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The Executive Board of the American Society of Criminology convened at 10:30 a.m., Addiction Sciences Center in Philadelphia on Saturday, September 16, 1972.

The following members were present: Adler, Ball, Cooper, Hartung, Jeffery, Kittrie, MacNamara, Mueller, Newman, Price, and Sagarin.

Guests present were: Thornberry and Zahn

Dr. Newman presented the opening remarks to start the meeting.

The minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting were presented and accepted. Dr. Mueller delivered the treasurer's report stating a total of \$11,139.79 in assets existed.

Dr. Newman reported on the Student Paper Competition. Professor Parsonage has twenty-five papers from students. Reckless, Wolfgang and Cormier all agreed to serve on the student judging committee. The ratings are not completed at this time. Three awards are to be given. The award system was approved.

Ms. Barbara Price reported registration is going well -- 103 are pre-registered for the conference. \$3361.88 has been deposited in a special savings account. There are 138 paid deposits on the flight and rooms (spouses and guests). The final letter of instructions from the travel agent will be sent within the month. They are working on implementation of bus service in Curacao.

Sagarin said that in all probability, the meeting will be much larger than anticipated.

Jeffery gave 560-600 as the break-even point for the publication. Said there were approximately 360 before; now 560-600 members.

Dr. Newman said that 10,000 letters of invitation were sent out. Cooper reported on his Venezuelan discussion. Ten fares are to be sent for distribution. A phone call assuring five fares and a guarantee for five others was made. Ten hotel rooms will be free. They have drawn up rules for the Congress which are being sent. All invitations to Latin American countries have gone out. Responses are starting to come in. Brazil is sending an official delegation. Papers from Latin America will be a last minute inclusion.

MacNamara reported British West Indies received no invitation. Nor did Central America or Puerto Rico.

Dr. Mueller said Mendoza list is not available. Therefore, Latin Americans will have to take responsibility for notifying their people. Since there is a Latin American group, it is their responsibility to notify their members. Everyone is free to invite anyone from anywhere in the world.

Sagarin said Ball and Newman should be free to distribute these complimentary fares and rooms. A discussion of fares and rooms occurred.

Mueller motioned for the first five fares for the president, president-elect, program chairman, editor of journal, and Cooper. If five more are available, these are to be put in the hands of Ball and Newman; the motion carried (with one dissent).

There will be ten hotel rooms available, and these selections are to be decided by Drs. Newman and Ball.

Newman

Invitation from C.C. Sloane Foundation of Chicago Circle for 1974. They are willing to subsidize our meeting and make arrangements. The 1973 meeting is scheduled for New York; the 1975 meeting for Canada.

Hartung moved that we meet in Chicago -- Chicago State and C. Clement Sloane Foundation will handle local arrangements jointly. Illinois Academy of Criminology will participate. Newman will ask them to designate a local arrangements chairman and he will attend our planning sessions. Call for the question -- unanimous.

Wexler was not present. No report was given from the Committee on Ethics.

MacNamara

The Educational Standards Committee, chaired by MacNamara, to evaluate criminological and criminal justice programs. Sees three basic questions to be answered.

1. Who is qualified to evaluate these programs? Twelve volunteers have been added to the committee.
2. What standards or guidelines should be set up?
3. How much would an evaluation cost? Several thousand for each evaluation was estimated -- may be 1/2 million to evaluate all programs.

There have been difficulties for funding programs which means loss of jobs, etc. Focus on who is qualified to evaluate and what standards are to be used. MacNamara is resigning as chairman of the Educational Standards Committee -- lack of time for such a great undertaking. Hartung questioned which programs would be evaluated. MacNamara stated as professional organization, we must decide.

Newman stressed a need for a set of criteria for evaluation -- and that we should concentrate on this. Ordinarily, the agency being evaluated underwrites its evaluation.

Consultant Services with Jamaica: A report was submitted by MacNamara. A motion was made to send leading American Criminologists (note Newman to send letter).

Editorial Board Report - Mueller. Puerto Rico proceedings (1971 Meeting) will be distributed by Rothman. Will be ready within the next month. Next volume, a publication by Venezuela; a complete record. Pull out most valuable papers. A possible selection of papers for a commercial issue. The Journal - the number of manuscripts keeps increasing. They are 18 months to two years behind. Sage is not willing yet to add an edition.

MacNamara suggested redistribution of articles to other journals such as Journal of Corrective Psychiatry, Journal of American Correction, Inter-american Journal of Offender Therapy, which may need articles.

Jeffery said the August 1973 issue of Criminology is now complete, and that so many articles are submitted; we are turning down articles that should be published. Jeffery, who spent four years in office, suggested appointing an Associate Editor to work with him for one year before taking over.

Newman asked what is the tenure of the Editor; how do we select one; what about locus (provide subsidies) for the Journal.

Newman said it was up to the Editorial Board to decide these issues of procedure. A site for the journal, what type of subsidy, and a possible new home for the journal, were questions brought up.

Mueller said that in the past, it has been two or three years at each place. Now is the time to decide on the policy.

