

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

American Society of Criminology

Parker House

Boston, Massachusetts

March 7, 1970

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Present:

Albert Morris	President
Simon Dinitz	President-Elect
Bruno Cormier	
G.O.W. Mueller	Past Presidents
C. Ray Jeffery	Editor, <u>Criminologica</u>
Sawyer Sylvester	Treasurer
Christine Schultz	Secretary

Albert Morris, Presiding
Christine G. Schultz, Secretary

The President welcomed the Committee Members to the Boston meeting and opened the Board session by announcing the order of the agenda items to be discussed by the board.

Item I: Reports

A. The Secretary's summary of the November, 1969 board meeting discussion (Columbus, Ohio) was approved by the Board.

B. The Treasurer reported the following:

\$3,601.69 total assets (including the \$1000.00 bond)
 387.00 dues collected as of the Board meeting (billing had just begun for the year 1970-71)
 60.00 (estimated interest on deposits made for the Orient trip)
 41.70 outstanding bill

Mueller presented a bill in the amount of \$2,691.69 for three back issues of Criminologica.

Jeffery reported that the society had received royalties on the resale of Criminologica, Volumes 1 thru 6 (being handled by Fred Rothman Associates) in the amount of \$341.41. Rothman had sold \$1917.00 in back issues, with 20% royalties awarded the society. (\$383.41 minus claims paid by Rothman in the amount of \$52.50).

The treasurer was instructed to pay all outstanding bills. The report was accepted.

Item II: Criminologica (C. Ray Jeffery)

Jeffery reported that the contract with Sage Publications had been signed and approved, after a colleague, Henry Foster, had looked it over and suggested revisions which were made by Sage. Sage will assume all publication and distribution details, (for example, billing, library contracts, publicity concerning the name change, soliciting subscribers, and advertising -- if in the future it is feasible and necessary). The editorial function remains the responsibility of the society. The Sage contract stipulates that the Editorship of the journal be changed by the ASC every 3 years.

The Executive Committee approved (12 to 1 -- by mail vote) the change of name of the journal from Criminologica, to Criminology: An Interdisciplinary Journal. The new name will appear officially on the May 1970 issue (Volume VIII, No. 1), when Sage assumes publication responsibility. Manuscripts for the May issue have been received; the issue will run approximately 96 to 120 pages (36,000 words).

The Editorship of the journal will follow Jeffery to Florida State University. The Dean and Dept. Chairman (at F.S.U.) have signed a letter of agreement granting released time and secretarial assistance for the Editor of Criminology.

The transfer of the journal to Sage Publications and to FSU met with the approval of the Board. During negotiations with both Sage and FSU, Mueller represented the interests of NYU (previous locus of the journal): Mueller suggested that the transfer was in the best interests of all concerned, including FSU, NYU and the Society.

A. Editorial Board

After a discussion of the merits and demerits of an Editorial board -- for the purpose of evaluating manuscripts for publication -- the board voted in favor of an editorial committee to assist the Editor of the Journal. Mueller was appointed Chairman of the Editorial Board with Denis Szabo and Jaime Toro Calder as Foreign Editors, and Simon Dinitz and Al Morris as Ex-officio members of the Committee. Sage will be notified of the creation of the board. Florida State has agreed to host an annual meeting of the Editorial Board for the next two years.

The discussion which followed was concerned with the role of the editorial board, definition of its functions, appointments and term of office of board members, interdisciplinary and geographic representativeness of those serving on the board, as well as the possible rotation of board members.

The Executive Board agreed on the appointment of Mueller to Chair an Editorial Board Selection Committee, with Dinitz, Cormier, and Jeffery serving as committee members.

It was recommended that the committee be concerned with the following issues regarding future editorial board policy:

Academic composition of the board, size of the board, geographic and professional responsibility of the board, term of office (length and continuity), role of the board (articles to review and approve), solicit manuscripts, and encourage manuscripts, number of positive or negative reviews of articles, editorial policy formation, etc.

It was suggested that an aggressive interdisciplinary board should be formed including an individual representing each of the following: the sociology-social work complex; medical-psychological-psychiatric complex; legal complex; police and administrative complex; and, the corrections complex. It was recommended that the President make the final appointments to the Editorial Board after the Editorial Board Selection Committee suggests names of potential appointees.

Formal unanimous action was taken on the motion: "All papers presented at the annual meeting of the ASC become the property of the Editorial Board." It was moved that all participants and section chairman be notified that papers presented at the annual meeting become the property of the ASC, which assumes the right of Primacy of Publication. The author of the publication may assume rights of publication if unnotified of the manuscript's publication acceptance within 3 months after its presentation at the meeting.

