

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

MINUTES
OF
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ATTENDANCE

Marc Riedel	Julian Roebuck	Joseph Trotter, Jr.
G.O.W. Mueller	Edward Sagarin	Jack Susman
Freda Adler	Nicholas Kittrie	Harry E. Allen
C. Ray Jeffery	Paul C. Friday	John Conrad
H.H.A. Cooper	Terrence Thornberry	Seymour L. Halleck
Margaret Zahn	Arnold S. Trebach	

President Kittrie called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. He commented on the attendance, noting (with some concern) the absence of some members of the council. The President-Elect was also not in attendance, and his proxy was held by Edward Sagarin.

AGENDA

The agenda is before the Board. We will bypass items which require people not yet arrived. Kittrie questioned if the order of the agenda needs modification.

MINUTES - SECRETARY'S REPORT

The name of Freda Adler had been omitted from the attendance of the last minutes, and Peter Lejin's name was spelled incorrectly. Jeffery moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. It was so moved.

TORONTO MEETING

Trebach reported that October 30th to November 2nd, 1975 are the revised dates of our next annual meeting. The Holiday Inn is the conference hotel. The content of the meeting has been under consideration since December - several members have either written or called. A preliminary draft of the program will be ready in a week's time. It will be mailed to the Board for additions, suggestions, and/or modifications. Only the Board and Program Committee will receive this draft. March 20th is the target date for the preliminary program,

call for papers to members, and a general mailing. By mid-June, panel chairs must make their selection for members of panels and those papers to be presented. Final program's target date is July 15th. All major work should be done by that time. A new service will be initiated entitled, "Professional Employment Exchange." A desk at the meeting will be set up with files from employers, as well as resumes of people seeking jobs. Questions were raised about the feasibility of an employment service at the meeting. Exhibitors can have free space at the hotel. Trebach indicated that he is open to suggestions on all of the issues he is proposing.

Sagarin commented that the biggest problem in Chicago was that we did not have control over the meeting, especially the mechanics such as printing. Without this control, the costs to the Society can be prohibitive. We have had excellent experiences with Sociological Abstracts and should continue that relationship. A plenary session on the U.N. proceedings is, of course, essential. Trebach confirmed that this will occur.

Sagarin raised the issue of quality vs. quantity of papers. He encouraged us to go with the combined book exhibit which Patterson-Smith has done for us in the past.

Kittrie asked if we could take up the major issues raised by Trebach and discussed by Sagarin. The first item:

1. Registration Fee - The Board urged no registration for students. Trebach urged we have two fees - one for late registrants and one for early registrants. Non-members will pay the late registrant fee rate.
2. Sagarin and Price urged we stay with Patterson-Smith. Kittrie said we should check with Patterson-Smith about adding Canadian publishers.
3. Sociological Abstracts needs to be contacted so as to follow up. Leo Chall needs to be contacted. Trebach asked Price to follow through on this.
4. Format of Conference
 - a) 25 panels
 - b) round table workshops - questions were raised about dates and times of the workshops.

Cooper noted that overambition in developing a program is a hazard, and when participants are conflicted between two sessions, they tend to be unhappy or

not go to either session. Adler was appointed to run the workshops. Rejected papers will be sent to Adler for recommendation that participant join a roundtable on that topic.

Question raised as to rationale for a chair and vice-chair. Trebach said the vice-chair would be a representative of a foreign country or our host country, so as to focus on the comparative nature of the conference.

Day one: (October 30th)

afternoon - Registration

Coffee Hour

Film on Canadian Justice

President's Reception

evening - U.N. Plenary Session

"Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders"

Day two: (October 31st)

morning - Five Panels

12-2:45 Lunch and Plenary Session

Awards

afternoon - Five Panels

evening - Plenary Session

"The State of Justice in England, Canada and U.S."

Day three: (November 1st)

morning - Five Panels

12-2:45 Lunch: Round table Discussion

afternoon - Five Panels

evening - Reception

Banquet Dinner

Presidential Address

Day four: (November 2nd)

morning - Five Panels

afternoon - Field Visits

Day five: (November 3rd)

More Field Visits

Trebach was cautioned by Price and advice given by Friday that field visits be settled at pre-registration to avoid insulting Canadians by not having

our members appear for the field visit.

Friday noted that his call for papers internationally has already produced 30 responses, but these were based on the old dates. Friday was advised to contact these people with change of dates.

Kittrie noted that people are responding to the committee communication and not the preliminary call for papers.

