

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

Minutes of the  
Executive Board Meeting of  
ASC

Washington, D.C.  
September 21, 1974

The meeting was held at the Law Institute of American University at 11:40 a.m. with the following members in attendance:

William Amos	Albert Morris
John C. Ball	G.O.W. Mueller
Carl D. Chambers	Charles Newman
Alvin W. Cohn	Barbara R. Price
Robert Figlio	Marc Riedel
Edith Flynn	Edward Sagarin
Paul C. Friday	Leonard Savitz
Frank Hartung	Sawyer Sylvester, Jr.
C. Ray Jeffery	Terence D. Thornberry
Nicholas Kittrie	<i>William Parsonage</i>

President Edward Sagarin called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. He noted that the Chicago meeting and Constitution Revision were of prime importance for today's meeting.

1. Report on Student Awards Committee

Parsonage, chairperson, said findings of four judges are in. The fifth judge cannot participate. He explained the procedure for ranking papers and distributed a list of winners and paper titles. Sagarin announced that Parsonage asked earlier to be replaced for the coming year. Sagarin suggested the name of Julian Roebuck of Mississippi State. The motion to appoint Roebuck was moved, seconded and passed.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting adopted with one correction-- the spelling of Franco Ferricuti was in error on the previous minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report

Sylvester reported that he has liquidated certificates of deposit to ASC's savings account so as to be easily transferred to incoming treasurer following the November meeting. The treasurer's report (APPENDIX A) is attached.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made and seconded. Motion was carried. New membership lists are being prepared and will be mailed to the Board.

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4. Request for travel support to awardees

Sagarin said that he calculated that requests from Awardees to date for travel support to Chicago are at \$1,300. Sagarin recommended we assist Rubin in travel from New York and that we limit Fericuti's travel offer to \$350. The motion was made and seconded. Discussion followed. Newman offered a substitute motion that society policy be that awardees be given the option of coming at their own expense or be given the award in absentia. Discussion followed. Mueller suggested all motions on this issue be withdrawn and that the President be granted authority to provide necessary support for this year for these two people (Rubin and Fericuti). The motions were withdrawn. An amendment was made to form a policy committee of three, to handle decision on support for this year. Motion carried. Discussion of committee members to be appointed followed. Thornberry, Allen and Sagarin were appointed to the committee.

5. Toronto Meeting

Amos noted that funding of foreign participants will be an important issue for the future, especially in view of our 1975 planned meeting cite, Toronto.

6. Financial Policy

Motion that a Finance Committee be appointed to develop policy on utilization of financial resources of Society with the express goal of benefiting the membership was made. Kittrie suggested Sylvester, Newman and Cohen. Sagarin appointed these three members. Kittrie recommended that special travel expenses of awardees and registration fees be two issues of high priority on the new committee agenda.

7. Western Division

Sylvester mentioned the need for the western division to report to the Board on utilization of funds. He went on to say that the fiscal responsibility of the Western Division needs to be defined. Currently it is not separately incorporated and while ASC is responsible for actions of the Western Division, it now does not control them. A motion was made that a committee be established to talk with the Western Division officers in Chicago to explore legal and other relationships. Newman suggested that since

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the mandate of the financial committee seems to be expanding, the president-elect should be involved in the committee affairs. The motion was made that Amos and Wexler sit down and discuss legal ramifications of the Western affiliation with the major representatives of the Western Division.

8. Report of Chicago Meeting

Flynn reported on the preliminary program, noting each session is devoted to a specific topic. Flynn briefly described each session and concluded with an overview of the program. Patterson-Smith will have a book exhibit. Price read Tromenhauser's report on local arrangements. The Board recommended no wine at the banquet and chose the lower cost option for printing the programs. Newman moved to accept the report of the program chairperson, Flynn, and motion was seconded and passed.

