

ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
February 26, 1983
Saharra Hotel - Las Vegas, Nevada

Members Present: Travis Hirschi Roland Chilton Terence Thornberry
 James Inciardi Peggy Giordano Delbert Elliott
 Harry E. Allen Gordon Waldo Albert Reiss, Jr.
 Malcolm W. Klein Joan Petersilia Austin Turk
 J. Robert Lilly Joseph E. Scott Charles W. Thomas

President Hirschi called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and welcomed Peggy Giordano and Delbert Elliott to the ASC Executive Board.

The minutes of the Toronto meeting were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT: J. Robert Lilly reported on the cash summaries for December and January and reported that he had received Institutional membership requests from San Diego State University and Trenton State University. The Board moved to accept the requests for Institutional membership. Lilly reported he had received a request from one ASC member to pay a life membership in the Society over a two year period. A motion was made by Robert J. Lilly and seconded by James A. Inciardi to accept a Life Membership over a 2 year period. Albert Reiss suggested the plan be adopted on a limited time period. Harry Allen suggested that the Board go on the record of firming its policy for a one-time lump payment of Life membership dues and under certain circumstances to let the treasurer accept it over a two year period. Motion carried (3 against).

Lilly reported that at the last meeting the subject of a safe for the Columbus office was discussed and in his preliminary investigation the cost would be approximately \$500 to get a good safe, but he did not have a specific amount to recommend at this time. Following a brief discussion, the Board decided to use the bank safety deposit box which it now has in lieu of a safe. Lilly also reported that the auditor had suggested that Workmen's Compensation be secured. Following a brief discussion, the Board approved the Society contributing to the Workmen's Compensation fund.

Lilly noted that the Prudential had contacted Sarah regarding the life insurance policy the Society presently carries on her as one of her benefits. Prudential was suggesting that the policy be changed that would give cash benefits on retirement. The premium increases \$187 a year until approximately \$750.00 by the time she retires. This would give her a cash benefit of less than \$15,000 at retirement and Lilly recommended that the Society adopt the change. The time for changing occurred by her birthday and she picked up the amount of the premium to allow her to make the change at that time. Harry Allen moved that the Board authorize the establishment of a simplified employee pension plan for Sarah or equivalent plan of \$750.00 a year contributed to the program effective this year. Seconded by Charles Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.

Lilly brought before the Board's attention the coupons offered by ASA re CRIMINOLOGY at a discount of \$21.25 which entitles a person only to the subscription of the journal and not membership in the Society. The arrangement was made between ASA and Sage. This arrangement could cost the Society a loss of funds of approximately \$1200 a year. Lilly proposed that the Society ask Sage to stop this arrangement with ASA. Malcolm Klein suggested that a letter to be sent to Sage and the Executive Director of ASA to discontinue this plan. A motion was made by J. Robert Lilly and seconded by James Inciardi to ask Sage to terminate its arrangement with ASA on CRIMINOLOGY. Motion carried. (opposed 2).

Lilly reported that he has been shopping around for alternative ways to invest the Society's funds and noted that in some instances funds would be tied up for a period of 24-30 months in order to secure a 10-10-1/2% figure. He inquired as to the possibility of investing \$30,000 in a different account than the Merrill Lynch Ready Assets Trust Account and think of this investment as a long-term investment. \$20,000 would be kept in reserve. An alternative would be to invest into a certificate at a specific length of time with a fixed rate of interest. Would a motion to ask for a very specific detailed proposal in writing by the Board for the next meeting be appropriate? Reiss noted that a six-month Certificate at Buckeye Federal at a fixed rate would be better at this time and the six months would be up before the next Board meeting. Lilly could tell the Board at the end of six months how we would have come out utilities versus certificates of deposit. The Board authorized a transfer of \$30,000 to a six month certificate time so the next decision can be made at the November Board meeting. Motion carried (one abstention).

Lilly also reported that at the last Board meeting the question of bonding for the Society be investigated. The bonding company suggested that five employees be covered. A motion was made by James Inciardi and seconded by Roland Chilton that the Board not become involved in bonding for the Society. Motion carried unanimously.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Roland Chilton reported that the actual result of the slate of candidates is what the nominating committee suggested. He reported that he had received a very nice refusal from LaMar Empey. For the office of President-Elect: Austin Turk and Don Gibbons. For the office of Vice President-Elect: Joan McCord and Albert Cohen. Lois DeFleur declined the nomination for executive counselor and the first four accepted: William Chambliss, Gary Jensen, Margaret Zahn and Drew Humphries.

