



THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

MINUTES

Meeting of Executive Board
October 4, 1975
Washington, D.C.

Attendance:

Julian Roebuck	Charles L. Newman	H.H.A. Cooper
G.O.W. Mueller	Arnold S. Trebach	Jack Susman
Freda Adler	C. Ray Jeffery	Harry Allen
John P. Conrad	Peter Lejins	Nicholas Kittrrie
Donal E.J. MacNamara	Alvin W. Cohn	Barbara Price
Bruno Cormier	Joseph E. Scott	

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The meeting was called to order by President Kittrrie at 10:20 a.m. He discussed the reasons for the change in date of the Board meeting.

Minutes of the Secretary: The minutes were circulated. One correction was noted under "Awards." The minutes were then approved.

Treasurer's Report: Allen gave the Treasurer's report including both the Conference account and the Standing account.* The Treasurer's report was accepted. MacNamara suggested that in the future the Treasurer's report be mailed with the agenda several weeks prior to the Board meeting.

Report of Membership Committee: Allen said that four of the five phases of the drive are complete. (See Appendix 2). Phase One: All old members have been billed, and members were invited to bring in a friend or colleague. Phase Two: Mass mailings to other national organizations were made; university criminal justice program directors were sent invitations to join; and State Planning Agencies were solicited. Phase Three: Brochures were distributed at other national conferences. Phase Four: As a result of wide distribution of 1975 program with membership and registration forms, there has been an additional 16% in new members. Final growth status: If the new candidates are approved, we will have 1415 members by October 3, 1975. MacNamara commented on the need to retain new members; many join but do not stay active. This is a real problem. Newman commented on the timing of membership. Allen noted that all memberships are activated March 1st. Kittrrie noted the membership campaign has raised many issues concerning retaining membership, services offered, timing, etc. Jeffery said the idea of the March 1st option (e.g. new member selecting either the past or future March to activate membership) was an interesting idea. Scott stated that Western criminologists repeatedly say that the Society doesn't do anything for them. They would like the Society to act as a clearinghouse for meetings, research, etc. Allen submitted a proposal (See Appendix 3) to restructure membership dues.

*Appendix 1 (Reports on the Conference Account and the Standing Account) not available.

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L. Newman 1972
J. Price 1971
J. Trebach 1970
J. Trebach 1969
G.O.W. Mueller 1968
J. Trebach 1967
J. Trebach 1966
J. Trebach 1965

Discussion on this issue was tabled. Allen summarized the membership drive by indicating that the rate of activity should continue at the same pace next year. In addition, the approach next year should be intensified at a personalized level. Return rates jump when addressee pays return postage. A list of applications for membership dated October 4, 1975 was submitted. (See Appendix 4) A question was raised on one name. This list was approved subject to additional inquiry into the occupation of the applicant in question.

Report of the Toronto Meeting: Trebach reported that advance registration is very promising. Several reports were passed out showing expenditures and 223 advanced registrations. (See Appendix 5). In addition, 35 people have joined the Society as a result of receiving the advanced program (See Appendix 6). It was decided that non-member panelists who have been invited to participate in one panel should, at Program Chairman's discretion, have registration fee waived. Newman said in the future major expenditures of program director should be cleared with the Board. Scott suggested that policy needs to be made on this issue. Cohn said the budget should be prepared and submitted to the Board for approval. Trebach noted that guidelines for future meetings can be developed based on his experiences this year, and he plans to do that following the 1975 Annual Meeting. Kittrie told the Board that the full Board and Committee Chairs will be listed on the supplementary program. Scott suggested that the Program Chair ought to be a member of the Board one year in advance in order to learn the procedures. Supplemental program deadline for submitting additions is October 13th. Conrad indicated that the President ought to preside at the plenary session Thursday evening, because that session involves general Society business. Sign-up sheets for participants desiring to speak for or against a particular resolution will be available at the registration desk. Discussion ended.

England Meeting: Cormier reported that the U.S.A., Canada and England are planning a meeting in Spring, 1976. There is a problem of finding money for 25 people to attend. Topics will cover psychiatry and law. Papers would be prepared for discussion. Allen indicated he had explored financing through various federal agencies; it has not, he noted, been very successful. It was pointed out that Sagarin feels the general membership should be informed of the pending meeting. Discussion followed on costs and responsibility for the meeting. Mueller said we need further clarification and Kittrie concurred saying that we seem to have a great deal of confusion. Newman said the correspondence he has seen indicates considerable costs would have to be incurred by the Society. Kittrie tabled the discussion.

Kittrie asked for committee reports. Six reports were available.

