

**American Society of Criminology
Board Meeting Minutes**

Friday March 27, 2026, 1-4pm
Virtual (Zoom)

Participants: Natasha Frost (President); Rod Brunson (President-Elect); Katheryn Russell-Brown (Past President); Anthony Peguero (Vice President); Jean McGloin (Vice President-Elect); Executive Counselors: Stephanie DiPietro (left at 3pm), Henrika McCoy, Vanessa Panfil, Jennifer Peck (joined at 1:30pm), Andres Rengifo, and Ebony Ruhland; Sheena Case (Interim Executive Director); Min Xie (Treasurer); Megan Denver (Interim Secretary).

Absent: Jennifer Cobbina-Dungy, Chris Melde, Marisa Omori.

Guests: Executive Director Search Committee Chair Todd Clear (for executive session).

The meeting was called to order by ASC President Natasha Frost at 1:03pm (Eastern time) and adjourned at 3:38pm.

1. Call to Order, ASC President's Update, and Approval of Meeting Minutes

President Natasha Frost welcomed the Board and called the meeting to order. She shared that the preliminary analysis from the membership survey and an update from the Committee on Law and Justice (CLAJ), as requested by the Board, have been prepared and received (respectively). These documents will be reviewed by the Board as part of the upcoming midyear meeting.

a. ASC President's Update

The President will focus on revisions to the bylaws, policies, and procedures, and will share a draft with the Board prior to publication in *The Criminologist*.

b. Approval of February 2026 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the minutes from the February 27th meeting was moved and seconded. The Motion was approved.

2. Executive Session: Executive Director Search Update

The Executive Director Search Committee chair (Todd Clear) provided updates. This included that Board members were interviewed and/or surveyed to solicit input on the search, the committee created and finalized a position description, and applicant recruitment is now open. The committee is currently on track with the proposed timeline.

3. Consent Agenda

The President reviewed the consent agenda and discussion ensued.

Motion: A motion to approve the proposed revisions to the policies and procedures recommended in the consultant's governance review was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion: A motion to approve the proposed revisions to the Bylaws recommended in the consultant's governance review was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion: A motion to approve the proposed revisions to the Constitution recommended in the consultant's governance review was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

4. Publications Committee Report

The Vice President provided an overview of the Publications Committee's Criminology journal proposal report. The committee provided its assessment of each proposal's strengths and weaknesses but did not rank them. Key considered factors included editorial vision and strategy, editorial management plan, outreach and growth strategy, experience and qualifications, institutional and university support, and operational plan and metrics. Discussion ensued.

Motion: A motion to appoint Bucerius and Siennick as the next co-editors of Criminology for 2027-2031 was moved and seconded. The Motion was approved.

5. Governance Review

The Board discussed several proposed modifications to policies and procedures.

6. Meeting Conclusion

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38pm.

AGENDA

ASC Executive Board Meeting (Zoom meeting*)

March 27, 2026

1:00pm – 4:00pm (E.S.T.)

1:00pm: Call to Order

1. ASC President's Update (Frost)
2. Approval of February 2026 Executive Board Meeting Minutes (Denver)
3. Search Update (Guest: Todd Clear)
4. Consent Agenda

1:30pm: Publications and Publishing

5. Publications Committee Report (Peguero)

2:15pm: Break

2:30pm: Governance Review (Guest: Nancy Kidd)

4:00pm: Adjourn

March Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda Motion 1: A motion to approve the proposed revisions to the policies and procedures recommended in the consultant's governance review was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

[The following motions were approved via this consent agenda motion]

