

Minutes - Meeting of
Executive Council
December 7, 1974
Washington, D. C.

Attendance:

Charles L. Newman	Margaret Zahn	Joseph Trotter, Jr.
William H. Parsonage	Joseph E. Scott	Marc Riedel
Peter P. Lejins	John P. Conrad	Paul Friday
Saleem Shah	Edith Flynn	G.O.W. Mueller
Jack Susman	C. Ray Jeffery	Terence Thornberry
Arnold Trebach	Harry Allen	H.H.A. Cooper
Barbara R. Price	Nicholas Kittrie	David Saari
		Freda Adler

President Kittrie opened the Executive Council meeting of the American Society of Criminology at 10:50 a.m. and asked that each person introduce himself.

Comments on Composition of Meeting

Kittrie said he sought people representative of various branches of criminology, and various levels of professional development. He has been consulting with the elected officers in making all committee appointments.

Purpose of this Meeting

To deliberate on various goals of the organization and to obtain input from all present.

Treasury

Kittrie said we were fortunate to have Harry Allen accept the position of Treasurer. Allen gave the Treasurer's Report (see Appendix 1 - Treasurer's Report, December 7, 1974). The annual meeting brought in \$228.70 net.

Registration

Two hundred and thirty people paid, and an additional nine people are to be billed. There are twenty-nine new members directly attributable to the Chicago meeting.

Allen requested that the officers authorize the opening of bank and checking accounts per Ohio Law. The authorization was so given.

Stationary

Three mock-ups were presented for Society letterhead. Kittrie suggested we take time and decide after lunch.

Kittrie thanked Allen and noted we have more on financial matters to be handled later on in this session.

Publications of New York and Chicago Meeting

Riedel reported on techniques whereby he and co-editors developed the four New York volumes. Two volumes are out and two will be available shortly. Praeger will be sending royalties to the Society to the Treasurer and we will request that they advertise in Criminology.

Kittrie observed that proceedings never were published in past years. In recent years the publications have been providing good visibility to the Society. Riedel said that the issue of "first publication right" needs to be resolved for authors submitting papers to our meetings. Kittrie asked for advice as to other organization's policies. Shah noted that only one organization, to his knowledge, has a "first publication right." Riedel noted that about 50% of the New York papers were included in the four volumes.

Regarding the Chicago meeting, Flynn has been asked to do preliminary analysis. No commitments regarding volumes, content, etc. has been made. Approximately 80% have received a letter of appreciation for participating in the Society - the remainder are receiving personal notes. Several papers were reports of funding research and had obligations in terms of publishing to their grantors.

Flynn reported having had 3 or 4 topics which seem to predominate:

1. Deterrence
2. Criminal Research and Ethics
3. Studies in Criminal Research; New Perspectives (Flynn will edit)
4. Antecedants and Consequences of Discretion
5. Victimology Session - possible
6. Deviance in Criminal Justice System

Friday asked what the decision making mechanism will be for editors and topics. Kittrie said last year a publications committee meeting was held on this. Kittrie asked Trebach to summarize that report of 14

October 74. (See Appendix 2). Program Chairmen, Trebach noted, should certainly have first option in editing one volume of the proceedings. Trebach noted that his report stands as recommendations only and is not ASC definitive policy. Trebach said the initial organization of the paper as Flynn has done should be the responsibility of the program chair.

Shah questioned the objective of the Society's publications - i.e., is it record - prestige - income? Lacking clarity, it is difficult to give clear direction.

Kittrie urged that we delay on a decision until next meeting. Thornberry noted on funded research that the authors were requested to observe that the material would be published elsewhere as part of the grant requirement. Shah suggested we form a small committee to come up with recommendations and circulate this to the members for their reactions. Friday said we have so many other matters to consider during the year that we should probably have another council meeting early in the next month. Kittrie said we are agreed we need a firm plan and contact with a publisher for the Chicago papers by early in the next year. Flynn asked if it was the thinking of the Board that she and Conrad should proceed with the one volume and continue to crystalize topics for the other volume. Riedel urged a letter to authors recommending they not give away their copyright because the possibility of publishing the paper exists. Riedel also concurred with Flynn's recommendation that we continue with Praeger in getting out the 1st two volumes.