1983 ASC PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT: Joseph Scott reported that the Society will not be sued by the Denver Hilton Hotel. Scott told the Hilton that the Society would not accept their rates of \$76-88. He then contacted the Denver Marriott Hotel who agreed to a rate of \$44 for singles and \$54 for doubles with a \$2.00 rebate to the Society for every room occupied per night. United Airlines has been identified as the convention carrier. They have offered super saver fares (with a \$15-25 reduction) for no time restrictions and no limitations on the number of seats. They will also provide additional site selection visits and will provide the Society free tickets--1 for every 30-50 people that book with United.

Scott reported that the Program Committee has two new people added to the committee--Duncan Chappell for the Division on International Criminology and Phyllis Jo Baumach for the Division on Women and Crime. Revised call for papers were circulated to the membership but the response is extremely slow at this time, Scott noted. The workshops have been tentatively set up:

- 1) Estimating Causal Models: An Introduction - Dr. Elton F. Jackson, Indiana University - November 7 (1:00-5:00 p.m.), November 8 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) and November 9 (8:00 a.m.-Noon).
- 2) The Criminal Justice Archive and Information Network - Drs. Michael W. Traugott and Christopher A. Innes, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research November 7 (1:00-5:00 p.m.) and November 8 (8:00 a.m.-noon).
- 3) The Nature, Uses and Limitations of Criminological Theory - Dr. Lamar T. Empey, University of Southern California - November 8 (1:00-5:00 p.m.) and November 9 (8:00 a.m.-Noon).

Flyers will appear in the next issue of the newsletter regarding the workshops. The cost has been set at \$15.00 for a one day workshop and \$25.00 for the two day workshop. Refreshment will be served in the morning and afternoon. It is hoped that the workshops fees will cover all expenses and it they will be a break-even event for the Society. No honorariums are being paid, but hotel accommodations and a \$35.00 per day per diem will be provided. No funds will be provided to the Michigan people. The workshops will be limited to the first 30 registrants and there will be no refunds on registrations. Scott noted that the food costs per participant are estimated at \$7.80.

Chilton inquired as to the length between the workshops and the annual meeting and wondered if any costs are going to be charged to the annual meeting for providing hotel rooms and per diem would come out of the conference budget or general funds. Reiss inquired if an alternative weekend for having the workshops on Saturday and Sunday had been considered as the meeting is going into Sunday, ending at noon. Scott reported that he was presently planning to have the banquet on Saturday evening.

Scott reported that he had agreed to provide Jackson transportation for the meeting and did not anticipate it costing the Society anything. Turk inquired why we had to go outside the Society for talent for the workshops. Scott reported that he offered the job to a member of the Society first but was declined and felt no restraints in limiting it to people of the Society.

At the present time Scott reported he was looking at having 3 to 5 plenary sessions; two of which have been lined up. The meeting will begin with a plenary with the president and dignitaries welcoming the participants and announcing the award recipients and having them say a few words. Scott encouraged all members present to organize a session if they so desired. Fourteen break-out rooms are now being held for the Society with a possibility of three additional meeting rooms, if needed.

Scott distributed copies of his proposed budget (copy attached). Scott suggested lowering the registration fee by \$10.00 for both members and non-members. A motion was made by Malcolm Klein and seconded by Harry Allen to reduce the registration fee by \$10.00 with the exception of students and \$2700.00 lower on the hotel expenses. Motion was tabled (opposed 1).

Inciardi inquired if there was any way of leaving the rates the way they are and giving the participants a lot more for their money? \$10.00 would not affect them either way. Resiss suggested giving members a chance to have more published in the journal and to put the funds to more scholarly activities -- adding x-number of pages to the journal to enhance high quality papers. Lilly noted if the registration fee is reduced, it should be publicized to the membership.

Reduced Rates for Non-Profit Organizations: President Hirschi reported that a letter had been received from Hal Pepinsky reporting on his findings with AAASP and ASA. The Western Society of Criminology did not respond to his inquiry. AAASP also uses Harve Horowitz and there is no special provision for non-profit exhibitors. Procedure described in paragraph 2 of ASA--table space provided for groups with nothing over \$1.00 sold at this table. 6 ft. tables are provided and each group is assigned one-half of the table. It is not supervised by ASA staff and each group is responsible for its own table. Pepinsky recommended that the Society allow for inflation from \$1 to \$5 with 3-ft. table space where they may share materials not exceeding \$5.00 in value. Klein noted that the display of sales lists and membership lists at \$1.00 is sufficient. Question is whether you want to encourage other kinds of use of the material and space is questionable--\$5.00 does not respond to this. Is this responsive to Tony Platt's request. Did he want space to display? Platt wants a

reduced fee in the book exhibit because he is non-profit. Chilton suggested one rate for non-profit publishers and one for other publishers. Reiss noted that most publishers do not sell books, they take orders. There is nothing wrong for Tony to take orders for his books. We charge publishers to take orders and display. He could not take orders of more than \$1.00.

