

Minutes Executive Board Meeting
American Society of Criminology
February 17, 1973
Temple University
Philadelphia, Pa.

Present: Ball, Sagarin, Kiltrie, Jeffrey, Newman, MacNamara, Price
Akers, Amos, Chambers, Grosman, Nurco, Savitz, Zahn.

President Ball opened the meeting and announced the agenda to which several members made additions. Mr. MacNamara reported on the 1973 annual meeting which is to be held in New York. He proposed that the meeting be held from the evening of November 2nd until November 6th. There was a general approval among board members for these dates. Mr. MacNamara then presented a general outline for the meetings. It is as follows:

Friday-Nov. 2nd	6:00-8:00 p.m. Registration 8:00-10:00 p.m. Cocktail Party
Saturday-Nov. 3rd	Full day of sessions with student paper awards to be presented in the evening.
Sunday-Nov. 4th	Morning Free Afternoon-session with business meeting in the p.m. as well.
Monday-Nov. 5th	A.M. Sessions Awards luncheon P.M. General meeting Evening-Contributed papers session
Tuesday-Nov. 6th	Sessions & executive luncheon

Trips to institutions might also be arranged for that day if it seemed desirable.

Mr. MacNamara then asked for recommendations for a theme for the meetings. A general discussion followed. Mr. Newman suggested a theme of manpower utilization and

resources. Mr. Amos suggested critical issues in decision-making throughout the criminal justice system. Mr. Sagarin suggested social conflict and reconciliation: or polarization and reconciliation in relation to crime. He also suggested that we use a format in the session of a leader, panel of discussants and a series of official participants rather than the formal paper presentation format.

Mr. Grosman suggested that we delineate 5-6 areas of interest instead of one theme.

Mr. Chambers suggested that we move to establish inter-relationships with other areas and that the meetings be broadly based or widely publicized.

Mr. Nurco in a somewhat related vein suggested that we focus on the relationships of criminology and the helping professions.

President Ball then suggested that many of the topics discussed could be included in a theme of Present Policy and What to Do in the 3 Years Ahead. He also suggested that the program chairman have a free hand in developing the program keeping in mind some of the suggestions of the group. Other suggestions made regarding the meetings and its format were then discussed. Ms. Price remarked that small round table discussions had been very successful at the Puerto Rican meetings and she urged their inclusion. Mr. Amos suggested that federal

policy makers be invited to address some sessions. Mr. Chambers suggested that some highly qualified people be invited by the society to present papers. He indicated that his organization would put up \$1000.00 for someone to write a quality paper on advise to the helping professions. Mr. Newman indicated that if the society is to grow we need to get broad based input, including input from young scholars, not just discussion from already established professionals.

Mr. MacNamara then reported on other arrangements for the meetings. He reported that meetings will be held jointly at Fordham and at John Jay College. The Hotels Empire and Mayflower have been contacted and have agreed to give us group rates on their rooms as well as a suite for every 25 rooms taken. After some discussion Mr. Akers recommended that MacNamara proceed with arrangements. He also suggested that two sorts of sessions be organized 1) a formal type of session with papers presented and 2) informal sessions following a discussion format. For these it would be critical to have papers distributed in advance.

Mr. MacNamara asked for approval to appoint Mr. Thomas Callahan, Asst. Professor at John Jay and Mr. Jay Malcolm to help him with program arrangements. Approval was granted. Mr. Amos suggested that Mr. Ben Wade might be contacted to help and Mr. MacNamara said he would be part of a welcoming committee. Mr. Newman then moved

that Mr. MacNamara proceed with the Lincoln Center arrangements. This was seconded and passed.

A deadline for papers of September 15th was suggested. Mr. MacNamara also suggested a registration fee of \$35.00 which would include 2 luncheons. Mr. Grosman, Ms. Zahn, and President Ball raised objections and advised against such a high fee.

President Ball then circulated a letter from Albert Morris indicating his desire and willingness to write a history of the American Society of Criminology. Ms. Zahn moved that such a history be written. The motion was passed. It was then suggested that such a history be presented in the Journal. The form and content of the history were discussed following which Ms. Price moved that details be referred to the publications committee for consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Price reported on disposition of the \$2000. in funds contributed by NSF to support travel of young scholars to the Caracas meetings. 16 people applied for the funds of which 10 were eligible. Each of the 10 received \$200.00 President Ball complemented Ms. Price and Mr. Newman for their fine job in securing and dispensing these funds.

Mr. Sagarin reported that there are 400 copies of the Rothman book Politics, Crime and the International Scene available at \$6.00 a copy. Rothman has requested

that our membership list be made available to them to advertize this book. Mr. Sagarin moved that the request be honored, it was seconded and passed. The secretary was instructed to provide such a list to Rothman.

