



THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

Executive Board Meeting

November 20, 1977 - 8:00 a.m.

Colony Square Hotel - Atlanta, Georgia

President C. Ray Jeffery called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the following members in attendance: Ronald Akers, Harry E. Allen, William E. Amos, Paul Brantingham, Alvin Cohn, Edith Flynn, Paul Friday, Gilbert Geis, Don Gottfredson, Brian Grosman, James Hackler, James Inciardi, C. Ray Jeffery, Elmer Johnson, Gerhard Mueller, Charles Newman, Barbara Price, Frank Scarpitti, Joseph Scott, and Charles Wellford.

Scott announced that the minutes of the last Executive Board meeting, November 16, will be presented at the next Executive Board meeting.

Appointment of Executive Counselors

President Jeffery appointed the following Executive Counselors to a 1-year appointment:

- 1) Paul Friday
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- 2) Brian Grosman, Professor of Law
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- 3) Sarnoff A. Mednick
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A motion was made by Harry Allen and seconded by Edith Flynn to approve the appointment of Paul Friday, Brian Grosman, and Sarnoff Mednick as Executive Counselors for one year. Motion carried.

Jeffery announced he has appointed Harry Allen to serve as chair of the Finance Committee. Jeffery will announce at the February meeting the chair of the Elections Committee and requested any input from the Board members before that meeting.

1978 Convention Report

Jeffery reported the general theme for the 1978 convention will be Psychological, Legal, Political and Socio-economic, and that the sessions will be organized around integrating behavioral systems. One session may be devoted to I.Q., and one session will focus on tabooed topics on criminology. He stated he had been contacted by Congressman Conyers who wants to play a role in the program, and reported that something will be worked out with the Congressman. There will be a Wednesday evening session on "What is in it for the Practitioner?", and application sessions are planned throughout. Paul Brantingham stated THE CRIMINOLOGIST would announce the extension of the dates for submission of papers. Accepted papers will be notified in early May. The Local Arrangements Committee is working on obtaining additional hotel space. There will be a substantial foreign participation in the program -- a substantial number of Eastern Europe and Russian scholars will talk about the Eastern Bloc countries.

Jeffery reported that Gerhard Mueller has been working with IREX in bringing over some of the European scholars. IREX will support 8 scholars -- 3 from Poland, 2 or 3 from the USSR, 1 from Hungary and 1 from Yugoslavia. Jeffery asked Stanislas Frankowski (of the University of Warsaw) to serve as the Society representative in Western Europe. Pedro David of the University of New Mexico is heading up the Latin American contingency. Jeffery stated he was looking to the Board for some guidance in setting them in panels as individuals or whether they should be given their own session where 3 or 4 of the representatives would respond. Some impact might be lost if they were kept in their own sessions.

Paul Friday stated that some of the people would like to get around to the institutions for a lecture at a minimum honorarium. This could be coordinated through the Columbus office with the International Committee. Paul reported that vitaes could be sent out to the various universities and the Committee could arrange schedules for the visitors. IREX only picks up the cost at New York.

Jeffery reported that another organization has contacted him that has money and wants to participate; basically it is only involved with USSR scholars. The International Committee is on top of this and it appears that there will be a fairly good European representation at the meeting.

Joe Scott reported he had talked to people from 10 universities that would be interested in having the Europeans come to their university; \$300 should cover the person's full costs while he or she is there.

Charles Newman reported that the Sheriff of Dallas County will host a cocktail party on Friday, and a host a barbeque and tours of the Dallas County jails. Newman stated that one of the major issues is the banquet. More people have contacted him regarding this issue than any other. There is a great deal of feeling that the Society should not have a banquet. They prefer luncheons and cocktail parties. A major session could be held late in the afternoon -- 4:00 to 6:00 -- and then have a barbeque for the people. Amos stated that because of the international representation, something should be set up in the way of a banquet. Newman suggested that entertainment could be provided during the banquet.