9. Report of Al Morris on Preparation of History of Society

A history of the Society has been written and the galleys have now been presented to the Society. Kittrie said a report on the form of distribution should be made at the next executive meeting. Newman suggested the history be initially distributed as a special issue of Criminology with Morris as special editor of the issue. The motion was seconded. Motion carried with a warm note of thanks to Morris for the tremendous task just completed. Ball suggested some notification should go to the membership of the forthcoming history. Morris observed that several files of materials on the Society are in his possession and the question of permanent repository must be considered. Newman suggested that they go to a library for permanent repository and Cohn suggested the NCCD library.

10. Report of Publications Committee

Sagarin observed that the Prager volumns from the 1972 meetings are doing well. Riedel reported on the four volumns from the New York meetings. These will be out in the fall--two volumns before November. Mueller reported that a fifth volumn on criminological education from the 1972 meetings will soon be issued. It should be available by November and consists of fifteen papers. Sagarin suggested for 1974 we continue with Praeger as the publisher. Sagarin asked that Flynn and Trebach come to executive meeting with suggestions on how the editing of the 1974 papers might best be handled.

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11. AAAS Relations

Figlios reported that AAAS program plans were completed by the end of May and there was no way that ASC could be included in the January, 1975 meeting by the time he talked with them in June. We are out only for this one year and will try to give a session subsequently.

12. Nominations

Peter Lejins planned to be here, but due to surgery he couldn't attend. Best wishes of the Board will be sent to him.

13. Award

No further statement on present awards. Morris asked what is the purposes of each award? Sagarin said Akers has stated exactly what the three awards were and who should get them. Morris said everyone voting should know the purpose of the award. Sagarin said we can't get ex-post facto consistency, and asked Price to circulate the prepared material on the awards and then discuss it at the next meeting.

14. International Liaison

Paul Friday said most of his activity is toward Toronto Conference. We have formal invitation by Institute of Crime at Cambridge to give joint conference in 1976 on mentally disturbed offenders. Sagarin said we might co-sponsor it. The question of project budgeting was raised. Special projects, Newman suggested, should receive own budget. Ball recommended that these matters on special projects be relegated to the Finance Committee.

15. International Society of Criminology

Mueller reported that the Caracas meeting of the I.S.C. turned into an anti-American slugfest. Sagarin observed that he wrote to Toro-Calder asking for additional information. The president wrote to the appropriate officials (Professor Pinatel in France) registering his dismay at the lack of opportunity afforded to speak.

16. Toronto Meeting

Sagarin asked for Kittrie's comments on his early exploration of our 1975 meetings. Kittrie distributed a memo

of tentative thoughts on content of meeting which he believes should focus on comparative criminology. Kittrie asked executive to send reactions and thinking on the program for Toronto meeting to him. Trebach reported on physical location plans. He has assurances of one hotel now on holding space. Kittrie said we must have someone local in residence to make arrangements. Mueller reminded the Board that the United Nations World Congress Conference is a governmental conference with limited space for individual criminologists. The Society has an opportunity, he said, to make recommendations to the State Department for possible names to compromise the delegation. Sagarin asked that Kittrie take into consideration the above remarks as incoming President.

17. Journal Report

Newman reported that 221 papers have been received for consideration since he assumed editorship. See Journal Report (APPENDIX B). The May publication delay was due to paper shortage on the part of the publisher combined with a cash flow problem. Paul Weston, an associate editor, asked to be relieved of his duties and Newman is in the process of soliciting recommendations of people who might fill the police specialist editor position. Some preliminary discussion may be appropriate now for future placement of Criminology as Newman believes three years for each location is sufficient. Friday moved that the three previous editors, Newman, Jeffrey and Dinitz, serve as an advisory committee to give preliminary report by June, 1975 on new site for CRIMINOLOGY. The motion carried unanimously. Newman discussed CRIMINOLOGY royalties. He wants to extend size and possibly add special editions with these revenues. Jeffrey said we already have new budget committee. Chambers said leave it to budget committee. McNamara--This is not forthcoming money--but profit already accrued. Cohn said it is bad to allocate special funds regularly for a specific purpose.

18. Constitutional Revision. The committee report was read by committee chairperson, Price, to the executive board. Motion to accept the revised constitution made, seconded and passed. Chairperson authorized to send out the revised amended constitution to membership for a vote with a statement on reasons for revision. Price asked that Sagarin write a letter to the membership to accompany the constitution.