Trebach asked if the Board would agree that the call for papers for 1975 include a statement that the Society have the right to first approval. It was agreed.

Criminology Journal

Newman said the November issued should be in the mail now. There had been a paper shortage this summer and a backlog occurred. Papers continue to come in at a rapid rate:

- a) 272 papers so far this year;
- b) associate and assistant editors are working well and there is a 10 week turn around for authors.

Major changes in the Journal this year include abstract at head of each

article, and the back cover of the Journal will become a Society page. Our circulation is approximately 2,000 - 800 of which are members and no royalties go to the Society. All ads are in one section. Sage continues to be very cooperative, but asked us to take on author contract responsibilities.

The journal is currently filled through August, 1975, and only two journal issues are to be filled during Newman's term. Therefore, early this coming year we need to activate a search committee for a new home for the journal. New contract with Sage calls for no increase in price for the next three years. Critical issues, in summary, are:

1. selection of a new home for May, 1976 issue;
2. authorization to sign new contract with Sage;
3. question of special issues (we currently have a 2nd class postal permit which allows for only 4 issues per year). If we attempt a special issue, we are liable for postage differential since Sage published Criminology. Additional questions on the special issue (The History of the Society), who will receive the issue, and matter of printing a backlog were discussed.

Shah asked if the four issues a year was a policy or whether it could be modified. Newman replied that the postal permit and the contract are interrelated. Kittrie wais several important issues are raised and should be considered before the contract is renegotiated with Sage. These are:

1. four volumns to six volumes;
2. staying with four volumes but increasing the number of pages periodically.

Lejins asked if there is any special significance in publishing the history of the Society at this time.

Kittire responded that an action was taken by the Society to authorize the history and then publish it; secondly, the volume represents a step in our search for an identity. Conrad asked how large the draft history is. Newman said it will run 25-30 page document when printed. Newman said the commitment to the history has pretty well been made by the Society.

Toronto Meeting

Trebach noted we want to review the preliminary list of topics which Kittrie developed. Within 60 days a call for papers should go out. A Chair should be designated for each area and papers should go the the Chair

of each subject area. Also, each Chair should designate a co-chair from a foreign country. The call for papers will require publication of formal notification of first publication rights. A list of deadlines should also be prepared for each stage of preparation in planning for Toronto.

noted that in the minutes of the Chicago meeting, he expressed disapproval of plans to meet in Toronto because it will be overshadowed by the larger meeting. ASC should emphasize its own role and importance and not meet in conjunction with the U.N., and also it is planned to follow the research meeting in Montreal. In addition, faculty will have trouble getting their Universities to fund two or three meetings in one month. Because of the abundance of meetings clustering in early September, it requires absenteeing themselves for some 15 days. Friday said he has sent letters to some 90 foreign institutes and individuals with a short questionnaire on kinds of research (and whether they would be at the UN) they are doing and whether they would be interested in contributing to our meeting. Friday said some of these institutes replied that they are having the same three week problem which Lejins referred to.

Kittrie said the notion of a meeting on comparative criminology would be most useful and the Board has expressed strong feeling that this would be used. Kittrie said that the Board thought that maybe we would get benefits from meeting at the end of the U.N., but that not necessarily our meeting would have the same people. We were really looking for small numbers of international representation (possibly some 20-30 internationals). The statement describing Toronto (see #3) indicates there is no effort to parallel or coordinate with the U.N., but possibly only to have one plenary session which would brief members on what has transpired at the U.N. session. Thornberry said that some affiliation on an occasional basis would not damage the ASC and especially in view of the fact that it is not common to have an international meeting on continental America. Newman observed that going outside U.S. always has possible hazards; the benefits derived from meeting outside the country could as well be served by meeting at our regular time of November. Lejins said he is a U.S. correspondent to the U.N., and the U.N. congress is made up of officials and bureaucrats (e.g. not really our counterparts in ASC). Parsonage said he hoped that the location of future ASC meetings would consider opportunities for full participation (especially students and the difficulty of authorization of foreign travel). Friday noted we do have Canadian members who are part of

our Society and it is most appropriate to go up to Canada.