Malcom Klein moved that the Society provide for and announce table space in which two groups can share a 6 ft. table watching over their material and selling and taking orders of not over \$1.00. (See paragraph 2 from ASA).

DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME CONSTITUTION: VI.A. Liaison--what does it mean. Do we give them 5 or 10 sessions. Joe has authorized 10-15 sessions (20 to 30 sessions for the two divisions). Does program committee have something to say or they tell the program committee? It is up to each program chair to determine how many sessions are given to each division.

A motion was made by Charles Thomas and seconded by Delbert Elliott to approve the revised Division on Women and Crime Constitution. Motion carried.

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT: President Hirschi reported that Albert Cohen's committee conducted a conference call for one and one-half hours and ranked their candidates as follows:

Sutherland Award: Jack Gibbs, LaMar Empey, Alfred Blumstein
Sellin-Glueck Award: David Farrington, William Clifford, Hans Joachim Schneider, Donald West and Inkeri Anttila
August Vollmer: Hans Toch, Benjamin Ward, John Conrad
Herbert Bloch: Joseph E. Scott, Frank Scarpitti

Charles Thomas moved that the Board accept the Nominations Committee report; seconded by James Inciardi.

Waldo noted that the Board is not required to establish all awards each year. Thomas recommended that the Board take the awards one by one rather than on the entire slate of candidates and withdrew his previous motion.

Charles Thomas moved and Harry Allen seconded that the Edwin Sutherland Award be given to Jack Gibbs. Motion carried (opposed, 1).

A motion was made that the Vollmer Award be given to Hans Toch; seconded by James Inciardi. Vote: Favor, 1; Opposed, 5; Abstained, 6, motion fails.

Harry Allen moved that the August Vollmer award to given to Benjamin Ward; seconded by Austin Turk: Favor, 1; Opposed: 14, motion fails.

Reiss suggested that in the future the Awards Committee present a detailed statement as to why the specific person should be presented the certain award.

Terence Thornberry moved that the August Vollmer Award not be awarded this year. Seconded by Malcolm Klein. Motion carried. (Opposed, 1).

Charles Thomas moved and James Inciardi seconded that Joseph E. Scott be awarded the Herbert Bloch Award. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded by Gordon Waldo that the Sellin-Glueck Award not be awarded this year. Favor, 3; Opposed, 10; motion failed.

Robert Lilly nominated Donald West for the Sellin-Glueck Award; seconded by Harry E. Allen. Favor, 5; Opposed, 5, Abstained, 3. Motion failed.

Charles Thomas moved that David Farrington be awarded the Sellin-Glueck Award; seconded by Delbert Elliott. Favor, 5; Opposed 7. Motion failed.

Harry Allen moved that Inkeri Anttila be awarded the Sellin-Glueck Award; seconded by Albert Reiss, Jr. Favor, 7; Opposed, 4. Motion carries.

Hirschi reported that the Committee raised the question of an award recognizing young scholars as something the Board might consider to be named in Michael Hindelang's honor. A motion was made by Charles Thomas that an award be given in Michael Hindelang's name to a young scholar with the intention of that award being given to a young criminologist on the basis of his/her contributions. Favor, 1; Motion failed.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Chris Eskridge reported that potential members were secured from national and regional membership directories. An agreement was worked out with Sage to distribute 15,000 ASC brochures in their mailing. Members in good standing were sent renewal notices and a membership survey was conducted. Brochures and call for papers were sent to approximately 1300 criminal justice schools and selected departments of the criminal justice schools were sent ASC posters to display. Announcements concerning the annual meeting appeared in various newsletters. There were 1863 paid members on the records as of December 1, 1982 which is a 1.3% increase over last year. Membership survey of former members was conducted with a 22% response rate. Eskridge noted that the Society is experiencing only minor difficulty in tracking former members. 36% reported that were not renewing due to economic conditions, 26% felt they were still members. Last year, 29% responded with a check. Eskridge recommended that the Membership Committee conduct a survey of this type.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Marguerite Warren reported that Charles Thomas has agreed to help the Society through the November 1984 issue. No editor will be needed to work some months before that. The call for suggestions is being made in the next two issues of the newsletter. Warren requested the Board to suggest possibilities for the editorship. 1) The journal has been very well subsidized by universities where the editor is located. This involves the university picking up 50% release time of the editor, half secretarial time or more. Thomas has been using two part-time graduate students to help process the journal. Warren noted a fairly large criminology department is also needed with colleagues to help review the papers submitted. Submission fees which were instituted do support the postage, etc. Warren indicated that approximately \$10-15,000 a year in costs in addition to the release time of the editor is involved. Thomas noted that the submission fees do not cover part of that cost and that he estimated 40% of a full-time secretary is needed to do the routine clerical processing of the manuscripts, setting up the files. The cost would depend on the going rate of clerical help. The two graduate students supplied by the university could cost about \$10,000 with another \$5,000 going for secretarial help. Submission fees cover routine costs associated with office supplies and postage.

