

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

May 12, 1973

American University
Washington, D.C.

PRESENT: Akers, Amos, Ball, Kittrie, MacNamara, Nurco, Price, Sagarin, Savitz, Sylvester, Zahn

Ball opened the Executive Board Meeting of ASC at 10:30 a.m. He proposed an agenda which was approved by the Board. Ball recommended the appointment of Price as Executive Secretary of the Society for a two-year term. Akers so moved and it was seconded and approved. A motion was then made to appoint Sylvester as Treasurer for a two-year term. It was moved, seconded, and approved.

Item 1: AAAS

Ball said the AAAS meeting will be held in December, and ASC is a co-sponsor.

Kittrie noted meeting is no longer at Christmas time. Ball said it would be in February in San Francisco.

MacNamara said he had served as the Society's representative in the past but had too many demands on his time to continue in this position. He noted that June Morrison is activating the western division of ASC and may be able to be of assistance for the AAAS meeting.

Kittrie suggested appointing a program chairman yearly to AAAS to develop a panel which ASC would conduct.

Ball noted we are entitled to board membership on AAAS and this is an outstanding opportunity for someone within our Society. This delegate represents the Society on the Council of Fellows. Ball asked for a volunteer to take on the delegate and program chairmanship responsible. MacNamara nominated Zahn; Akers seconded, and it was unanimously passed.

Ball suggested that at our annual meeting we publicize the AAAS meeting.

Item 2: Treasurer's Report

Sylvester gave the treasurer's report. The report was accepted as given. He reported that as of May 12, 1973 the Society has:

Assets

Savings Account (5%)	\$ 2577.54
Certificate (6%)	1175.64
Certificate (6%)	5266.65
Checking Account	4085.70
TOTAL	\$ 13105.53

Liabilities

Sage Publications, Inc.	\$ 2396.27
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Item 3: Travel Expenses

Ball raised the issue of travel costs to Board meetings; he noted that only limited funds are available. The Board might, Nurco noted, allocate a set sum to each president for supporting members for committee travel.

Price moved the Society financially support our representatives to AAAS if the home institution of the representative cannot provide funds and that the amount of support be left to the President.

Item 4: 1975 Meeting

Report on 1975 meeting site was next on agenda, presented by Sylvester. Professor Schneider made an attractive offer; he had been in Caracas and commented that we were welcome to meet in Germany in the future. Amos spoke of Schneider's cooperative nature and ability to get things done. MacNamara suggested that Germany is not that attractive to our members and that it is very expensive relative to England and other countries. Zahn suggested associated travel could be planned to make Germany more attractive. Kittrie noted we ought to be very careful in planning sites of future annual meetings and attempt to have more regional meetings. The possibility of our joining established European organizations in conjunction with the Europeans would be an attractive and viable alternative for our members.

MacNamara supplemented Kittrie's comments giving other examples of our joining European organization's ongoing meetings.

Sylvester responded that Schneider will need an answer relatively soon because of his requirements to start organizing.

Ball noted that more than one issue was involved: (1) decision on Germany; (2) question of commitment of two years in advance; (3) desirability of meeting outside of the country.

Ball observed we should be in control of our annual meeting and not meet as a subgroup of another organization.

Sagarin said he was opposed to meeting in Germany; the meeting would not appeal to a broad sweep of our members; meeting will not be feasible for junior academicians; will promote disenchantment with members who will perceive us as elitist-oriented; additionally, Germany is one country which he will not enter because of what it has stood for in the past.

Savitz noted that universities do have money for travel.

Nurco observed that we could offer subsidies whereby it would be feasible for many members to attend.

Akers noted out-of-country support by universities is usually only partial; that he had contacted his colleagues on a German meeting and they appeared only lukewarm; concurred that Sagarin's point about feasibility for low-income people is relevant.

Ball commented that financial issue is less important than philosophical orientation of the President-elect during the year of planning.

Sagarin noted he would go forward with the Board's will and would see that all plans were implemented.

Amos said (1) he and Price wrestled with the term "American" in our Society's title and that this should be clarified; (2) supported Sagarin's intention; (3) decision should be made today because people at the planning site require two years notice; (4) expenses with a charter flight would not be that great; (5) basic issue, how often does ASC want to have meetings outside the continental United States?

Ball observed that, historically, meeting sites have been a matter of expediency. He also observed that this Society should be defined as American, and while foreigners are welcome, our obligations are primarily to our American membership.

Ball summarized the issue of 1975 site by stating there is sufficient Board disagreement to warrant our stating that we cannot, at this time, accept Germany's invitation.

Item 5: International Society of Criminology

MacNamara suggested ASC appoint an active member to become fully involved. Kittrie was appointed to serve as delegate to the International Society of Criminology.

Item 6: PROXY

Sagarin observed he has a written proxy from Jeffrey and submitted the document dated April 26, 1973 and signed by Jeffrey.

Item 7: Woodrow Wilson Foundation

Sylvester read a letter from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation requesting visiting adjunct professors.

Ball referred the request to Grosman's Organization and Development Committee and requested that Grosman distribute information to the general membership.

Sagarin noted Sylvester should send information soon to the Board members.

MacNamara said two programs, a retired professor program and a fellowship program, are both conducted by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation.

MacNamara suggested next time membership lists are revised, the affiliation of each person be included.

Item 8: Arrangements for Future Meetings

Sagarin offered to explore invitations for 1975. Akers and Price volunteered to join the Arrangements for Future Meetings Committee.

MacNamara volunteered to contact Irish criminologists during his next trip for some future invitation.