Ronald Akers stated some type of forum should be provided to assemble the group for presentation and receipt of awards. Jeffery stated this could be in the form of an Awards Luncheon. Gottfredson suggested the banquet could be moved to Friday.

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Grosman inquired if there would be a keynote speaker of some kind. If the awards are given at a luncheon, you need some kind of semi-formal gathering, particularly if a well-known political figure were to be present. He said he would prefer a more informal evening. Alvin Cohn suggested the convention be moved back a day so that it ends Saturday rather than Sunday, with everything being finished by Friday night.

Barbara Price said she and Edith Flynn had met with a group of interested women who are new to the Society and wanted to know how they could become more active. They suggested formats of the meetings. She stated that the concentration has lacked a formal convocation to kick the program off and so all could feel a part of the meeting. Their second suggestion was for more opportunity for informal interaction early on in the conference, to interact with major people.

Amos stated that several students had suggested that we have some type of special sessions for students and organization workshops composed of a panel of students might be structured, and interesting papers and topics presented.

Brantingham replied that a set of student sessions are being prepared by Penn State. He said they had considered a preliminary session Wednesday evening to lead off with a couple of speakers focussing on a translation application of academic knowledge. This could be an informal session and scheduled for an early start on Thursday. Mueller suggested that the two most relevant chief executives -- governor of Texas and mayor of Dallas -- might give a traditional welcome. He suggested the Local Arrangements Committee should take two meals at the hotel to look at the chef and meals.

Friday suggested a "Wednesday to Saturday-noon" time-frame and being more selective in the panels. He would not want to see the Society go beyond that time period. Wellford said he had been told by a lot of people that they could not get away in November and wondered if we might not go back to the summer time for our meeting. Gottfredson suggested Christmas and New Year might be a possible time. Newman stated that every couple of years the topic of rearranging the dates of the annual meeting is discussed. Perhaps at a future mailing for the Society, a series of dates could be sent out asking the membership when they think it would be the most appropriate time to convene for the annual meeting.

Mueller stated you get a trimming effect if you move past the half-way mark of the week. From Wednesday night or Thursday morning to Saturday you have a good attendance. Anything other than that you will lose some of the attendees.

Amos suggested that with the international implications next year, it probably would be worthwhile to have a rather active press unit.

Jeffery stated the Board should be thinking about the 1979 meeting in Boston. Akers stated he had appointed Alvin Cohn as Program Chair for the 1979 meeting, and that the first notification will appear in the next issue of the newsletter. It will be a notification to the membership that it is being held in Boston and will call for suggestions and ideas from the membership as to what they think the theme should be.

Report of 1977 Meeting

Allen reported that there were 645 registrations, one-third of which were done on-site. This was a new high for the Society and Charles Wellford should be commended for his program. The break-even point was 400. Everything above 400 includes a profit margin. We guaranteed 300 for the Saturday evening banquet and 257 were in attendance; the hotel gave us a 10% variation.

Committee Chairs

Jeffery reported that Don Gottfredson would head up the Committee on Committees. Gottfredson has been working with Freda Adler on a report for the Board and will come up with some ideas on what committees are to be retained or eliminated.

Monograph Series Report

Jim Inciardi reported that 4 volumes from the 1976 meeting have been published, and that hopefully this time we will have a better response. Only half the papers read at last year's meeting were submitted for consideration. Arrangements are being made with Chuck and Sarah to get an address list of the participants for submission of their paper to the proceedings. Jim reported that the president, program chair and the Publications Committee share the handling of the proceedings. Jim reported that certain of the 1974 proceedings are not yet out. \$4,500 has been received in royalties for all publications. Jeffery suggested that the Publications Committee look into what is happening in the 1974 and 1975 volumes and possibly reassign editors and resolve this issue for the Society. Brian Grosman and Joe Scott will assist Inciardi in this matter.