Trebach said a brief one-page call for papers should probably go out within two weeks. It will state request for name, title, and abstract of paper. These would be required by end of March and deadline for completed paper by May 31st. Mueller said many people cannot complete a paper until the summer academic hiatus. Trebach said we could compromise by moving the deadline up to June 15th. Friday asked what date is required for the final program. Trebach said he was still holding to June 15th for final program and the program be mailed out July 15th. Sagarin moved that details on dates and other decisions be left to Trebach and that they be worked out with Kittrie taking this past discussion under advisement. Motion was seconded. Friday recommended that the total program committee be involved in these decisions. The amendment was seconded and passed. Friday asked what is being done to contact the Canadian criminologists. Kittrie asked if we should get the mailing list of Canadian criminologists. Trebach said he had that list and planned to follow through. Kittrie asked that we move on to 1976.

1976 MEETING

Sagarin reported that the Board last year voted to consider Tuscon, Arizona for 1976. Sagarin was authorized to contact the people and he spoke with Morrison, who indicated it would be highly feasible. Sagarin suggested we ought to set up a program committee as soon as possible. Adler said we need to go west, we are a national organization, and it would be most appropriate - especially since our next President is from California. Friday said he is going out to the western meeting and will be happy to explore arrangements with Morrison. Kittrie asked Friday to go ahead and get more information and next Board meeting we should appoint a chair and committee. Price said we should defer until Geis has been contacted. Mueller said we ought to come up with recommendations for consideration for next time. Trebach asked if we could reiterate our concern for immediate action on 1976 and request that the President-Elect bring to the next meeting of the

Council a recommendation for program chair. Sagarin said we need a small committee comprised of the President, Past-President and President-Elect to work on recommendations for a program chair. Cooper said that program chairs should be in attendance at all Board meetings. Friday asked for clarification of the position of the Western Division in relation to the national organization. Trebach said the new leadership should always meet at the end of the annual meeting.

1977 MEETING

Kittrie asked if we should look into 1977. Kittrie appointed Price to explore 1977 with consideration of Washington D.C. as uppermost.

1976 MEETING

Program Theme for 1976: Suggestions were made for a historical perspective because of the bicentennial celebration.

WESTERN DIVISION

Relationship to Western Division - Kittrie said he is increasingly concerned about the formal relationship and interconnection between the national and regional organizations. Riedel said he will work on fostering cooperation between the two organizations and establishing a working relationship.

BLACK CRIMINOLOGISTS

Adler asked if there was such an organization and if we could contact them. Price said she objected to the designation of the term Chairman. Trebach said he was puzzled as to which term to use - which was least awkward. Discussion was held concerning the contacting of various organizations of Black criminologists.

ASC FLYER

Kittrie distributed a draft of a new flyer, for the Board to react to. The Board will inform Kittrie of editorial and substantive comments and suggestions.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Allen gave the Treasurer's report. (See Appendix 1). He stressed that

the royalty from the Praeger series (N.Y. Meetings) is an estimate (based at \$1,479.00).

Sagarin asked when membership renewal was planned. Allen said the forms were ready to go for a February meeting subject to the Board's approval. Sagarin moved we accept the Treasurer's Report. It was seconded and so moved.

MEMBERSHIP EFFORT AND FEES

Kittrie suggested a raise in membership fee to \$20.00 and said he viewed a raise in fees as important and generating a raise in quality of services which the Society provides to its members. Allen said we need to strongly consider a professional office to handle the administration and secretarial needs. Allen reported 995 current members. Conrad mentioned a sliding scale. Friday moved that we change the membership fee to \$20.00 for active members and \$10.00 for student members. Arguments were presented in both directions. The motion was seconded. The motion carried. Membership is now \$20.00 for active members and \$10.00 for students, subject to checking our relationship with Sage to assure no further charges will be incurred by the Society as a result of the planned increase.

MEMBERSHIP EFFORT

Allen, as chair, said target goal is 2,500 members by the end of the year. The plan is to focus on law enforcement, corrections, judicial systems and criminal law personnel based on our newly revised Constitution and especially the preamble. Plans include canvassing other criminological journal subscribers as well as conferres from criminal justice organizations. Asked Board to provide Allen with other lists of special groups in the field. The Membership Committee would like \$1200. authorization for mailings, staff, and production of a flyer. Sagarin moved that the report of Allen be accepted, and we authorize expenditures up to \$1200.00. Seconded and so moved.

