

**American Society of Criminology
Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday June 9, 2026
Virtual (Zoom)

Participants: Natasha Frost (President); Rod Brunson (President-Elect); Katheryn Russell-Brown (Past President); Anthony Peguero (Vice President); Vice President-Elect Jean McGloin (until 4:15pm); Executive Counselors: Jennifer Cobbina-Dungy, Stephanie DiPietro (until 4:00pm), Chris Melde (until 3:35pm), Marisa Omori, Vanessa Panfil, Jennifer Peck, Andres Rengifo, and Ebony Ruhland; Sheena Case (Interim Executive Director; until 1:28pm); Min Xie (Treasurer); Megan Denver (Interim Secretary).

Absent: Executive Counselor Henrika McCoy.

Guests: Executive Director Finalists and a representative from Sterling Martin (during individual interviews).

The meeting was called to order by ASC President Natasha Frost at 1:02pm (ET).

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

***Motion:** A motion to approve the minutes from the May 1 and 2, 2026 Executive Board meetings was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.*

2. Phase Two Governance Review: Consent Agenda

***Motion:** A motion to approve the consent agenda was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.*

3. Executive Director Search – Finalist Meetings (Executive Session, without the Interim ED)

The petition from the proposed Division of Courts and Pretrial Justice shall be considered at the next meeting of the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm.

AGENDA
ASC Executive Board Meeting (Zoom meeting*)
June 9, 2026
1:00pm – 4:00pm (E.S.T.)

1. Call to Order

- a. Approval of May Midyear Meeting Executive Board Meeting Minutes (Denver)
- b. Consent Agenda – Phase Two Governance (Frost)
- c. Division of Courts and Pretrial Justice Petition (Peguero)

2. Executive Director Search – Finalist Meetings (Executive Session)

Future Meetings of the ASC Executive Board

Friday July 24, 2026	1pm – 4pm	Zoom
Friday August 28, 2026	1pm – 4pm	Zoom
Friday September 25, 2026	1pm – 4pm	Zoom
Tuesday November 17, 2026	3pm – 7pm	Chicago, IL
Saturday November 21, 2026	10am - 3pm	Chicago, IL

* ASC members can email asc@asc41.org for the Zoom link.

June Consent Agenda

Motion: A motion to approve the consent agenda was moved and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

- Motion to move all text regarding Divisions out of the Bylaws and into policy.
- Motion to discontinue collecting signatures for new division petitions on behalf of members. Extend this to petitions more broadly.
- Motion to charge the new executive director with performing a review of existing division journals to ensure compliance with law and ASC expectations.
- Motion to adopt a policy requiring that division website content align with the division's area of substantive focus.
- Motion to adopt a policy governing division partnerships.
- Motion to adopt a policy regarding division use of the ASC logo.
- Motion to include an Executive Counselor and a Division Chair on the Divisions Committee.
- Motion to move all text regarding journal publication out of the Bylaws and into the policy manual.
- Motion to delete the Bylaws clause that stipulates editors shall serve as members of the Publications Committee. *NOTE: This is a second vote on a Bylaws amendment. This was initially approved at the mid-year meeting.*
- Motion to adopt a policy that explicitly provides editors with the right to reject any paper or other communication that is submitted.
- Motion to clearly differentiate the role of editor as the arbiter of content and the role of executive director as the head of operations of the journals.
- Motion to charge the new executive director with developing a set of standards for editorial costs.
- Motion to charge the new executive director with undertaking legal review of copyright policies.
- Motion to add a formal editor reporting requirement to the policy manual.
- Motion to task the Publications Committee with developing a template annual report form for editors.
- Motion to ask the staff to ensure that position announcements in *The Criminologist* align with paid ads in the career center.
- Motion to update the language describing selection of editorial board members.
- Motion to ask the Publications Committee to develop policies around timing for manuscript review and maximum production lag for Board consideration.
- Motion to revise the data recognition policy for clarity.
- Motion to charge the new executive director with routine review of all stipends and terms, including for the Associate Editor of *The Criminologist*.
- Motion to clarify the roles of the Editor and Associate Editor of *The Criminologist* and develop editorial parameters for *The Criminologist* that recognize it as a Society newsletter as distinct from a scholarly journal.
- Motion to remove from policy a reference to a parenthetical in the Bylaws that is not in the Bylaws.
- Motion to revise the reporting expectations for liaisons.
- Motion to allow the funding allocation for external liaisons to be determined as part of the budgeting process.
- Motion to clarify the boundaries of ASC representation for external liaisons.
- Motion to revise the expense reimbursement policy to specify that meals will be covered at the per diem rate without receipts.
- Motion to revise the purpose of the Finance Committee. Remove operational language. (Note that a decision was made at the last meeting to align policy with current practice of getting annual audits and to adopt a