International Committee Report

Paul Friday reported that the previously scheduled meeting in Warsaw had been rescheduled for Stockholm. The Society is not committed in any way to anything and an announcement will be coming out in THE CRIMINOLOGIST regarding the August 11-12, 1978 meeting in Stockholm, prior to the World Congress in Uppsala, Sweden, August 14-19. He stated he had touched base with most of the people that could have given us resistance, before he moved ahead.

ASC/ACJS Merger

Amos suggested that the Executive Secretary prepare a pros and cons list regarding the proposed merger, along with any other information that is pertinent, which would allow the Board to discuss it in more depth at the February Executive Board meeting. A motion was made by Amos and seconded by Gilbert Geis that materials be gathered and prepared by the Executive Secretary for the February Board meeting. Motion carried.

Flynn stated that this type of organization (ASC) does not involve itself in accreditation. Where do we go with it and what is the role of ASC in it? ASC has no say in the project and nothing to do with it, but for some reason ASC was asked to appoint some members to the Board.

ASC/ACJS Merger (cont'd)

ACJS has five members because they have the program director, who is a non-voting member. The project must be concluded by August 31 and they are now in the process of renting space in Washington and sending out announcements of the position of executive director to be hired in January. They hope to have something by June or July to report. Above and beyond that, the dimensions of the project are not known, stated Jeffery. Jeffery said his position was clear -- he did not represent ASC at it. If his position as President of ASC is compromised, he would resign from the committee and another ASC representative would have to be designated. He stated he did not see it as an ASC task, and it was presented to him as being one individual of ASC. There is joint membership and several of the ASC members are also ACJS members, and vice versa. Amos stated he had talked to a number of the Society's past presidents and received their consensus: there should be a committee of the past presidents to look above and beyond this project. He stated he did not think ACJS was going to accomplish very much with this, as the warning signs are up. If they stick at the junior college level, they may get somewhere. If they invade graduate colleges, they have had it. He stated we should be doing serious thinking about accreditation but of a completely different nature that is contained in the proposal.

Wellford stated it was important that the Society be actively involved in deliberating these issues. Grossman agreed with Wellford and stated there was no distinction between the Academy's participation and ASC's participation. We are seemingly full participants in the decision-making of this project on the face of it. If we are not, we ought to be involved. It is unfortunate the way we have become involved. We should re-group and re-think the way people have been appointed and think about our policy in this regard. We shouldn't pull out. We have to make our position crystal clear and participate as the Society, Grosman stated. The membership will have to be informed on what our policy should be in this regard and get on with the job.

Flynn concurred. There has to be enough communication between the two board meetings. She stated minority members should be represented, as the project gets into criminal justice. Newman stated we were laboring from a lack of adequate information. This group is the operating control group for project management. A number of other organizational groups will be invited to provide observers. To his knowledge all of the ACJS members are members of ASC.

Cohn stated that two principal organizations concerned with education should be able to cooperate and look at where we are in standards. The proposal does not tell how standards will be developed and, if developed, how they will be implemented. Both the proposal says and Price Foster believes it is a co-sponsored project, but technically going through the Academy. Friday stated that with the committee's name of criminology and criminal justice, we have a clear obligation to our members who are academicians to represent them. Friday proposed a motion that the representatives that are appointed become an ad hoc committee of the Executive Board with obligations to report back, and therefore we will give an appearance of the Society and as Executive Board will be able to give our feelings back to the representatives. Seconded by Charles Wellford.

Mueller stated this motion would implicitly approve the participation. That would still leave the four ASC members without guidance and instruction. Grosman spoke against the motion, stating it would be somewhat foolhardy to move ahead to

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approve when there is a substantial group in the Society who would object and who would not know the history and arguments, if we were to approve today without informing the membership. He was concerned with the procedural problem versus the membership, which is divided. It may appear that we are endorsing an activity which the membership has never addressed themselves to.

Akers agreed with Grosman, expressing his feeling that ACJS will move ahead regardless of what happens. He stated the context of the outcome of this project is his chief concern, and the Society needs to maximize its options on the context. If the Society takes a stand on this, it has to go to the membership. He stated the Society has to get involved in this as an organization, and his concern was that the direction from which the movement came was a Society (ACJS) that was comprised largely of junior college members.

