



# THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

## *Executive Board Meeting*

*November 16, 1977 - 4:00 p.m.*

*Colony Square Hotel - Atlanta, Georgia*

*President William E. Amos called the meeting to order. The following members were present: Harry E. Allen, William E. Amos, Edith Flynn, Paul Friday, G. Thomas Gitchoff, Don Gottfredson, James Hackler, James Inciardi, Elmer Johnson, C. Ray Jeffery, Donal MacNamara, Charles Newman, Barbara Price, Edward Sagarin, Frank Scarpitti, Joseph Scott, and Terence Thornberry.*

*A motion was made by Donal MacNamara and seconded by C. Ray Jeffery to accept the minutes of the May 6-7, 1977, Executive Board Meetings.*

### *Treasurer's Report*

*Harry E. Allen, Treasurer, called the members attention to the Treasurer's Report which was previously mailed to them. As of October 31, there was a total of \$16,167.75 cash on hand, combining the checking account, personnel account, certificates of deposit, and the telephone transfer account. The total income to date has been \$37,848.44 and total expenditures, \$41,092.32. Allen reported that we are approximately at the point the Society said they would be for this time period. It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion carried.*

### *Election Committee Report*

*Joseph Scott reported on the elections that the original ballots were mailed out on July 28 to 1,106 Active members in good standing as of July 1; 51% responded to the election. The ballots were counted in Dallas. Barbara Price and Charles Wellford were elected to serve 3-year terms as Executive Counselor. Frank Scarpitti was elected Vice President-Elect.*

*Because no one received 40% of the ballot in the President-Elect election, a run-off ballot was necessitated between Ronald Akers and Harry E. Allen. Ballots were sent out to the same people eligible for the first election with the deadline to receive the run-off ballots no later than November 15. The ballots were counted November 16 in Atlanta by William E. Amos, Barbara Price, and himself. He reported that each counted the stacks of votes and initialed them, and it was a very close ballot -- 3/10ths of 1%. Ron Akers received 266 votes and Harry Allen 263. There was 1 abstained vote, one write-in vote, and four members failed to sign the outside of their ballots which made them ineligible to be counted.*

1977 Program Report

Charles Wellford reported that there were 423 pre-registrations, and as of today, November 16, there were 26 on-site registrations. Wellford reported that he is expecting a larger attendance than was originally estimated. Edward Sagarin commended Wellford for the outstanding program he prepared.

Membership Committee Report

Harry E. Allen, Chair of the Membership Committee, reported that at the end of October the Society had 3,042 members on the roles -- 1,915 of which were in good standing. From November 1 through October 31, the Society has received 601 new members. The distributed Membership Committee report details the current status. In October, 86 new members joined the Society. Allen stated that unless there were any objections to these new members, they would be admitted into the Society.

Emeritus Members

Harry Allen reported that under our Constitution, the Executive Board may bestow the title of Emeritus Member to those retired persons who have been active members for not less than ten (10) years. Allen nominated Walter Reckless and Thorston Sellin for Emeritus membership. Sheldon Gluck was also nominated. A motion was made by Harry Allen to accept Walter Reckless, Thorsten Sellin, and Sheldon Gluck as Emeritus members of the Society; seconded by C. Ray Jeffery. Motion carried.

Barbara Price commended Harry Allen for the astronomical work he has done to increase the size of the Society.

Committee on Committees Report

Don Gottfredson reported that a letter was sent to all the committee chairs asking them to briefly indicate what their charge was, whether they had accomplished what they set out to do and what, if any, suggestions they had regarding their committees. He reported that he had received a very good response. All but three of the 22 committees responded.

The committees could be divided into a list of administrative committees and substantive committees. The administrative committees understood what their charge was and have done what they were requested to do. The substantive committee chairs reported there was not a specific charge for their committee and they did not know what they were to do. Sixteen of the 19 didn't need any support from the Society. Two committees stated they could have used telephone money. Gottfredson reported there was quite a lengthy list of accomplishments of the committees and he had also received a list of suggestions for some committee chairs for some revisions. Gottfredson stated he would forward the material he had received to the executive office.