Kittrie asked:

1. would there be problems in rescheduling to November?
2. could we get the same internal participation in November?

Trebach said he committed us to the Holiday Inn for September. He doesn't know at this time what the problems in rescheduling would be. Newman repeated the minutes of the Chicago session.

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Toronto Meeting (continued)

Mueller indicated that some ASC members will inevitably try to get in to a U.N. Congress which has no way to accommodate these people. The researchers who precede the U.N. Congress will have been in Toronto for some time and will be tired and not be able to fully contribute to your meeting. No advantage of the U.N. meeting can be had. Jeffery moved to hold the meeting in Toronto in November, the exact dates to be determined by the President and in accord with arrangements by the Holiday Inn. Motion was made and seconded. The sense of the meeting was in favor of the motion. Thornberry asked what the motion and sense vote. Kittrie noted we have to explore this. Question of binding vote was raised. Kittrie asked that the vote be postponed until he is able to consult with all voting members. A conference call will be held in the forthcoming week and a decision be made to change or keep the date as stands. A date will be determined, if necessary, for late October or earlier, if necessary.

Goals and Activities of the Society for the Coming Year

The President distributed a document on goals of the Society entitled 1975: The Beginning of a Five Year Plan (see Appendix 4). Kittrie discussed the need for the Society to establish its predominance in the field of criminology. The question of a serious membership campaign is one important area. Another important area is the need for accreditation and standards. In planning and development, the key issues are what can we do for our members and can we become more regional so that all parts of the country are fully served. International cooperation is another major area and immediate attention to such meetings is required. Placement is an important

activity for many professional organizations, and we ought to explore the role of the Society here in serving the members. Obligations to be heard on public policy is an area which has received no attention by this Society.

Saari asked if membership is listed first because the President's views it as top priority. Shah said the Society's goals and objectives need to be reviewed first because people ask, why should I join? Newman observed that the goals are fairly well articulated in the Constitution, but the question is the growth of the organization and the need to become sufficiently solvent so that a paid staff can work on the housekeeping.

Saari said other organizations have struggled with the need for centralized services and there are companies which provide this. Trebach said there are ways such as insurance incentives and he said he believes that the President is correct in urging that membership be first priority.

Accreditation, Newman noted, is an enormous task and what we should do is establish a committee to engage in research as to what criteria ought to be included. Shah noted that you can't go about setting standards for related groups. What is necessary, for example, is incorporating these groups into the Society first.

Conrad agreed that we need to explore this topic further because it would be presumptuous to set down standards for those not represented. Kittrie asked if we could discuss regional activities and programs. Parsonage suggested the need for centralized and coordinated activities. Allen mentioned that Morrison is President of the Western Division, which is having its second annual meeting. Friday asked whether we shouldn't pay attention to the Society's legal obligation to regional division. Question of the president was are we ready to move beyond one annual meeting. Mueller said he thought that this was a step we were ready to take, but it is a question of identifying leadership in various sections of the nation.

New Business

Newman asked for authorization to negotiate a contract with Sage between the President and Treasurer and the Editor.

Kittrie thanked all for attending and said he viewed this meeting as transitional in nature and final assignments will be made within the next two weeks.

Trebach said he would like to see all participants at these meetings

eligible to vote.

Friday suggested that the consultants be invoked and the final assignments for counselors and chairpersons be appointed and the time for a next meeting be made. Kittrie said these discussions today, although not definitive in terms of taking a vote, were extremely useful to him. A meeting will be held on the 25th of January in Philadelphia.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.