Report of the Annual Meeting Sites Committee: (See Appendix 7) The report was submitted by Price and amended to read: Atlanta 1977; Midwest 1978; Boston 1979; San Francisco 1980; Washington 1981. A motion was made to accept the report and delay final decision on the specific 1978 Midwest city until a later Board Meeting. The motion was seconded. The report was accepted.

Report of Regional Activities and Meetings Committee: Scott submitted a memo circulated to the committee (See Appendix 8). He indicated a committee report will be available in Toronto, October 30th. No action was taken.

Report of Financing Committee: Cohn gave his report which contains seven policy areas. (See Appendix H of May 8th Board Meeting Minutes) Kittrie asked that each item be submitted as a separate motion. The first item on preparation of an annual budget was put in the form of a motion. An amendment was made that items 1 and 6 be combined and the reports be adopted at Annual Meetings. The amendment was carried and Items 1 and 6, as amended, were approved. A motion was made to table the remainder of the report. The motion carried. Cohn said a major policy decision on regional organizations needs to be made. Scott said indeed this request would be handled in his report. The proposed budget which Allen will prepare for consideration at the November Annual Meeting will not be implemented until 1976. A motion was made that 1 and 6, as passed, be implemented in 1976. The motion was passed. Allen, as Treasurer, will submit a budget report for the November Executive Board Meeting. Cohn expressed regret that the executive had delayed on committee reports for several months and then tabled a substantial amount of the report. Kittrie expressed appreciation for Cohn's efforts on this.

Elections Committee Report: The report of the election committee was approved. (See Appendix 9) The Secretary was instructed to notify the candidates of the results and indicate to all winners that they are expected at the Annual Meeting. The new President-Elect is William E. Amos; Vice-President, Ronald L. Akers; Counselors with 3 year terms are Edith Flynn and Elmer Johnson; two year terms, Terry Thornberry and June Morrison; 1 year terms, Bernard Diamond and Alvin Cohn.

Committees: MacNamara indicated that he was concerned at being a member of several committees and, in addition, he felt he had not been adequately informed. Kittrie responded that the committees have, in some instance, been very active. Cohn said standing committees should be defined and differentiated from ad hoc committees.

Placement Committee. In Parsonage's absence, Price read his report. (See Appendix 10). The Board expressed satisfaction with progress of the committee.

Report of Criminology Editor: Editor Newman observed that his tenure does not expire until May of 1976, but he is at this time dealing with the transition. His report is contained in Appendix 11. He noted that manuscripts are being sent to the editors-elect. The motion was made and seconded to accept the report of the Editor. Motion accepted. Mueller praised the quality of the Journal under the editorship of Newman. Kittrie said that it gives him great pleasure to appoint two past-presidents of the Society as co-editors. Kittrie moved that Edward Sagarin and Donal MacNamara assume editorship of the Journal in June, 1976 for a three-year period. MacNamara gave a report of plans for editorship (See appendix 12). The report constitutes the philosophy of the incoming editors, he said. Newman commented that all communications to Sage should be handled through the current Editor. Newman gave the titles of the articles to appear in the next two issues. Kittrie said a lot of credit is due for the

improvements in the Journal over the past years; Jeffery and Newman are both greatly responsible for this. The editorial advisory board was a way of improving the Journal and, while it has not been very effective, it should be reconstituted. Kittrie asked if we can consider moving the Journal in the direction of soliciting articles rather than selecting from those materials which come in. Can we consider a newsletter? Should we attempt through the Journal to be more multidisciplinary? These, Kittrie said, are major policy decisions. Newman said that soliciting articles has not been notably successful. The policy of the Journal should be set by the editorial board.

MacNamara said he always felt there should be a newsletter and there may be some advantages in having the two publications under the same editorship. Jeffery said that inviting papers was not successful, in his experience, and that one of the problems in making the Journal interdisciplinary is that many people in the field do not really identify themselves as criminologists. Allen said lawyers, social workers and psychiatrists are on the increase within the Society and we are, as a society, becoming more interdisciplinary if membership is indicative. MacNamara suggested that the proposed budget which Allen is constructing include an item for ten newsletters. Cooper moved that where the office of editor of Criminology is vested in more than one person, the voting right provided by Article III, A.2 of the Constitution shall be exercised by only one of those persons. It was moved, seconded and passed.

Committee on Ethics of Criminological Research: Susman indicated that he will be coming in with a report in Toronto and gave the progress report on the work of his committee (See Appendix 13).

New Business: Allen recommended that Samuel Kramer be given Emeritus Status. It was moved, seconded, and approved. Allen indicated he had prepared a statement on Society supporting travel to Board meetings of voting members. The recommendation was tabled. Allen said he wishes to recommend a three-year policy of reduced membership dues. The motion was so made, but failed to receive a second.

The motion to adjourn was made. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara R. Price
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American Society of Criminology

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Attachments

APPENDIX 2.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

October 2, 1975

The Membership Committee reports that four of the five phases of the membership drive have basically been completed.