Harry Allen reported the Ad Hoc Committee on Hotel Facilities have received a number of telephone calls and packet materials from hotels and hope to report something tangible at the February Executive Board meeting.

1983 Site Selection Committee Report

In the then absence of Terence Thornberry, Harry Allen reported that the Committee had chosen as the first choice for the 1983 Annual Meeting - Denver, Colorado. Their second choice was Vancouver, British Columbia, and third choice, Seattle, Washington. A motion was made by Barbara Price and seconded by Charles Newman to accept the report of the 1983 Site Selection Committee recommending Denver, Colorado as the site of the 1983 Annual Meeting. Motion carried. The ASC Annual Meeting calendar schedule is as follows: 1978 - Dallas; 1979 - Boston; 1980 - San Francisco; 1981 - Washington, D.C.; 1982 - San Juan, Puerto Rico, and 1983 - Denver.

CRIMINOLOGY Report

Edward Sagarin stated that his co-editorship with Donal MacNamara is coming to a close and the transition to James Inciardi at the University of Delaware is moving smoothly. Sagarin and MacNamara will be responsible for the issues up to and including August, 1978. Three more issues will be coming out and the last issue will be an invited issue rather than a refereed issue. He reported they drew up a list of 20 people to invite to write for that issue and received 10 acceptances on the first 10 invitations sent out. The subject of the issue will be: "New Outlooks and New Problems in Criminology". Sagarin stated a greater effort should be made that the journal is not to be a depository of statistical data but rather a discussion of important issues facing our field, and an effort will be made in the next two issues to go in that direction.

Amos reported an issue needed to be raised at this time. Jim Inciardi and Duncan Chappell are co-chairs of the Publications Committee. It was previously agreed by Inciardi that, if the journal went to Delaware, he would resign as co-chair of the Committee. Duncan is now in Australia and a chairman of the Publications Committee is needed to handle the volumes of this meeting and business. Amos strongly recommended to the Board that they not hold Jim to this. He is willing to continue as chairman of the Publications Committee and Amos inquired if the Board would be willing to let Jim continue in this capacity, since he said he would resign if awarded the journal. Sagarin expressed his feeling that the chairman or co-chairman should be somebody who is most intimately connected with the program and was not objecting to Jim handling the dual duties if he wanted to. He suggested that Charles Wellford might work with Jim as he had been closely involved with all the people on the program. Wellford stated that Duncan Chappell, John Conrad and Ronald Akers were co-chairs of the program and each of them had agreed to act as editor in charge of a particular segment of the program that would go into the proceedings.

A motion was made by James Hackler and seconded by Joseph Scott that James Inciardi continue to serve as chair of the Publications Committee and editor of the journal. Motion carried.

THE CRIMINOLOGIST Report

In the absence of Alvin Cohn, Harry Allen reported that Alvin needs material for the next issue of the newsletter immediately. The deadline has been extended through next week for inclusion. Secondly, he would like to report that he is none too pleased with Sage regarding the last issue of the newsletter. There was the question of when materials were received and how quickly they got it out. Cohn would like to see the Society consider some other publishing companies for printing the newsletter. MacNamara stated this matter should go first to the Publications Committee and have them prepare a report for the Board's consideration. MacNamara said he saw the newsletter developing as competition for the journal; it is supposed to be informational. Charles Newman stated that without speaking to the merits of whether Sage was right or wrong, since the Society has moved into a partnership with Sage with the proceedings and the journal, he did not regard one set of circumstances dictating a change in publishers, and that this should be a matter of the Publications Committee to decide.