Sagarin asked how the conference ('71) proceedings will be distributed. Mueller said, "Notices go out to membership; advertising them for two dollars. Notices will also be sent to libraries, but it will be available at higher cost."

Newman announced the Nomination Committee's report -- Simon Dinitz was Chairman.

President: Sagarin
Second Vice President: Grygier

First Vice President Kittrie (to continue)

MacNamara motioned to accept Ed Sagarin as President Elect; unanimously accepted.

Mueller suggested finding another nomination for another choice for Second Vice President.

Newman suggested that we move into an open nomination system. A small minority should not force its authority. Open nomination process would be appropriate.

MacNamara suggested a mailed ballot. This calls for a change in the by-laws of the organization, Newman said.

Newman recommended to incoming president that the constitution be revised to specify the terms of office, etc.

Kittrie spoke on the Award Committee. Leslie Wilkins will receive the Sutherland Award. Leslie Wilkins has accepted invitation to receive the Sutherland Award and will be in Caracas and Jerome Skolnick has been firmed up regarding the Vollmer Award.

Mueller announced that the Awards Committee has decided that the Block Award be presented to Freda Adler. It was unanimously passed.

Newman stated that the award committee would take care of arrangements for awards. Funds will be appropriated for purchasing the awards. For next year, the entire membership should have the opportunity to make award suggestions.

Mueller stated that the Latin Americans will present three citations to their membership and three North-American awards.

Newman said the awards committee will soon decide as to who the Latin American recipients will be.

Cooper said the people there should feel we have selected those who have made a contribution to Venezuela criminology.

(The meeting adjourned for lunch.)

Afternoon Session:

Newman asked authorization of the Society for payment of expenses encumbered by Mueller, Sagarin (related to program), Newman (for secretarial services, etc.), Luncheon for the Board, Jeffery (for last bill to Sage), and the awards' medals.

Newman suggested the Society ought to have regularized budget; need for more programmatic activities to constructively expend Society funds.

Mueller asked about Wexler's Committee on Standards. Newman indicated no report available at this time.

Sagarin reported on the program for the November meeting. The goals are to increase attendance and interaction. The program is differently structured this year. This year's sessions are primarily seminars and think-tanks reducing the awesome size of presentations since no papers will be read. Instead, eight groups with a total of 138 papers are on the program this year. As of today, he has 88 papers; these have been sent on to Caracas for translations. Co-authors, colleagues expected many schools not normally associated with our program or particularly well-known are attending. Several Black authors have been recruited by Sagarin. Most papers look excellent; a few are disappointing in their detailed methodological concentration. Sessions range from 6 to 34 participants. Most sessions consist of 12 to 20 participants. These are North American people, only.

A recent suggestion was to send participants the papers from their own sessions in advance. Participants would be urged but not requested to do this.

A decision was also made to appoint a chairman from North America and a chairman from Latin America for each session; the North American chairmen have been chosen. There will be four major themes with eight sessions; all will meet the first day concurrently. At initial session a recorder will be appointed within each group; the Friday session will provide the time for reports from each session.

Freda Adler has volunteered to be general director throughout; answering questions, directing people, etc.

In sum, sessions of this nature, whereby collegial relations can emerge should prove both fruitful on an individual basis as well as for the membership in terms of numbers and quality.

Jeffery questioned the destination of the papers to Caracas in advance.

Cooper replied the papers have arrived and are in fact being translated at this time.

Sagarin reconfirmed that none of the papers will be read aloud at the meetings; each author will verbally summarize his paper; all participants should be involved in the discussion and the issues under consideration, and no one should be acting in the role of the audience.

Cooper reinforced Sagarin's expectation that most will participate in the discussion and that many will come in well prepared having read all the papers from his session.

Sagarin expects that simultaneous translation will go on and we must expect the Latin American's to follow through on their offer of simultaneous translation.

Discussion on final program and distribution time -- decision made not to mail a second preliminary program (one preliminary program has already been sent out), but to distribute it in Caracas and to accept the Venezuelan offer of their printing the entire final program, merging in the Latin American participants with the North American listings.

Newman said the final program, as soon as it is ready, will be dispatched to Caracas.

Mueller suggested an executive committee meeting before the program begins with the committee chairmen present so that they can be fully briefed and be in accord with the program chairman's goals.

Newman asked Cooper to go out early to Caracas.

Kittrie -- AAAS is planning in May in Mexico -- a joint meeting; discussed possible session on urbanization and industrialization and its relationship to criminology; papers on this topic are solicited for the May meeting.

Newman received a letter from the executive secretary AAAS asking the Society if we would like to jointly participate in a secretariat in Washington -- joint effort would be done to defray costs for many smaller organizations. Newman wrote back asking for more information. He also urged additional joint meetings with other organizations. In 1975, there will be the Toronto United Nations Congress. The International Society of Criminology in 1973 has Paris meeting scheduled.

Kittrie invited executive committee to hold its next U.S. based Board meeting in Washington.

Mueller questioned physical setting of the Caracas sessions. Hoped it would be informal horse-shaped. Sagarin said this was his plan.

Ball said he will set executive board meetings well in advance to assist people's individual plans.

Newman adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m. and thanked all for attending.