Item 9: Report of the 1974 Meeting

Ball observed we had all received his report of his visit to the Illinois Academy of Criminology. Support from our hosts which appears to have a strong state organization appears good. Ball asked if the Board wants to authorize the Academy to be the major local arranger. It was decided that any solicitation of additional support by the Illinois Academy must be approved by the President and ratified by the Board.

The Illinois Academy of Criminology will assist with local arrangements and further correspondence with them will be handled by Sagarin's Committee on Arrangements for Future Meetings.

Item 10: Publications Committee

Kittrie reported:

(1) Committee has been in constant touch since last Board meeting and has met once in New York.

(2) General topics covered by the Publications Committee:

- (a) Broadened base of participation in the Journal.
- (b) Journal will expand its editorship so that as many disciplines as possible in criminology can be represented.
- (c) Creation of Associate Editors to represent different disciplines and work with the new Executive Editor.
- (d) Editorial Board should be formed, broad in base, but distinct from Publications Committee.
- (e) Smooth transition from Florida should be effected.
- (f) The Assistant Editors to be appointed would serve in addition to the Associate Editors and be younger people.

(g) The Journal needs to provide information on what is happening in the field of criminology including new literature.

(h) Effort to involve new people and members with diverse interests.

(3) Kittrie circulated "Recommendations of the Publications Committee."

Sagarin objected: (1) to advice and consent of the President rather than the Board appointment of Associate and other Editors; (2) the words "encourage referee panels" he said, must read "papers must be referred."

Kittrie modified the wording of the "Recommendations" to meet Sagarin's objections.

Amos raised question of membership of Editorial Board.

Nurco questioned length of appointment of Associate and other Editors.

Kittrie said it would be advisable to have an Editorial Board beyond the Executive Board and that in this way we can attract people who can in turn contribute to the quality of the Journal. Kittrie also discussed the various breakdown of editors by content area; in addition, names have been suggested for the Editorial Board.

Kittrie observed the goal of the Journal's reorganization is to turn the Journal into a broader based publication.

Sagarin observed that with so many people being given different tasks, a certain portion should be assigned to members who want to get involved and who keep asking "what can I do now?"

Ball commended Kittrie for his efforts as chairman of the Publications Committee and moved that Kittrie be appointed chairman of the Editorial Board; MacNamara seconded it and the motion was carried unanimously.

Zahn asked if we should give our suggestions to Kittrie for editorial appointments and it was agreed that this would be appropriate.

Ball asked for motion that we approve the "Recommendations of the Publications Committee." These were unanimously approved.

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Item 11: Awards Committee Report

Akers, the chairman, presented a summation of the two traditional Society Awards, The Sutherland and The Vollmer Award. Nominations will be solicited from the general membership, he said. By mid-summer nominees will be presented to the Board for ratification. The Block Award will be referred back to the Awards Committee for a decision as to its possible retirement.

Item 12: Nominations Committee Report

Savitz, the chairman, reported that nominations will be entertained for President-Elect and two Vice Presidents.

Sagarin noted that the next Board Meeting, to be held in September, will be the time for these nominations.

Item 13: Report from the Committee to Revise the Constitution

Price, as chairperson, summarized the goals of revision and offered to make comments on each proposed change. However, members of the Board indicated they had not had adequate time to review the proposed revisions. A motion was made to table the discussion of revisions until the September Board meeting.

Item 14: Brochure of the Society's Purposes

Ball asked for a volunteer to prepare a brochure describing the Society. Sylvester volunteered. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to designate the responsibility for preparing such a document to Sylvester.

Item 15: Report on the 1973 Meeting

MacNamara observed that a decision for the meeting dates of November 2-6 had been made at the last Board meeting. A call for papers has resulted in some 68 responses, to date, including five foreign papers. Some areas already sufficient for panels are:

- (1) Evaluation of Research and Demonstration Projects
- (2) Historical Perspectives in Criminal Justice
- (3) Decision-Making

A deadline of October 1 has been set for receipt of papers. MacNamara plans to designate past presidents to chair various sessions.

Meetings are to be held at John Jay College at Lincoln Center. Dr. Donald Riddle, Benjamin Malcolm, Archibald Murray have been designated as co-hosts. Many letters calling for personal involvement by particular specialists are now out.

Tom Callanan was appointed by the Board as Local Arrangements Chairman. Zahn asked if a decision had been made to accept Carl Chamber's offer of an honorarium which would be awarded to an outstanding lecturer speaking at the annual meeting. MacNamara noted he is attempting to make contact with potential speakers.

Registration

Zahn told of checking out prices for notebooks and badges. In addition, plans are underway for advance registration mailings to all members.

Hotels

The Empire is planned currently as it is the nearest hotel to John Jay. It was described as a modest hotel. A question was raised of moving the entire conference out of John Jay to a hotel or of locating a hotel large enough to accommodate all conference participants.

Suggestion was made that Kittrie visit the Empire Hotel in New York and consider alternatives. He will report to Ball.

Sagarin suggested contacting the New York City Tourist Bureau to advise visitors of available accommodations.

Item 16: Publication of 1972 Proceedings

Sagarin reported that the first three volumes are substantially completed. Akers as editor of volume four has additional work to do on selection of papers.

Suggestion was made to inform authors of rejected papers (those not to be printed). Sagarin indicated a great deal of work is involved in contacting authors and informing them of status of their paper. However, Sagarin, assumed responsibility for so informing all authors of papers at the 1972 Annual Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara R. Price
Executive Secretary