Resolutions

Joe Scott reported that James Hackler had written a letter to President Amos proposing an amendment to the Constitution suggesting that counselors be elected rather than appointed to bring about more representation of members. Hackler stated that as the organization grows, there is a number of stellar people joining as members and asked how do you get a sharing of information between members and leadership. He said a broad base is needed on the Board. Amos stated this would require a revision of the Constitution and that this matter could be referred to the Constitution Review Committee for their consideration for a recommendation to the Board.

Scott distributed copies of a resolution he had received from Harold Pepinsky and Barton Parks of Indiana University dealing with the proposed merger of ASC and ACJS, and accreditation. As the Society no longer has a Resolutions Committee, Scott was not sure that a resolution could be sent in and presented to the Board. The resolution is as follows:

Since the primary mission of The American Society of Criminology is to foster diversity of thought in teaching and in research, we object to the involvement of this Society in the business of dictating accreditation standards to criminology and criminal justice programs.

A motion was made by Donal MacNamara and seconded by Barbara Price to table the resolution. Motion carried. James Hackler stated this resolution could be discussed at the Business Meeting and Pepinsky and Parks could be invited to the Business Meeting to discuss their resolution.

Motion to vote tabling the motion: Yes - 6 No - 4

Friday suggested that the Society should communicate to Pepinsky and Parks that it is more appropriate to discuss this resolution in the various panels being presented.

Report of ASC/ACJS Proposed Merger:

President Amos reported there were two items of concern regarding the proposed merger: (1) Possibility of merger with ACJS and (2) Degree of participation and support of ASC in the research project that was started by the Academy for developing standards for criminal justice and criminology programs.

Standards: Over a number of years the Academy has worked on this, attempting to get LEAA funding. The Office of Criminal Justice Evaluation and Training of the LEAA has approved the project and funded it, and has established a separate unit to administer it. There is now an executive committee composed of 9 persons that will administer the project. Richard Ward of the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle is the project director. To obtain the additional 8 members, 4 members from ACJS and 4 members from ASC were asked to form the executive board to guide the development and hire staff to do the field work. The membership of these four from each Society are members of both societies. Amos reported he was asked to appoint 4 ASC members who will be paid by LEAA to attend approximately 12 meetings in Washington. ASC was not asked by LEAA whether they thought the project should be approved; they were told by LEAA that it was going to be approved. Amos asked Charles Newman, Donal MacNamara, C. Ray Jeffery and Charles Wellford to serve as the four representatives for ASC. J. Price Foster will notify them when the first meeting is to be held. Gottfredson commended Amos for the action he took, stating it was necessary and that he chose a fine group of four people to represent the Society.

Harry Allen reported that Price Foster had sent to him, as a faculty member of OSU, a substantial part of the proposal for his comment. Allen wrote a 9-page letter expressing many concerns at that point in time and received a letter back from Foster stating quite frankly it was the best possible document that they could generate at that time, and they were going to fund it. Allen reported he had not seen the document since then and said it does speak to eventual acceptance of this committee on working on the accreditation standards. Allen asked if the Society was committing itself to any money in this venture and Amos replied, "no", and that ASC has not agreed to anything, nor signed anything.

Barbara Price requested the Executive Secretary to obtain a copy of the proposal and provide copies to the members of the Board. Edith Flynn expressed concern about the matter and stated she would like to see an assessment of what is going on. Newman stated that on several different occasions over the last 5 years, the Board has gone on favor of exploring accreditation and appointing a committee. This committee is a mandate of the Society and that he did not intend to set in the committee and act for the Society; the actions would be taken to the Board, and he was attending the meetings merely as a representative of the Society to find out what was happening and report back to the Board.

Edward Sagarin said he was personally against the accreditation movement and would hope that it would flounder. Sagarin stated we find ourselves in a realistic situation in which accreditation movements are developing and if we don't become a part of them, at least to kill them, they are not likely to proceed to fruition. From that point of view, we have been jockeyed into a position where we cannot remain aloof.

Flynn replied as to the type or quality of people involved. If this particular group wishes to address the question of accreditation, she questioned where they are going to get them from -- using their own backgrounds and experience? Fishing out of the air? She stated they could not stand up to some of the luminaries we have in our Society.