Mr. Sagarin then went on to report progress on publication of the papers presented at the Caracas meetings. He described some of the problems encountered with the Venezuelans who had originally agreed to publish all papers and also indicated that no commercial publishing firm here will publish all 138 papers. Praeger has agreed to publish 4 books of 14-15 papers each. Messers. Kittri and Ball are aiding Mr. Sagarin in putting together these volumes as are co-editors of each volume. The topics of each volume covered and the co-editors are listed below.

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Co-Editor</u>
1. Punishment & Rehabilitation	Mr. MacNamara
2. Images of Crime, Offenders and Victims	Mr. Thronberry
3. Politics and Crime	Mr. Sylvester
4. Prevention and Social Control	Mr. Akers

Mr. Sagarin indicated that the first volume is almost ready for publication, and that materials are now being reviewed for the other 3. He is hopeful that one or two of the volumes will be available for the November meetings. He also indicated there was no objection from

the publisher to separate publication of these papers in professional journals. Mr. Sagarin also indicated that contributors should be informed next time that only selected papers will be published. As a result of promises of Venezuela, people had the impression this year that all papers would be published.

Ms. Price extended commendation to Mr. Sagarin on behalf of the Society for all of the work he has done. She also recommended that some of this work, e.g. contacting publishers, etc. be routinized rather than redone every year. President Ball referred this recommendation to the publications committee.

Mr. Jeffrey then reported on the journal indicating that we must move on finding a new home for it and facilitate an orderly transition to it. President Ball suggested that the publications committee would be the appropriate body for dealing with this issue.

President Ball went on to say that the great amount of work to be done by the organization requires splitting into active working committees rather than trying to have the executive council as a whole handle everything. President Ball recommended the following committees and named the following persons to chair those committees:

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| 1. Nominations | Mr. Savitz |
| 2. Awards | Mr. Akers |
| 3. Publications | Mr. Kittrie |

- 4. Development & Organization Mr. Newman
- 5. Constitutional Revision Ms. Price
- 6. Student Awards Mr. Parsonage

Mr. Jeffrey raised a question about the relationship between the editorial board and the publications committee. This was referred to the publications committee for consideration.

Mr. MacNamara reminded the Awards committee chairman that Justices Earl Warren, Warren Burger and Mr. Karl Menninger had been recommended for awards and should be kept in mind for this year.

Mr. Newman suggested that edited minutes of the executive council be sent to the membership. This suggestion was referred to the publications committee.

Mr. MacNamara moved that the committee structure outlined by President Ball be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Newman suggested that funds based on a budget submitted by each committee chairperson, be made available to each committee.

The matter of the site for the 1974 meetings was then brought forth. Mr. Amos asked for further clarification concerning the Stone Foundation's acting as a supporter of the 1974 meetings. The site and sponsors of the meetings were reviewed and the council reaffirmed both.

Mr. MacNamara suggested that the society become more active in promoting international relations. Mr. Nurco

suggested that a committee be set up to make recommendations on this. There was executive council consensus that this be done and Mr. Grosman was named chairman of the committee on International Liason.

Mr. Amos then raised the issue of the society's relation to federal policy. He asserted that ASC should have a way of resolving difficulties so we can be heard on legislative issues. Mr. Kittrie indicated that Washington committees often deal with non-political issues to which we could contribute a good deal of information. President Ball referred this whole issue to the development committee.

Ms. Zahn suggested that a list of members and their areas of competence be compiled by the committee and made available to legislators and other policy makers..

Mr. Grosman concurred and suggested, additionally, that a research bank would also be helpful. Regarding ASC's relation to public policy Mr. Amos raised the question of our obligations as representatives of this discipline. President Ball indicated that we do not want to be on record as having nothing to offer to U.S. society.

The matter of training and educational standards was then raised. Mr. Newman voiced concern about ethics in research, especially the use of prisoners in research. He also indicated concern about the training of police. These issues were referred to the development and organ-

ization committee.

Mr. Kittrie suggested that we might want to try and get funding for thorough research on this matter. Mr. Amos concurred with this suggestion.

Mr. Sagarin voiced concern about confidentiality of informants in research and indicated this is an issue requiring some attention.

Since the development and organization committee has so many issues of concern and since Mr. Newman will be on sabbatical part of this year it was felt that a co-chairman to help him might be valuable. Mr. Grosman was named to do this.

Mr. Newman then moved that \$500 be given to the student awards committee. This was seconded and passed.

Mr. Jeffrey suggested that some of the Chicago people concerned with the 1974 meeting be at our next meeting. Mr. Sagarin has suggestions as to who these persons should be.

Mr. MacNamara announced that Keith Hunter a visiting professor at John Jay from England is available for lectureships.

The next executive committee meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. on May 12th.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by
Margaret Zahn in the absence
of Sawyer Sylvester