the lack of diverse representation in OHCP interviewees (it was noted that the OHCP plans to interview Ruth Peterson and Shaun Gabbidon, with the latter at the 2025 meeting), and the unknown selection processes, that the OHCP is an independent organization (rather than a part of ASC), that the OHCP spent less than a third of the approved 2024 budget, and the lack of a clear proposed plan (e.g., who will be interviewed, where, why traveling is preferred to Zoom, etc.)
7. **Motion:** To help the Board understand the funding request, the Oral History Criminology Project provide a detailed (line item) budget and budget justification for each funding request, as well

as including the names of each proposed interviewee, in biannual reports to the Board. The Motion was unanimously approved.

8. Two new division proposals were discussed: the Division of Courts & Pretrial Justice, and the Division of Virtual Reality. Two key issues were raised by the Board: the importance of differentiating new divisions from existing ones to ensure proposed divisions do not generate potential harm, and ensuring new divisions are in the professional interest of the organization.
9. **Motion:** To send back the proposal from the proposed Courts and Pretrial Division to provide clarification on how they will not harm the existing Division of Corrections and Sentencing (DCS). The Motion was unanimously approved.
10. **Motion:** To send back the Virtual Reality Division proposal to provide clarification on how the proposed division “represents major professional interest.” The Motion was approved. This discussion also prompted the Board to consider broader issues and considerations related to divisions.
11. **Motion:** That there be a moratorium on new division proposals until ASC can revisit guidelines on the establishment and maintenance of divisions. The Motion was unanimously approved.
12. The Board discussed the Ethics Committee’s report. The Board plans to meet on the specific incidents raised and the committee’s recommendations at an upcoming virtual meeting.
13. Chris Sullivan, Interim *Criminology* Editor, presented updates on the journal, including review times, updates on the editorial team, and locating reviewers.
14. Consultant Nancy Kidd provided an overview of the key themes in her Financial Review report to the Board, including budgeting processes, relevant governance structures, and investment management, and a discussion ensued. Nancy Kidd will return on Saturday to continue the discussion.
15. The President thanked the outgoing Board members: Past President Valerie Jenness, Vice President Ojmarrh Mitchell, Executive Counselor Callie Burt, Executive Counselor Chris Sullivan, and Treasurer Bonnie Fisher. Min Xie also completed her term as Executive Counselor and will remain on the Board as Treasurer.
16. The meeting was adjourned around 7pm.

Agenda

1. President's Greeting

1. Welcome Message and President's Report – Katheryn Russell-Brown

2. Consent Agenda

1. Nomination Committee Report
2. AAAS Liaison Report
3. UN Liaison Report
4. Publication Committee Report
5. Teaching Committee Report
6. Long Range Planning Committee Report
7. Travel Fund for International Participants Award Report

3. Discussion Items

1. Oral History Report (Letter to the Board)
2. New Division Proposal - Division of Courts & Pretrial
3. New Division Proposal - Division of Virtual Reality
4. Interim Executive Director's Report (including proposed 2026 Budget, 2026 Budget Line Items) – Sheena Case/Bonnie Fisher
5. Ethics Committee Report

4. Announcements and Reporting Out

1. Criminology Journal Editor Updates – Chris Sullivan
2. Consortium of Social Science Agencies (COSSA) - Min Xie
3. International Outreach Committee Report – Update

5. Consultant's Report and discussion - Nancy Kidd

6. Outgoing Board Members – Katheryn Russell-Brown