

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

MINUTES - February 2, 1959

The annual business meeting of the American Society of Criminology was held Feb. 2, 1959, Student Union Bldg., University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by President John P. Kenney.

The following committee reports were presented:

Special - Marcel Frym reported on the activity of Character Underwriters, an organization which seeks to aid in the rehabilitation of offenders by assisting them in securing occupational bonding after careful evaluation of the offender's total personality and an appraisal of the risk factor.

Research - Marcel Frym reported that the first project of the committee would be an international comparative research study on laws of arrest, search, and seizure.

Criminology programs survey - William B. Melnicoe reported that a questionnaire to secure the type of information desired is under preparation and will be sent out within two months. A preliminary survey indicates that there are 112 institutions of higher learning having some aspect of criminology as a program.

Finance - William Dienstein reported that at the close of the year 1959 the balance on hand of the Society was \$765.36.

Membership - Germann, Follis, Leary, Bristow:

The 1959 membership showed a 100% increase with the acceptance of 90 new members during the year.

The following recommendations were made for 1959-60:

- a. Initiate efforts to extend student memberships.
- b. Continue letters to members and regional vice-presidents -- at least twice during the year.
- a. Increase efforts to enroll additional police

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- d. Increase efforts to maximize nationwide participation.
- e. Initiate efforts to contact specialists in allied fields -- safety, traffic, traffic engineering.
- f. Initiate efforts to extend probation and parole participation.
- g. Issue to all members a statement of membership qualification indicating professional dedication as a factor paramount to advanced degree, lengthy experience, or high rank or status.

Col. Follis will suggest at the Department of Defense a policy of memberships for key positions in enforcement and correction areas regardless of incumbent.

Recommend, finally, that the 1959-60 period be projected as ~~xxx~~ another 100% year and that efforts be intensified to publicize this goal to all members.

Resolutions - Melnicoe, Gourley, Jameson:

Recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Be it resolved that the American Society of Criminology expresses its sincere appreciation to the University of Arizona for extending its excellent facilities to our organization ~~on~~ on the occasion of its 15th annual conference; be it further resolved that the Society fully appreciates the generous hospitality extended by the Arizona State Highway Patrol, the Tucson Police Department and their participating officers; be it further resolved that the Society expresses its gratitude to Dr. Clyde Vedder, Charles P. Smith, and Douglas Paxton for their tireless efforts which made the smooth operation of the conference possible.

2. Be it resolved that the American Society of Criminology expresses its appreciation to Mr. Morris Lavine, attorney at law, for generously contributing ~~as~~ his services in the preparation and submission of the articles of incorporation of the Society.

3. Be it resolved that the American Society of Criminology commends Mr. John P. Kenney, President, for his diligent efforts

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to secure funds for the Society from the Ford Foundation for research projects in the field of criminology.

Executive Committee - The minutes of the meeting of the executive committee were read by the secretary, William Dienst:

The executive committee met in the Student Union Bldg., University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, 1 Feb. 1959. The meeting was called to order by President Kenney at 10:00 A.M.

President Kenney announced the completion of the incorporation of the Society as a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of California. The papers were endorsed and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of California on August 7, 1958.

The Secretary was instructed to write to a member of the ~~xxx~~ Society to inform him that the use of the name of the Society for private enterprise is unauthorized.

Discussion was held about the ~~consideration~~^{possibility} of the Society presenting a yearly award to an outstanding report of research ~~in~~ in the field of criminology, the award to be known as the August Vollmer Award. It was MSC that the new executive committee implement this proposal.

Howard Leary, Dep. Police Commissioner, Philadelphia was named as editor of the ASC NEWSLETTER. Ray Galvin, the previous editor, has been called to active duty with the armed services. Expression of appreciation for his efforts was made.

It was MSC that the Society reimburse/^{partially,} the travel and expenses of the President to the AAAS meeting in Washington, D.C.

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Possible reorganization of the structure of the Society was considered and discussed. It was proposed that the sections elect their own vice-presidents/~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ sections/^{osed} at annual meetings; that the executive board include the regional vice-presidents and a member from each region; that the president of the Society be elected by the executive board from among the vice-presidents; that ~~XXXXXX~~ local regional dues be made optional. It was recommended that the succeeding executive committee consider reorganization possibilities.

It was recommended that the Society consider ~~the~~ making the position of secretary-treasurer a permanent position in the nature of the an executive secretary.

It was re-announced that the SAC is an affiliate of the International Society for Criminology.

It was MSC that President Kenney follow through on the ~~XXXXXX~~ request for a grant from the Ford Foundation for research and be given a power of attorney from the Society ~~with~~ to do so in case such is necessary in the completion of the negotiation.

Discussion was held on the advisability of holding SAC annual meetings at the time and in conjunction with the AAAS annual meetings. Since the executive committee/^{selects} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ the time and place of the annual it was decided that the new executive committee consider such a proposal for the 1959 meeting.

It was proposed that the NEWLETTER editor make efforts to relate the Society to the professional journals: POLICE, JOURN. OF CORRECTIONS, FEDERAL PROBATION, NPPA JOURN., JOURN. CRIMINAL LAW, CRIMINOLOGY, AND POLICE SCIENCE.

MacNamara was authorized to represent the Society in talks with Charles C. Thomas Publisher.

It was MSC that the Secretary write to the Administrative Office of the United States Courts stating that this Society considers Federal Probation one of the outstanding publications in the field of criminology and that it represents an important contribution to criminological ~~literature~~ literature.

Secretary's Report - Attached as a separate paper.

Nominating - Fox, Gourley, Jameson, Melnicoe

The committee placed in nomination the names of the following for the positions indicated:

President - Marcel Frym
Eastern Vice President - Paul Tappan
Central Vice President - Dave McCandless
Western Vice President - Douglas Gourley
Southern Vice President - Charles L. Newman
Member at large - Vernon Fox
Secretary-Treasurer - William Dienstein

It was ~~MSC~~ MSC that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ nominees and to ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the respective offices, ~~be indicated~~.

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The newly elected president, Marcel Frym, adjourned the meeting at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

William Dienstein
~~Secretary~~

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