- Motion to create a clean policy manual.
- Motion to determine whether the Articles of Incorporation need revision.
- Motion to expand the conflict-of-interest policy.
- Motion to expand the whistleblower policy.
- Motion to expand the document retention and destruction policy.
- Motion to adopt a compensation policy.
- Motion to amend description of the Treasurer position.
- Motion to adopt a series of best practices for planning and running board meetings.
- Motion to rewrite the board financial support policy with more general language.
- Motion to specify that the Board has authority over election procedures.
- Motion to adopt an executive director performance evaluation process.
- Motion to remove operational language from the articulation of purpose for the following committees: Ethics Committee, Membership Committee, Policy Committee, Program Committee, Student Affairs Committee, and the Teaching Committee. Move some to procedures.
- Motion to remove details about the Executive Committee from the policy manual and defer to the text in the Constitution.
- Motion to include the executive director as an ex-officio, non-voting member of all of the committees.
- Motion to add the Annual Conference Committee into the policy manual. Remove from the Annual Conference Committee's charge the responsibility for ensuring that conference site-selection commitments respect decisions of the Board.
- Motion to add a member of the Board to the Ethics Committee, in addition to the executive director.
- Motion to, given the Vice President's role as Chair of the Publications Committee, not allow the Vice President or Vice President-Elect to be nominated for an editorship or editors to run for Vice President-Elect.
- Motion to review the earlier name change decision for the Diversity and Inclusion Committee that was not implemented.
- Motion to add a new standing committee called the Awards Committee.
- Motion to add a new standing committee called the Divisions Committee.
- Motion to retain the text in the Constitution about ad hoc committees and cut additional language in the policy manual.
- Motion to align all documents to state that the President-Elect appoints members for all committees for the coming year, with the approval of the Executive Board.
- Motion to develop a process for ensuring that committee reports are submitted and reviewed.
- Motion to adopt a policy that Board members can serve on committees only in seats that are stipulated for Board members, with the exception of the program committee.
- Motion to engage in board deliberation about committee member nominations only during board meetings.

- Motion to clarify that presidents-elect are encouraged, not mandated, to appoint current committee members as chairs.
- Motion to delete the requirement that committee chairs have to ensure all members have agreed to serve.
- Motion that, if committees continue to meet at the conference, cut the stipulation that committees should submit reports to the board the next day for immediate discussion.
- Motion that, if committees continue to meet at the conference, shift the responsibility for planning committee meetings at the conference from the committee chair to the staff.
- Motion to clarify language in the policy about committee member vacancies.
- Motion to adopt a more expansive budget policy, which addresses responsibility, content, and timing.
- Motion to adopt a policy specifying that the Board will determine an amount for a compensation pool to be included in the annual budget that the executive director can use for salaries, raises, and bonuses at their discretion.
- Motion to recognize dividends and interest as operating revenue, but do not include unrealized gains in the budget.
- Motion to formalize a financial reporting process that covers all Society finances, including those beyond the operating budget.
- Motion to adopt a capitalization threshold policy, as described.
- Motion to adopt a more expansive expense reimbursement policy, as described.
- Motion to adopt a check signing authority policy, as described.
- Motion to adopt a revised and more expansive policy on contracting authority.
- Motion to hire a fee-based investment manager.
- Motion to adopt a minimum reserves policy and a policy on spending from reserves, as described.
- Motion to make sure the Board is informed of COPE complaints and the organizational risk involved and consult with legal counsel as deemed appropriate.
- Motion to adopt a policy that ASC does not get involved in adjudicating alleged violations of the Code of Ethics when an allegation is unrelated to the business of the Society.
- Motion to discontinue using third party reporting for ethics violations.
- Motion to adopt policies for award revocation and removal from leadership positions.
- Motion to adopt policy stating that the Board will determine the time and place for each Annual Meeting, with specified site selection criteria, as described.
- Motion to charge the office staff with proposing a manageable approach for addressing the no-show presenters problem.
- Motion to decide if awards should definitively be received during a plenary session.
- Motion to update policy about the Employment Exchange.
- Motion to adopt a more detailed press policy, as described. Motion to move specified clauses from policy to procedures.
- Motion to delete specified clauses:
 - the Annual Meeting timeline with operational planning steps
 - the "Call for Papers Deadline" clause.
 - Clause that says "One of the key events of the Society is the Annual Meeting, usually held during the month of November. The Annual Meeting provides a forum for discussion and debate of timely issues on theory, research, programs, and practices in the field. In addition, the Meeting provides a time for colleagues to socialize and to exchange ideas face to face in an informal setting."