Amos stated that anything that has been done at this time in no way indicates or commits in any way this Society to anything. The only thing that has been done is that Amos has asked 4 members to serve on the committee in order for our information to go forward and report back to the Society. Elmer Johnson stated we have an obligation to go as far as we can to have some thrust in this movement, and stated he felt we are being used to give respectability to the project. Amos stated it was conceivable there is some good in this; it may not relate to graduate programs in criminology but possibly may relate to community colleges. He urged that the Board give the 4 members their input, their insights and concerns and see what we can do with it professionally.

Thornberry stated it already exists and that was part of the rationale. To what extent is it going to be funded? By other groups? Maybe we should decide as the Society whether we do or do not want accreditation; either cooperate or oppose the Academy, Newman suggested a compromise that no action be taken until the four members have had a meeting with the ACJS representatives which is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. today. Sagarin suggested the committee continue to serve as they have and that any action involving the official position of the Society be brought back to the Board.

Amos reiterated that he had reported to the Executive Board earlier regarding the approach by Gordon Misner to him that there was a certain sentiment in the Academy to merge with ASC and that last year at the Western meeting Misner asked if Amos would appoint 5 presidents or past presidents of the Society to meet with 5 members from the Academy to talk about problems of mutual interest. This was reported to the Board and Amos appointed 5 people to meet with him. Two meetings were held and a lot of people saw no reason for both societies and for a possible merger. Amos stated he had absolutely no position on the merger and said he did not know how he would vote on the matter. He felt strongly at this time there is enough concern that we must discuss whether the Executive Board of ASC wants to refer it to the membership. At the last meeting at OSU, a resolution was adopted that was signed by: C. Ray Jeffery, Charles L. Newman, William E. Amos, Donal E.J. MacNamara, Simon Dinitz, Richard A. Myren, William J. Mathias, Gordon E. Misner, George T. Felkenes, and Richard H. Ward indicating that:

PREAMBLE:

At the request of the presidents of The American Society of Criminology and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, a special joint committee of presidents and past presidents of the organizations was established to explore avenues of improved cooperation between the two organizations. During free and open discussion at three meetings there emerged the possibility of merger of the two organizations.

At its most recent meeting held in Columbus, Ohio, on September 15, 1977, it was agreed that the time has come for the executive committees of the two organizations to decide whether possible merger should be pursued. If the concept, rather than the details, or merger were agreed to by the two executive committees, then a schedule of further action should be approved.

## PREAMBLE (continued)

## THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Because of the similarities in goals and objectives of The American Society of Criminology and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and because of the possibility of improving services to membership and continuing the development of the criminological field, the respective executive boards of ASC and ACJS approve in principle the idea of merger.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of both organizations be apprised of the advantages and disadvantages of merger. The president of each organization will appoint members to a joint committee to develop informational materials.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as soon as prepared, these materials will be circulated to the membership of each organization along with a referendum on the question of merger.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the membership of each organization affirms the desirability of merger of the two organizations, the president of each organization will appoint members to a joint committee to prepare a draft Constitution and a new Articles of Incorporation.

Amos stated it had reached a point where he felt it should be presented to the membership on whether they are willing to do it or not. This Board needs to go on record of whether we refer this matter to the membership or not. If we say we will not refer it to the membership, we should inform the Academy. Johnson stated it should be submitted to a vote on the basis of the pros and cons, and that the position papers would have to be submitted to each member. First, there should be some kind of information digested and presented frankly on both sides of the issues and then act on the basis of that vote.

Friday asked that before the Board votes, they should have copies of the pros and cons that were distributed at the Columbus meeting. The Board should be sufficiently informed as to what the 5 members feel about it. If the Board feels it should go to the membership for a vote, the pros and cons should be prepared, along with the constitutions, and sent to the membership.

Price suggested that many of these issues are going to be raised at Terence Thornberry's session and could be referred to the next Executive Board meeting. Amos stated he could ask the leadership of ACJS to appear before the Board to express their views regarding this issue.