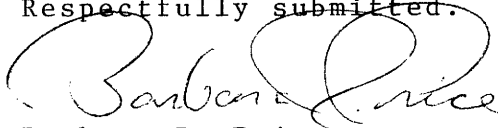
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19. International meetings--discussed sponsoring or co-sponsoring meetings. Friday talked further of joint meeting with Institute of Criminology on the theme of the mentally disordered offender to be held in 1976. Friday was authorized to pursue this further.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted.



Barbara R. Price  
Executive Secretary  
American Society of Criminology

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Attachments

APPENDIX A

ASC Treasurers Report for September 21, 1974

\$1886.17	. . . . .	Checking account
9747.98	. . . . .	Savings account
722.50	. . . . .	Undeposited checks
<u>\$12356.65</u>	. . . . .	Total Cash Assets
1560.03	. . . . .	Credit from Sage Publications
<u>\$13916.68</u>	. . . . .	Total Assets

Accepted September 21, 1974

APPENDIX B

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 20, 1974

From: Charles L. Newman

To: Nicholas Kittrie, Chairman, Editorial Board  
 Members Editorial Board  
 Associate Editors  
 President Sagarin  
 Executive Council  
 Betsy Schmidt, Sage Publications

I am pleased to provide the following status report relative to articles submitted for publication to CRIMINOLOGY:

Submitted for consideration July, 1973-Sept., 1974		221
Accepted for publication	30	
Conditional acceptance, subject to modification	11	
Under review by editors	24	
Awaiting review assignment	20	
Rejected or referred to other journals	136	
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The May, 1974 issue (Vol. XII, No. 1) presented a new format for CRIMINOLOGY. Working closely with our fine publishers we have modified the lead arrangement for articles so that they are visually more attractive. The projected plan to include abstracts is now operational. We have also included a research notes section. In time, such research notes will constitute a larger portion of the journal, providing our readers with a more comprehensive view of the research production, without the massive review of the literature which is so common to typical scholarly writing.

The May issue carries, also, statements of editorial policy regarding desired length of submissions, style of presentations, etc. I hope that the specificity will assist prospective authors to prepare suitable manuscripts.

We continue to be fortunate in having the services of a great group of associate editors and referees. While the volume of submissions has focused to alter our original objective of a ten-week decision (now fifteen) the process is moving very smoothly and (I hope) efficiently. Each author receives immediate notification on receipt of the submission.



APPENDIX B  
(continued)

I wish to report some personnel changes. Dr. Paul Weston has asked to be replaced as Associate Editor (Law Enforcement). A successor has not been named. Judy Parzanese has joined us as an editorial assistant.

Joining us as Assistant Editors are Dr. Margaret Zahn (Theory) and Dr. ~~Harry~~ Rosen (Juvenile Delinquency). Both of these persons have served us efficiently as referees, and this "promotion" is in recognition of that fine work.

A series of problems continue to exist. The first of these related to the production and distribution of the journal. The May issue was not distributed until early September, due to publisher difficulties, including paper shortage. The August issue will also be late, though hopefully not so delayed. Probably the November issue will also be late.

Space continues to be a problem. We are filled through the February, 1975 issue. This means that if an article were to be accepted today, the earliest it could be published is May, 1975. We should consider the possibility of enlarging the size of the journal when the contract comes up for renewal (next February).

The journal has been growing regularly in distribution both from individual membership subscriptions, and from library and non-member purchases. Our distribution is approaching 1600 copies per issue.

Royalties received for non member subscriptions has increased dramatically:

Jan. 1973-Dec. 1973

Subscription income	\$1292.10 (10%)
Back issue	159.80 (10%)
Permissions	12.50 (50%)
Advertising	95.63 (10%)
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	\$1560.03

I am recommending that the chairman of the Editorial Board schedule a total Board meeting in conjunction with the November, 1974 ASC meeting. We have not met as a group since the inception of the current board, and much work needs to be done to make the board a viable instrumentality on behalf of CRIMINOLOGY.