

**American Society of Criminology
Board Meeting Minutes**

Friday May 1, 2026, 3:00-7:00pm
Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL

Participants: Natasha Frost (President); Rod Brunson (President-Elect); Katheryn Russell-Brown (Past President); Anthony Peguero (Vice President); Executive Counselors: Jennifer Cobbina-Dungy, Henrika McCoy, Marisa Omori (joined at 3:30pm), Vanessa Panfil, Jennifer Peck, Andres Rengifo, and Ebony Ruhland (joined at 5:30pm); Sheena Case (Interim Executive Director); Min Xie (Treasurer); Megan Denver (Interim Secretary).

Absent: Vice President-Elect Jean McGloin and Executive Counselors Stephanie DiPietro and Chris Melde.

Guests: Consultant Nancy Kidd.

The meeting was called to order by ASC President Natasha Frost at 3:06pm (CST).

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

***Motion:** A motion to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2026 Executive Board meeting was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.*

2. Leadership Updates

The President discussed the updates that she plans to share with the ASC membership in the upcoming Criminologist essay. She also shared an update on the Executive Director search, indicating that the search firm recommends creating an opportunity to meet finalists in person.

***Motion:** A motion to approve reasonable expenditures for the President, Past-President, President-Elect, Vice President, and Treasurer to interview the Executive Director finalists in person was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.*

The President and Interim Executive Director provided an overview of the annual conference planning, which is proceeding on schedule. The Interim Executive Director provided office updates.

The Treasurer presented the financial report. While 2026 membership seems to be on pace with last year, the Finance Committee recommends that the Board continue to discuss strategies to encourage membership growth to support long term sustainability of the society. Further, to ensure added benefit to those who register for the conference, the Finance Committee recommends that the ASC program app be available to only registered conference attendees. Discussion ensued, and the Board supported this recommendation.

2. Committee Appointments

The President-Elect reviewed the conference theme and the 2027 Program, Award, and Standing Committees. He noted that in addition to demographic diversity, the conference planning team also focused on diversity in career level and institution type. Discussion ensued.

Motion: *A motion to approve President-Elect Brunson’s 2027 conference theme, “Excellence, Evidence, and Inclusion,” and all standing, program, and award committee nominations, with latitude to make replacements as needed, was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.*

3. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports

Reports from the following committees were submitted: Finance, Diversity and Inclusion, Ethics, Long Range Planning, Nominations, Publications, Scientific Integrity, Student Affairs, and Teaching. The following liaisons submitted a report: Oral History Project and United Nations. The COSSA liaison provided a verbal update. The Board reviewed each submitted report and discussed committee requests and recommendations.

Motion: *A motion to accept the report and the first two recommendations from the Diversity and Inclusion Committee [distributing “Know Your Rights” and Universal Design Principles resources to conference attendees] was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.*

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee also proposed virtual meeting participation under certain circumstances. The Board appreciates the concern and will discuss options with the Committee.

The Publications Committee requested the Board include a charge to develop a comprehensive and transparent policy framework to guide journal editorial searches, appointments, and transitions. Discussion ensued. The Board supported the Publications Committee's interest in these issues and encouraged the Committee to bring specific recommendations to the Board for consideration.

Motion: *A motion to approve the reports submitted by the Standing Committees for the mid-year meetings was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.*

The following standing committees did not submit mid-year reports in time for the mid-year Board meeting: Membership Committee, Mentoring Committee, Peterson Development Committee, and Policy Committee.

4. Award Committee Reports

The Board discussed the award committee reports and recommendations.

Motion: A motion to approve the Bloch Committee's recommendation to select William Pridemore as the recipient of the 2026 Herbert Bloch Award was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion: A motion to approve the Cavan Committee's recommendation to select Tony Cheng as the recipient of the 2026 Ruth Shonle Cavan Young Scholar Award was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion: A motion to change "and/or" to "and" for the ASC Fellow award description ["In addition, a Fellow must have made a significant contribution to the field through the career development of other criminologists **and/or and** through organizational activities within the American Society of Criminology..."] for future awards was moved and seconded. The Motion was approved.

In their mid-year report, the ASC Fellows Committee pointed to notable variation in the content and depth of letters of recommendation, which they attributed to the existing ASC Fellow criteria. The Committee recommended the ASC Board review the criteria for Fellows. Discussion ensued. The board agreed that while scholarship is the primary criterion, the other criteria are also to be considered in selecting fellows.

The Board members in attendance provided unanimous consent for the following motion:

Motion: A motion to accept the nomination of the ASC Fellows Committee to name the following individuals 2026 ASC Fellows: Bonnie Fisher, Valerie Jenness, Ineke Haen Marshall, and Chris Sullivan.

Motion: A motion to approve the following recommendations from the Ruth D. Peterson Fellowship Committee for the 2026 fellowship recipients: Jordan Parker, Sukanya Bhattcharya, Mindy Thai, Taylor Gonzalez, and Godwin Egbe was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

The Ruth D. Peterson Fellowship Committee asked the Board to consider revised submission requirements, including elimination of the requirement to submit transcripts. Discussion ensued.