Thornberry suggested that some time limit be set so we do not keep the Academy dangling. By the next annual meeting that committees established with our people and their people, issues worked out, dues structure established, referendum taken and an issue made by some date. Price suggested the deadline could be the first Executive Board that C. Ray Jeffery sets for informing the membership.

Allen reported he needed a resolution from the Executive Board regarding expenditure of funds. There is a standing policy that states that expenditures exceeding \$250 requires joint signatures and requested approval of C. Ray Jeffery's signature on those expenditures. Motion made by Barbara Price and seconded by Edward Sagain to approve the co-signature of C. Ray Jeffery on ASC funds exceeding \$250. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joseph E. Scott*  
Joseph E. Scott, Executive Secretary



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## CASH SUMMARY

NOVEMBER, 1977 and YEAR-TO-DATE

	Nov. '77	Mar. 1/77-Nov. 30/77
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
1977 Convention	\$3,814.66	\$ 7,234.07*
Executive Board Expenses	223.00	4,820.55
CRIMINOLOGY Journal	----	7,614.36
THE CRIMINOLOGIST Newsletter	----	716.32
Membership Drive	175.00	592.20
Office Expenses	331.12	3,412.72*
Postage	326.78	1,985.49*
Telephone	17.91	91.72
Travel of Admin. Asst.	----	395.65
Admin. Asst.	787.13	11,106.44
Dues Refund	----	170.00
Purchase of Cert. of Deposit	----	2,230.00
Int. Soc. for Criminology	----	91.22
Proceedings Expenses	----	159.26
ASC/ACJS Meeting - New York	----	520.46
Telephone Transfer Account	----	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	----	82.41
ASC/ACJS Meeting - Columbus	----	233.92
Awards and Trophies	450.00	761.13*
1977 Convention/Dallas	88.69	88.69
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$6,214.29</b>	<b>\$47,306.61</b>
<u>Income:</u>		
Dues: Active & Student	\$2,865.00	\$27,003.00
Dues: 3-Year Membership	----	1,610.00
Dues: Life Membership	----	1,750.00
Interest	----	72.04
Directory Purchase	4.00	44.00
Gift	----	82.41
Royalties	----	4,542.49
Newsletter Subscription	7.00	22.00
Membership List	----	900.00
Atlanta Convention '77	10,644.46	15,249.46
Bank Charges	----	(7.48)
ACJS Travel Reimbursement	----	98.23
Misc.: Book Sale	----	2.75
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$13,520.46</b>	<b>\$51,368.90</b>



CASH ON HAND 11/30/77:	Checking Account	\$ 9,570.61
	Personnel Account	407.91
	Certificates of Deposit	8,439.41
	Telephone Transfer Account	<u>5,085.74</u>
		\$23,503.67

\* Includes adjustment to year-to-date totals for the following items which were charged to the wrong account:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Originally Charged To</u>	<u>Should Have Been Charged To</u>
\$ 50.00	Office Expense	Atlanta Convention
167.56	Awards & Trophies	Atlanta Convention
78.01	Postage	Atlanta Convention

PRELIMINARY REPORT FOR 1977 ATLANTA CONVENTION

INCOME:

Registrations	\$14,429.26	
Banquet Tickets	170.00	
Exhibit Space/Ads	<u>650.00</u>	
Total Income	\$15,249.46	\$15,249.46

EXPENDITURES:

Travel	\$ 1,260.00
Program Materials	5,186.92
Printing & Xerox	197.01
Hotel	1,200.00
Misc. Supplies	173.96
Shipping & Postage	248.84
Equipment Rental	50.00
Misc. Expenses	
paid in cash	145.16
Registration refunds	
and overpayments	<u>105.00</u>
	\$ 7,432.89
Expenses last	
fiscal year	<u>(198.82)</u>
Year-to-Date Expenditures	\$ 7,234.07