Allen moved that those applying for membership (and which appear in the listing mailed to all Board members) be accepted. Allen recommended that they be accepted.

PUBLISHING THE 1974 MEETING

Kittrie had asked Flynn to review the materials and make recommendations for volume topics. Conrad asked to respond for Flynn. She has been in touch

with him and plans to have a full review of the papers available and publishable. Kittrie said it is imperative that we move quickly so that the papers are timely. Sagarin said we should decide whether we are asking "first refusal rights" before we accept a paper for delivery at our meetings. Trebach said he is requesting three months lead time for the Society to decide whether it chooses to select the publish the paper. Mueller said the issue is complex because of royalties, ownership and other issues. Mueller said we should be clearer indicating that the Society assumes the right to copyright and publish papers submitted. Sagarin said we need to have this matter settled quickly and should be referred to the Publications Committee which with legal counsel should come up with a recommendation. Kittrie urged appointing Cooper as legal counsel. Cooper declined saying it is not his field. Trebach asked what the Board thinks would be most comfortable for the membership: (1) Society requests all submissions be available to the Society for up to three months following the meeting; (2) a legally binding "first publications right" to the Society? One position is voluntary and the second is legally binding. A "straw vote" was taken which indicated that the Board leans towards the more permissive policy.

Mueller said the volume on "Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice" from Caracas is out and has been sent to all contributors. Sagarin recommended that a flyer be made up on this volume and sent to our members.

CRIMINOLOGICAL JOURNAL

Price noted issues are set thru November, 1975; Newman sees his responsibility as going to May, 1976 and urges the Board to identify possible sites for the Journal. Kittrie said there was a committee set up, but it was not operating. Suggestion was made to refer the matter to the Publications Committee. Kittrie asked if this was acceptable and urged the Board to send recommendations to the committee. It was so offered.

STUDENT COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT

Roebuck asked for a roster of the membership; he would send a call memo to Trebach for inclusion in his next mailing. Discussion of prizes for students was held. It was moved, seconded and approved that the prize money remain as it was last year. Roebuck said he would like to read the list of referres for Board approval.

REGIONAL MEETING

Kittrie said the question was raised last time of the Society holding day or half day meetings on special topics. Scott, the chair, was absent and Kittrie said we need to ask the committee to explore this matter more fully. Sagarin suggested the regional meetings could be attached to other organizations. Kittrie asked if these meetings would be feasible. Trebach said our resources appear to be severely taxed; we should concentrate on building a national organization and put regional meetings low on our priority list. Kittrie asked whether we should consider the possibility that when someone is thinking about a topic and a meeting, we should perhaps consider having the Society co-sponsoring that sort of meeting. Allen suggested that such encouragement should go into the next presidential newsletter.

FOREIGN MEETINGS

Friday said in terms of concrete meetings there isn't too much to report on at this time. Friday asked if there was a formal organization of radical criminology. Sagarin said there are informal groups and issue a publications. Sagarin said the Canadians have set up a "Research Committee for the Sociology of Deviance and Social Control" and are issuing their publication in several languages.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominations: Sagarin said that this is the first year of competing slates and that we ought to decide if the membership is to be solicited at this point. Kittrie recommended Sagarin chair the Nominations Committee and Newman the Awards Committee. Each committee is charged to come in with a report at the next Board meeting.

Kittrie said there is a new committee on Budget and we raised some important issues on this matter today, however the chair is not here. Any basic budget issue which should go to the committee? Question of paying awardees expenses to annual meeting ought to be raised. Trebach asked if Allen could come to the next meeting with a draft budget.

NEW COMMITTEES

Kittrie said he would like to create several content committees and proposed six additional committees on topics from law enforcement to judicial

matters. (See Appendix 2). Sagarin said we need to activate a committee on Ethics of Criminology, Criminological Research and Human Behavior Research.

NEW BUSINESS

Halleck said he is editor of Aldine Series of Criminological Research and would like suggestions for additional articles.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be March 29th in New York City.

NEW BUSINESS

AAPSS has invited the Society to send two delegates to the April 12th meeting on "Adjusting to Scarcity". Price volunteered to be a delegate. Kittrie suggested Zahn as the second delegate.

Trebach said we need to address the issue of what we are doing to serve the membership.

Thornberry requested that the elected officers and the treasurer be authorized to conduct the official business of the Society between Board Meetings; this is a committee of six. That group is to make interim decisions which do not require action of the full Board or subject to review by the full Board.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:30.