- Clause that says: “The Social Media representative will utilize social media outlets to publicize and promote various events and activities that take place at the Annual Meeting, and during the year.”
- Clause that says: “The Society will cover the hotel room and tax costs for the Social Media representative during the Annual Meeting.”
- Clause that says: “Annual Meeting Management Team. The President, the Program Chair(s), the Executive Director, and the Administrative staff are considered members of the Annual Meeting ‘management team.’ All have a central role in ensuring that the Annual Meeting runs smoothly and successfully. All are expected to assist in not only the strategic planning, but also in the on-site operational/implementation aspects of running the meetings.”
- Motion to fully articulate criteria for editor selection.
- Motion to offer the opportunity for editor candidates to meet the Board without sharing that there is lack of consensus among the Publications Committee members.
- Motion to adopt policy for editor vacancies.
- Motion to adopt a policy for proposing new journals, as described.
- Motion to adopt a more expansive policy addressing exhibits, advertisements, and sales.
- Motion to ask an attorney to review the description of the Ruth D. Peterson Fellowship. And incorporate some of the line edits in the governance report.
- Motion to accept e-book submissions for the Michael J. Hindelang Outstanding Book Award and the Ruth Shonle Cavan Young Scholar Award.
- Motion to remove exceptions to the rule that individuals are not to be considered for awards they have already received.
- Motion to remove the exception to the selection committee member appointments for the Fellows Committee that is found in some, but not all, related text.
- Motion to retain broad policy about external liaisons, without reference to specific organizations. Allow flexibility in terms to allow for expectations of partner organizations, and put a limit on term renewals.
- Motion to define “recent” regarding eligibility to be the COSSA liaison.
- Motion to adopt a policy that all dues and fees shall increase automatically each year by a cost of living adjustment, and the Board has authority to make further annual adjustments to dues and fees.
- Motion to adopt a policy that mandates review of dues and fees structures at least every five years.
- Motion to adopt a policy that says the executive director has authority to revise the employee handbook, with the exception of changes to policies which have financial implications for the Society that are not mandated by law.

Consent Agenda Motion 2: A motion to approve the proposed revisions to the Bylaws recommended in the consultant’s governance review was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

A vote in favor of motion two will represent the first vote to revise the bylaws and will allow the consultant to engage an attorney for legal review of these items in advance of the midyear meeting. The board will need to vote on these items again at the midyear meeting as bylaws revisions require two consecutive board votes.

[The following motions were approved via this consent agenda motion]

- Motion to reconcile the cutoff membership date for voting eligibility.
- Motion to develop an updated verification process for election results and move the text to policy.
- Motion to move election information from bylaws to policy.
- Motion to give the executive director responsibility, which can be delegated, for making sure board meeting materials are sent to the board in advance of board meetings.
- Motion to move details about the annual Business Meeting from bylaws to policy.
- Motion to include the executive director as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Finance Committee.
- Motion to specify that the “one member of the Board” on the Finance Committee should be an At-Large Member.
- Motion to move all awards text from bylaws to policy.
- Motion to edit some of the language about the Gene Carte Student Paper Award, the Graduate Student Poster Award, the Joan Petersilia Outstanding Article Award, the Mentor Award, and the Teaching Award.
- Motion to remove the exception to permitting self-nominations for the Mentor Award.
- Motion to remove the exception to award decisions being based on the strength of the nominees’ qualifications or the quality of the manuscripts, posters, books and not on the number of nomination endorsements received for any particular candidate, manuscript, poster, or book for the President’s Justice Award.
- Motion to apply the submission requirement for a vita and statement as to why the individual should be considered to receive the award apply across all awards.
- Motion to require that award selection committees convene in a forum in which they can see and hear each other. [Adding language: “Each award committee is to hold at least one conference call or live electronic meeting to deliberate the outcome.”]
- Motion to edit some of the language regarding notifications and recognition.
- Motion to expand the registration fee authorization by the board to all fees and remove the operational notification provision. [Referencing: “A registration fee may be assessed for participants at the Annual Meeting and other Conferences of the Society. The fee shall be set by the Executive Board and the membership shall be notified by the Executive Director or Deputy Director.” All fees are set by the Board, not just those for Annual Meeting registration].

Motion 3: A motion to approve the proposed revisions to the Constitution recommended in the consultant’s governance review was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

[The following motions were approved via this consent agenda motion]

- Motion to add a permanent Secretary position to the Board.
- Motion to make the Treasurer an elected, rather than appointed, position.
- Motion to make the Secretary an elected position.
- Motion to give all Board members a vote, except the Executive Director.
- Motion to revise and simplify the language describing the Board’s purpose, as described.
- Motion to clarify that only the Board can remove the executive director.
- Motion to specify that the President chairs the Executive Committee.
- Motion to revise the description of the Executive Committee, as follows: Delete the specification that the committee only acts at the request of the President.
- Motion to change the name from Nominating Committee to Nominations Committee for consistency with other documents.

- Motion to change the number of appointed members of the Nominations Committee from not less than five to six for consistency with other documents and easy rotations.
- Motion to include the executive director as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Executive Committee, the Nominations Committee, and the Publications Committee.
- Motion to consistent with current practice and stated policy, change the person who appoints Nominations Committee and Publications Committee members from the President to President-Elect.