Friday restated his motion as follows: (1) Motion to approve of the idea of joining with the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in this endeavor. (2) Re-appoint the committee appointed by Amos as an ad hoc committee of this Board. (3) Re-establish our Accreditations Committee to prepare guidelines to protect the interests of the academicians, criminologists, etc. (4) Formally establish an early need through THE CRIMINOLOGIST to let our membership know that we are involved. The committee will be our own committee and will seek input from the membership as to what they might see their policies should be.

Johnson said this was a healthy development, but saw some disagreement on what criminology is. It appeared to him that we do not have the information regarding the differences between criminology and criminal justice. The first step would be to get the information, decide what the issues are, and then make a resolution of this.

Friday inquired as to the best way of obtaining this information. He stated guidance was needed.

Scott stated there was one problem that we needed to deal with very carefully. People going to this meeting were not representatives of ASC. These people, it was emphasized, were not ASC representatives. We have a heavy obligation to inform our membership. If we are concerned about accreditation, then make it our Accreditation Committee that represents ASC at the meeting. (5) Our block of four people should not assent to the appointment of the Executive Director without approval of this Board. (6) Our representatives should report back to the Executive Board the procedures of this process and that the issue be thrashed out as regards criminology and criminal justice.

Mueller stated we are under some kind of commitment and obligation, and we are not sure to what we are committed. Under what time constraints are we operating? When are they going to meet? Mueller stated unless this Board decides to pull out its four members, these members will need some instruction as how to proceed and that should be forthcoming within the next two weeks. Mueller suggested appointing

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a special committee, reconvening the Board, or keeping the Board in session the rest of the day, regarding what is criminology and what is the relationship between criminology and criminal justice.

Jeffery stated that he had prepared an article for THE CRIMINOLOGIST regarding the difference between criminology and criminal justice, but since seeing the LEAA report, it did not reflect accurately what he had said and he didn't know where to go.

Friday again gave his four-phase proposal: (1) The Board should approve the appointment of the past president of four people to represent the ASC Board in the project. (2) Establish those 4 members in a ad hoc committee of the Executive Board. (3) Re-establish our own Accreditation Committee which will give guidance to the four members who are representing the Society. (4) Inform the membership of the need for input into the Accreditation Committee and of the process that we are following.

In Favor - 11 Opposed - 1 (BG) Abstained - 1 (EF)

Jeffery announced that there would be an Executive Board meeting in San Diego, Saturday, February 18, at 8:00 a.m. (in conjunction with the Western Society of Criminology meeting). Western will soon be mailing out the meeting announcement as to time and location.

Price proposed that notification be sent to the membership informing them that there has been a reversal at this meeting, along with the explanation, under the President's name Grosman suggested that the President send out a memo on what the Board has done and why it has done it, along with an acknowledgement of what happened at the Business Meeting.

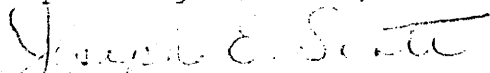
A motion was made that we commend the four persons appointed to the committee for their individual efforts but that in no way they represent the membership of ASC. Seconded; motion carried. Amos assured everyone that they would not represent the membership of the Society.

Newman asked that, in the future, the Board consider actions before any commitment is made with any organization or international association. Where we are bound by their representing this organization, or provide participation as joint members in any way whatever, then this Board should be informed in advance as to the nature of the relationship, and such members be totally informed that they approve this action.

Jeffery stated that due to the important nature of the ASC/ACJS merger and the lack of time today (due to plane schedules) to complete the matter, he would call another Executive Board meeting for Saturday, December 10. Mueller suggested that the Board meet in the 10th Floor Conference Room of the United Nations Building in New York City and that members could stay at the UNDC Hotel, which comprises the upper 30 floors of the building. Information will be forthcoming from the executive office regarding the meeting details.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph E. Scott, Executive Secretary