

**American Society of Criminology
Board Meeting Minutes**

Saturday November 15, 2025
Marriott Hotel (Georgetown Room), Washington, DC

Participants: Natasha Frost (President); Rod Brunson (President-Elect); Katheryn Russell-Brown (Past President); Anthony Peguero (Vice President); Jennifer Cobbina-Dungy, Stephanie DiPietro, Chris Melde, Henrika McCoy, Marisa Omori, Vanessa Panfil, Jennifer Peck, Andres Rengifo, Ebony Ruhland (Executive Counselors); Sheena Case (Interim Executive Director); Min Xie (Treasurer); Megan Denver (Interim Executive Secretary).

Absent: Jean McGloin (Vice President-Elect).

Guests: ASC attorney Stephen Schaefer (for fiduciary responsibility), ASC Consultant Nancy Kidd (for fiduciary responsibility, consultant's report and executive director search), Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC) members Claire Renzetti and Shawn Bushway (for consultant's report and executive director search).

The meeting was called to order by ASC President Natasha Frost at 9:35am (Eastern time) and adjourned at approximately 3pm.

1. Welcome/Announcements

President Natasha Frost welcomed the Board and Board members introduced themselves. The immediate past president gave a brief recap of conference activities and key accomplishments.

The President acknowledged the transitions that occurred during the past president's year in office and upcoming activities for the Board, including the search for a permanent Executive Director, new lead editors for *Criminology*, finalizing a new publishing contract for ASC journals, and working with a consultant. The Board has a series of upcoming virtual Board meetings to address these tasks and goals. The President also noted that the standing, awards, and program committees have all been finalized and approved. Committee lists have been shared with the Board and will post to the ASC website soon.

2. 2025 Conference Attendance

The Interim Executive Director provided an update on 2025 conference attendance (as of end of day on Thursday), noting that 3,268 people were currently registered. In comparison, there were 3,550 registrations last year in San Francisco and 3,200 in Atlanta.

3. Interim Executive Secretary Renewal

The President provided background on the Interim Executive Secretary position, which was re-established in 2024 per an ad hoc committee's recommendation. Due to ongoing work with the ASC consultant, the President asked the Board to reappoint Megan Denver as Interim Secretary for one additional year while governance documents are reviewed. [The Interim Secretary recused for the Board discussion and vote.]

Motion: A motion to reappoint Megan Denver as Interim Secretary for another year with a term that runs through November 21, 2026 was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

4. The Board's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The ASC attorney presented to the Board on fiduciary responsibilities.

5. ASC Consultant Report and Executive Session

ASC Consultant Nancy Kidd presented findings from her financial review. The Board then went into Executive Session without staff to discuss the Executive Director search.

The president has been serving as the de facto chair of the finance committee, and the Consultant shared that it is common practice for the treasurer to serve in that role.

Motion: A motion to designate the treasurer to serve as the Chair of the Finance Committee was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

6. Report Discussions

As the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) liaison, Min Xie presented a summary of the COSSA Advocacy Day Report, including recommendations. The President will share the report with the policy committee to request recommendations surrounding COSSA.

An Executive Counselor presented the International Outreach Committee's report findings.

The Board discussed future conference formats and the work of the ad hoc Annual Conference Committee and the ad hoc Committee on Annual Meeting Quality.

7. Meeting Conclusion

The President discussed agenda items for the upcoming December virtual meeting, and the meeting was adjourned.

ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Saturday November 15, 2025, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Washington, D.C.: Marriott

Georgetown room (Marriott Hotel)

1. Introduction of Board Members – Natasha Frost [5 mins]
2. President’s Welcome & Introduction – Natasha Frost [15 mins]
 - A. Welcome
 - B. ASC 2026 Conference Overview
3. Interim Secretary Reappointment & Retitling – Natasha Frost [10 mins]
4. Fiduciary Responsibility – Stephen Schaefer [1 hour]
5. Budget and Finance Review – Nancy Kidd [1 hour]

Break to attend ASC brunch (45 minutes)

6. Executive Director Search – Nancy Kidd [1 hour; Executive Session]
7. Discussion Items: Discussion (60 minutes)
 - a. Proposed 2026 Budget, 2026 Budget Line Items (Sheena Case)
 - b. Transition fund (Natasha Frost)
 - c. COSSA Report (Min Xie)
 - d. International Outreach Committee Report (Andres Rengifo)
 - e. Virtual Conference & Upcoming Conference Sites (Natasha Frost)
9. Upcoming Board Meetings [15 mins]