Jeffery noted that the quality of the manuscripts submitted for publication in the journal had notably improved. He reported that major research project reports would be published in the future, including excerpts from the Southern Illinois University project and from Florida State. He mentioned that an agreement had been made with the American Medical Association (publishers of Citation, a monthly summary of major research in the field of medicine) to exchange journal volumes, as well as granting them permission to republish an August, 1969 Criminologica article on "Euthanasia".

Jeffery reported that a contractual agreement between Rothman and Sage permits the former to retain rights to all back issues of Criminologica to be sold at \$2.50 an issue.

The Committee then concerned itself with the question of publishing book reviews. It was suggested that not only were reviews costly, but they also required too much publication space, given the quality of current manuscripts received. Those present noted their general opposition to the publication of reviews. Jeffery suggested that in the future the Society might wish to publish an issue of the journal devoted to an annual review of the field, (with a book review supplement) emphasizing policy, research, and legislation which had occurred during the year. The idea was unanimously commended.

Item III: Program

A. Local Arrangements

On behalf of Charles Newman, Local Arrangements Chairman for the 1970 Annual Meeting, Schultz reported that the Conference Center at Pennsylvania State University had been booked for the ASC Meeting, November 5, 6, and 7, 1970, with the Center providing coordination staff, registration assistance and conference meeting facilities for approximately 400 registrants. Newman's report suggested that some of the expenses generally incurred by the Society (informal party, etc.) might be assumed by the host school.

A block of rooms has been requested at both the University Inn and the Sheraton Motel (both facilities within a very short distance of the Conference Center). He suggested that the society have advanced registration (including advance payment of conference registration fees) to facilitate planning and requested that the Committee take action on the registration fee immediately (hopefully in the amount of \$25.00 for members). He suggested that the banquet would probably not cost more than \$5.50 per person.

The University Conference Center has consented to send out pre-meeting notifications concerning the sessions, travel instructions and motel/hotel information to our membership, providing they have appropriate mailing lists and labels in time.

He invited the Executive Board to hold its next meeting (prior to the November conference) at the Center.

The Executive Board voted to maintain the \$25.00 fee for all registrants except students. Student members would be charged only for the cost of meals and parties, not session registration.

Newman requested that an announcement of the annual meeting (with program details) be run in the August issue of the journal.

B. Program Arrangements

Dinitz, Program Chairman, reported that session plans were progressing nicely. One session, to be Chaired by Stephen Schafer had been finalized. The panelists for this session -- "Crime and Youth Culture" -- include: Albert Cohen, Theodore Ferdinand, Gilbert Geis, and Leslie T. Wilkins. Marvin Wolfgang will serve as discussant.

A second session, on Collective Violence, to be Chaired by Russell Dynes, is

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nearly completed. It includes papers by Charles Tilly, Dynes and Quarantelli, and a paper from the Lemberg Center at Brandeis University.

The Student Session will be chaired by William Parsonage. It was reported that he has accepted two papers. C. Ray Jeffery said he would send a student manuscript to Parsonage for consideration. It was suggested by the Executive Committee that the Discussant for this section be selected with great care, with the hope that this position could be filled by a senior man in the field.

David Wexler who had been selected to chair a section titled "~~The New Victims~~ the Consumer and the Public", requested that the topic be changed to "The Future of Correctional Law: Judicial Scrutiny of the Powers and Discretion of Correctional Administrators". This change in topic was approved.

Two sections remained incomplete. The Chairmanship of the session on, "The Administration of Justice: Moral Imperatives", has been tentatively accepted by Edwin Schur. (Kadish of Stanford, Joe Goldstein and Alex Brooks were suggested as possible alternative Chairman). No word has been received from Chairman Hans Mohr concerning the composition of the panel "Medical and Legal Conflicts: Changes in Law Enforcement". Cormier agreed to contact Mohr.

The Executive Committee discussed the role of Rapporteurs. It was decided that advanced under-graduate students and/or graduate students participate as rapporteurs in each of the sessions. After the annual meeting they are to submit to the President a brief typewritten summary of each paper presented in their session. Names of rapporteurs are to be included on the program.

The possibility of changing the meeting days for future conferences was discussed. It was suggested that perhaps beginning the meeting on Thursday and ending Saturday might alleviate the small attendance usually occurring at the Sunday morning session. For this year's meeting it was suggested that a very "strong" session be placed on the program for Sunday morning.

Item IV: Presidency 1970-1971

Dinitz informed the Committee that he would be unable to be present at the Annual Meeting in Pennsylvania for his installation as President -- due to his appointment in Israel for the fall term. He explained that he was unable to secure the spring leave of absence he had requested from OSU and expressed regret that he would not be present. Dinitz suggested that perhaps it would be best to defer his presidency for one year.