policy requiring an annual formal presentation of the audit results by the auditor.) *NOTE: This is a second vote on a Bylaws amendment. This was initially approved at the mid-year meeting.*

- Motion to charge the new executive director with consulting an attorney to draft a solicitation and gift acceptance policy.
- Motion to charge the new executive director with consulting an attorney regarding the need for a broader privacy policy.
- Motion to encourage the Ad Hoc Committee on Creating, Naming and Renaming to develop three different policies and to consider some of the feedback on their draft report.
- Motion to remove the specifications regarding plagiarism from the Gene Carte Student Paper Award nomination policies.
- Motion to clarify the extent to which a selection committee chair can refine the award narrative in the call.
- Motion to eliminate the requirement that there be at least two nominees for each award.
- Motion to revise the reporting requirements for award selection committees.
- Motion to remove the requirement to submit the names of all nominees for each award, in order of merit, to the Board, along with the proposed winner.
- Motion to charge the new executive director with proposing a ranked list of recipients for suites and upgrades provided through the hotel contract.
- Motion to remove the word "Ordinarily" from the one first author appearance policy and begin enforcing it consistently.
- Motion to charge the new executive director with consulting an attorney to draft a recording and use of social media policy.
- Motion to delete clause under annual meetings in the Bylaws stipulating that all fees for Society activities are set by the Executive Board and move that to policy. *NOTE: This is a second vote on a bylaws amendment. This was initially approved at the mid-year meeting as an edit proposed by the attorney.*
- Motion to update text about the Exhibit Hall.
- Motion to remove from the policy manual reference to the Workshop Committee.
- Motion to remove the policy on disputes between authors for Annual Meeting presentations.
- Motion to adopt a policy for responding to AV requests that clearly defines limited circumstances under which such requests would be granted.
- Motion to delete Bylaws clause stipulating timing requirement for agenda and document distribution in advance of Board meetings, while retaining stipulations in the document on best practices for board meetings. *NOTE: This is a second vote on a bylaws amendment. This was initially approved at the mid-year meeting as an edit proposed by the attorney.*
- Motion to remove reference to Robert's Rules from the Bylaws. *NOTE: This is a second vote on a bylaws amendment. This was initially approved at the mid-year meeting.*
- Motion to, consistent with the vote to remove Robert's Rules from the Bylaws, remove such reference in the policy manual.
- Motion to move all of the details about the nominations process from bylaws into policy. Draft a sentence to retain in the Bylaws that will describe the role of the Nominations Committee and refer readers to policy for more specific rules. *NOTE: This is a second vote on a bylaws amendment. This was initially approved at the mid-year meeting.*
- Motion to decouple election timing from timing of the conference.
- Motion to shorten the duration of balloting.
- Motion to revise the annual meeting registration fee waiver policy.
- Motion to adopt a refunds policy for annual meeting registration.

- Motion to remove requirements that were approved in 2020 and never implemented.
- Motion to specify transition plan for discontinued committees.