1. All old members for 1974 have been billed (up to three duns).
2. Mailed invitations have been posted to potential and otherwise eligible candidates:

North Carolina Criminal Justice Educators	155
Southern Conference on Correct. Attendees	88
Profs. of Criminal Law/Procedure	205
Directors of Criminal Justice Programs	702
Blacks in Crim. Justice Conference Attendees	151
Rape Conference Attendees	100
American Practicing Lawyers	1,008
American Soc. Assn. Deviance/Crim. Section	1,611
Directors of State/Federal Correct. Depts.	54
Canadian authors (CJCC)	199
*State Planning Agents	55
Ohio Correction/Court Services Association	63
American authors in Crm/Criminal Justice, 1974-5	151
New IACP Active members	200
*Criminal Justice Program Directors	300
	<u>5,041</u>

(*indicates follow-up on Convention brochure mail-out)

3. Brochures (only) were distributed at the following conventions/conferences:

American Psy. Association	50
Wisconsin Criminal Justice Conference	100
The Aged and Crime Conference	200
	<u>350</u>

4. Each member (as of September) was mailed one or more sets of brochures and application forms, requesting their recruitment of a colleague or student. The option of nominating potential candidates for the membership committee to later contact was also made available, and letters will be sent to all nominees (as well as responding to members who request larger number of sets of forms and brochures for their distribution); major collegial units with affiliates will be asked to assist as well.

The above phases will be sporadically continued this year as necessary, and the fifth phase will consist of a recruitment effort at the Toronto meeting. (Parenthetically, Trebach's registration efforts are also bearing

fruit on terms of new members.)

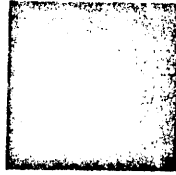
The membership status over the years is reflected in the table to be distributed. As an up-date, there are approximately 191 candidates for consideration on October 4; if approved, the amended total for 1975 (to date) would be 509 new members, for a total of 1415 members on the rolls.

One projection of total membership by the annual conference (after which new members will be activated effective March 1, 1976), assuming the current number of returns (approximately 8 per day) continues, is 1625. A second projection, assuming registration for the conference continues at the same rate (approximately 16%), would approximate 1900 members.

Finally, for your information, the rate of return for mailed questionnaires only is 10.1% at this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry E. Allen, Chair
FOR THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

To: Roger Baldwin, John P. Clark, Don Gibbons, C. Ronald Huff, Jim Hackler, Peter C. Kratcoski, Barry Krisberg, William J. Mathias, William F. McDonald, June Morrison, Sue Titus Reid, Henry J. Steadman, Austin Turk, Kurt Weiss, Charles E. Wheeler.

From: Joseph E. Scott

Date: October 1, 1975

Re: Regional Activities and Meetings - American Society of Criminology.

Nicholas Kittrie, the President of the American Society of Criminology for this year, has asked me to serve as chairperson of the society's Committee on Regional Activities and Meetings. I am writing to ask you to serve with me on that committee.

The committee has a rather large and challenging task before it. Professor Kittrie earlier in the year indicated the committee would be responsible to:

1. Improve services to members: consider sponsoring, cosponsoring or coordinating information on specialized symposia or regional meetings and provide wanted information to members concerning meetings, symposia, professional field tours and etc.
2. Improve services by the society to the criminal justice community: responses to legislation, to research funding, to educational needs, etc.

The new Committee on Regional Activities and Meetings is charged with developing the needed plans and recommending methods for their implementation. In addition, the committee should also suggest the priorities in which these activities should be undertaken and suggest concrete ways in

which the proposals made by the committee can be implemented.

The first formal meeting of the committee will be at the ASC's annual meeting in Toronto on Sunday morning from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m in the music hall. I do hope you are willing to serve on the committee and that you will be able to attend our first meeting.

There are a number of questions the committee must address at the first meeting. Some of these are: Should the society sponsor regional meetings? Should there be regional societies affiliated with the national body? Should the society sponsor special symposia? Should the society commit itself to act as a clearinghouse of some type or another for international, national and regional meetings and activities of possible interest to the society's members? These questions are in no way meant to be an exhaustive list of questions to be addressed by the committee, but rather represent a minimal number of issues that must be dealt with.

As I said at the beginning of this memo, our task is large and can have a direct impact on the future activities of the American Society of Criminology.

I hope all of you will be able to serve with me on this committee. If you cannot attend our first meeting in Toronto, I would appreciate hearing from you before the meetings concerning what position our committee should take on the above mentioned issues, plus any additional ones you feel should be addressed.

To those planning on attending the meetings, I look forward to meeting with you on Sunday morning the 2nd of November.