Motion: A motion to adopt the recommendations of the Peterson Fellowship to require applicants submit documents in a single pdf in the following order: (1) Personal Statement, (2) Career Statement, (3) Statement of financial need, (4) CV, (5) Statement of Progress and Good Standing verifying where the student currently is in their degree program and estimated date of graduation completed and signed by their dissertation chair, graduate director, or department chair, and (6) Three Letters of Recommendation (to be submitted directly to the committee chair) was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion: A motion to approve the President's 2026 Justice Award recommendation to give the award to the ideal of "independent oversight of prisons and jails" was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved, with one abstention.

Motion: A motion to approve the Sellin-Glueck Committee's recommendation to select Stephen Farrall as the recipient of the 2026 Thorsten Sellin & Sheldon and Eleanor Glueck Award was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion: A motion to approve the Sutherland Committee's recommendation to select Todd Clear as the recipient of the 2026 Edwin H. Sutherland Award was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion: A motion to approve the Vollmer Committee's recommendation to select Thomas G. Blomberg as the recipient of the 2026 August Vollmer Award was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Board members in attendance provided unanimous consent for the following motion:

Motion: A motion to accept the nomination of the W.E.B. Du Bois Committee to award the W.E.B. Du Bois Award to Robert D. Crutchfield.

The ASC board received interim reports from the following committees: Gene Carte Student Paper Competition, Mentor Award, Joan Petersilia Outstanding Article Award, and Teaching Award. Final reports are due later in the year.

5. Journal Reports

The Board discussed mid-year reports from the two ASC journals, *Criminology* and *Criminology & Public Policy*. Given challenges with the new Wiley system, some of the standard reporting metrics were not available for these reports.

Motion: A motion to accept the reports from *Criminology* and *Criminology & Public Policy* was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

6. Division Reports

Motion: A motion to accept the reports from the Divisions submitted for the mid-year meeting was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

The following divisions did not submit mid-year reports in time for the mid-year Board meeting: Division of Convict Criminology, Division on Critical Criminology & Social Justice, Division of Developmental/Life-Course Criminology, Division of Policing, Division on Queer Criminology, and Division of Victimology.

7. Strategic Planning

With consultant Nancy Kidd, the Board engaged in a discussion about short- and long-term strategic priorities of the Society.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

AGENDA

ASC Executive Board Mid-Year Meeting

Friday May 1, 2026, 3:00pm – 7:00pm CST

Saturday May 2, 2026, 9:00am – 4:00pm

CST

Palmer House Hilton, Chicago: Crystal Room, 3rd Floor

Friday May 1, 2026

1. Call to Order

- a. Approval of March 2026 Executive Board Meeting Minutes (Denver)
- b. ASC President's Update (Frost)
- c. Executive Director Search Update (Frost – EXECUTIVE SESSION)
- d. Chicago Meeting Update (Frost/Case)
- e. Interim Executive Director and Treasurer Updates (Case/Xie)

2. Proposed Committee Appointments (Brunson)

- a. Conference theme approval
- b. 2027 Program Committee
- c. 2027 Award Committees
- d. 2027 Standing Committees

3. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports

- a. Finance
- b. Membership
- c. Diversity and Inclusion
- d. Ethics
- e. Long Range Planning
- f. Mentoring
- g. Nominations
- h. Peterson Development
- i. Policy Committee
- j. Publications
- k. Scientific Integrity
- l. Student Affairs
- m. Teaching
- n. AAAS Liaison
- o. COSSA Liaison
- p. Oral History Project Liaison
- q. United Nations Liaison

4. Award Committee Reports

- a. Bloch Award

- b. Cavan Award
- c. Fellows
- d. Peterson Fellowships
- e. President's Justice Award
- f. Sellin-Glueck Award
- g. Sutherland Award
- h. Vollmer Award
- i. WEB Du Bois Award
- j. Carte Award (Interim)
- k. Graduate Student Poster Award (Interim)
- l. Hindelang (Interim)
- m. Mentor (Interim)
- n. Petersilia (Interim)
- o. Teaching Award (Interim)

5. Journal Reports

- a. Criminology
- b. Criminology & Public Policy

6. Division Reports

- a. Biopsychosocial Criminology
- b. Communities and Place
- c. Convict Criminology
- d. Corrections and Sentencing
- e. Critical Criminology and Social Justice
- f. Cybercrime
- g. Developmental and Life-Course Criminology
- h. Experimental Criminology
- i. Feminist Criminology
- j. Health and Disability Criminology
- k. Historical Criminology
- l. International Criminology
- m. People of Color and Crime
- n. Policing
- o. Public Opinion and Policy
- p. Qualitative Research
- q. Queer Criminology
- r. Rural Criminology
- s. Terrorism and Bias Crime
- t. Victimology
- u. White Collar and Corporate Crime

7. Strategic Planning (Dr. Nancy Kidd)

Saturday May 2, 2026

9am – 4pm

8. Governance Review (Guest: Nancy Kidd)

- a. Bylaws Revisions (2nd Vote)
- b. Phase Two Implementation
 - i. Committees
 - ii. Divisions
 - iii. Bylaws
 - iv. Policies and Procedures

9. Strategic Planning (Guest: Nancy Kidd)

10. Divisions Proposals and Initiatives

- a. Proposed Divisions on Courts and Pretrial Justice
- b. Nancy Kidd Consulting, Inc.
- c. CLAJ
- d. CJRA