Cormier noted that Dinitz would only miss the November meeting and therefore perhaps the 1971 President-elect might stand in for the installation, with Dinitz taking over his responsibilities as President when he returned from Israel (in time for the January/February Executive Board meeting). It was also suggested that one of the Annual Award recipients might speak at the banquet, in lieu of the Presidential address. Both of these suggestions were tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

Item V: Annual Awards

Dinitz commented that last year's selection of Senator Tydings had set an excellent precedent. He suggested that this year the committee again look to national figures to receive one of the awards. The names of Otto Kerner (Riot

Commission), Milton Eisenhower (Violence Commission), and Ramsey Clark were suggested as possibilities. Schultz was selected as this year's chairman of the Awards committee with the Executive Councillors acting as committee members. Schultz was charged with the responsibility of corresponding with the Executive Councillors concerning additional individuals who might be worthy of consideration for this year's awards.

Item VI: Membership

Schultz reported that since the November, 1969 meeting, approximately 70 applications for membership had been received and processed. She indicated that a number of student memberships had been received from Sam Houston State College, presumably as a result of a newly-formed student affiliation.

Assistance was requested regarding the disposition of one application. Mueller suggested that a letter of rejection be sent to the applicant. The suggestion was approved by the Committee.

A. Recruitment of New Members

The President reported that John Ball had been unable to comply with his request to serve as Chairman of a Membership Committee but was willing to assist such a committee in the future. Morris asked for the Executive Committees' advice on a possible Membership Chairman. He proposed that we recruit new members from disciplines and geographic areas not currently well represented in the membership. It was suggested that current members hand out membership application blanks to their colleagues and students.

Cormier offered to contact psychiatrists and social workers. He was asked to contact Joe Satten with regard to psychiatrists in the U.S. It was also suggested that Paul Wilson might make available the mailing list of subscribing lawyers or perhaps even be willing to enclose an open invitation to join the ASC in his next mailing of the Law Review.

Jeffery was asked to contact Sage publications in regard to their mailing lists and their intentions regarding advertising the journal and membership possibilities. In addition, Jeffery suggested that we need to contact major schools of Criminology, Law and Police Science.

B. Membership List Publication

Schultz suggested that the membership list published in 1968 was out-of-date and incomplete. She requested that the Society consider updating the list for distribution to the membership in the near future.

It was decided that due to the cost of such a publication the Society would have to defer publishing such a document until next year. However, the Executive Board decided to investigate the possibility of xeroxing copies of the alphabetized labels (prepared on 8 1/2 x 11 sheets) and submitting these to members. Jeffery said a print-out of the labels would cost the society approximately \$60.00. Mueller felt duplicating sufficient numbers would cost approximately \$150-160 if NYU facilities could be used. Jeffery and Mueller offered to investigate the possibility of preparing such a document. Schultz offered to prepare the alphabetized labels.

Further discussion of the membership list publication was deferred until the

next Executive Board meeting.

C. Fellows

The definition of the status of "Fellow" was brought to the attention of the Board, no decision was reached.

Item VII: Orient Trip

Mueller reported that the Orient trip had been cancelled due to the lack of paid reservations. He suggested that there was still a possibility of attending U.N. Congress in Japan at reduced group fare rates, perhaps on a United Nations Tour. As soon as information regarding this possibility is available, he will notify the Society.

Item VIII: Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Committee voted to hold another Executive meeting June 6th at the Law School, New York University. The purpose of the meeting will be to finalize the program for the Annual Meeting; discuss the possibility of holding the 1971 meeting in Puerto Rico; consider the names submitted for 1970 ASC awards; examine the submitted slate of officers for the term 1971-1972; undertake a discussion of the revision of the Constitution and discuss any new business coming before the committee.

Adjourn for Lunch

Item IX: Annual Meeting Plans - 1971

During the lunch, the Committee discussed the feasibility of holding a future meeting in Puerto Rico. Mueller was asked to contact Ferracuti regarding the merits of this location for an Annual Meeting in 1971. Mueller will report on the Puerto Rico possibilities at the June Executive Board Meeting.

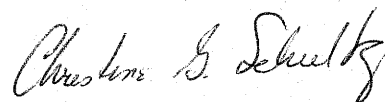
The meeting was resumed after lunch

Item X: Constitution Revision

Morris presented a proposal of the revised Constitution for Executive Committee consideration. It was decided that copies of the revision be sent to all members of the Executive Board and all Executive Councillors (prior to the June 6th meeting) for their consideration and comment. The Constitutional revision was tabled until the June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:


Christine G. Schultz
Executive Secretary