Warren reported that there was a strong recommendation from the committee that 1) if the continued submission is to be assumed, we are going to be limited as to possible editors. Need to find someone in a program or place that can carry these subsidized costs. 2) The committee recommends that the Board consider perhaps rethinking its traditional assumption in this regard and be prepared to subsidize annually the editing process of the journal. Warren noted that whatever the Board decides to do, the committee strongly recommends that a decision be made no later than the Board's November meeting so the transition can be started before the end of the year as soon as the editor is known.

Thomas reported that he has essentially completed the November 1983 issue of the journal. It is far enough in front so that any manuscript he accepted now would come out in the last volume for which he would have editorial responsibility. By the next Board meeting Thomas reported he would be very close to filling each of the issues for which he would be responsible and if he went beyond that he would be assuming a new editors volumes. Thomas noted that he would be willing to continue to serve if need be. Inciardi said the Society could consider giving a university financial support in supporting a graduate student, whatever the costs may be, \$6-9,000, and by doing that the Society may be able to secure a commitment from a university.

Klein suggested that the announcement to be distributed for the editor search include the anticipated costs involved in the journal.

Sage Research Progress Series: Warren noted that she had received a memo from Sage spelling out their concerns about the contract with ASC for the Sage Research Progress Series indicating they did not feel either ASC or Sage was getting a good deal out of the current contract. Warren spoke with Mitch Allen of Sage to find out what Sage wanted in terms of the Series. 1) Regarding the current operations for the 1982 conference papers, Sage wants to put this book out in hard cover only stating everyone makes more money that way. They do not like the proposed figure of 40% discount to ASC members. They would reduce the price of hard cover from \$18.95 to \$16.95 and on top of the \$16.95 figure, which would be the published price, there would be a 30% discount book for ASC (\$11.86 per book). 2) Regarding the future, Sage is very interested in continuing some kind of research progress series contract with ASC, but they do not like the idea of a single volume annually. They want some flexibility on the number of volumes (perhaps 3 or 4 per year) and better quality volumes with much more selectivity, specifically focussed and they are concerned that if it is only going to be one volume that it will be only a hardcover issue. If the hardcover issue sells, they would then consider a softcover for text purposes.

Warren reported that the committee agreed with Sage in terms of number of manuscripts and also agreed that they should be in consultation with the Publications Committee and whoever the Board decides is relevant for planning the volumes and they are willing to deal with us very flexibly. Warren noted that the Publications Committee did a lot of thinking about this matter and felt there should not be a series editor per se. Rather the business of the Publications Committee which would make more work for the committee. In the future the committee would be involved with the president and program chair in selecting particular people to approach well before the meetings to develop particular kinds of volumes, even soliciting papers for presentation. This could include papers that were not at the meeting and if they would find a tremendous idea, consider reprinting the volume. State of the art, top of the line volumes with the ASC primature on them. Inciardi, as a former Series editor, agreed that this was the only way to go and that will increase the possibility of having better content. Klein agreed also and noted that a direct tie to the program committee would be very helpful. Warren noted that Sage wanted more on-going input in selecting the volumes, they want to know who is going to edit the volumes before they agree noting that quality will yield money.

A motion was made by Albert Reiss, Jr. and seconded by Charles Thomas that the Publications Committee be asked to bring a proposal or suggestion and hopefully a contract to the next Board meeting for the next volumes (1983) of the Sage Research Progress Series with the understanding that the program committee will work with the Publications Committee. Motion carried. It should not be tied totally to what comes up on the program. Liaison with the Program Committee, but not necessarily keeping our publications within the parameters of what shows up for presentation at the meeting.

SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT: The Site Selection Committee is looking at a facility for 1986 in Baltimore. The committee was polled for site preferences for the 1988 meeting. One of the sites under consideration is Las Vegas, but the Committee has not reached a decision yet. A couple of the Las Vegas hotels are eager for the Society to host their 1986 meeting there in place of Baltimore. A motion was made by Malcolm Klein for a 3-year Site Selection Committee to have continuity on the committee, but they would be responsible to the Board for their findings. Reiss asked for instructions from the Board as to what the committee can do. Joseph Scott suggested that a form be prepared at the November meeting listing annual meeting sites for the members consideration and these could be tabulated at the next Board meeting. Reiss suggested a membership survey to find out where the members would like to go for future meetings. Scott suggested that the Board should be extremely careful in signing contracts that are 15% off rack rates noting that the hotels have profiles on our meetings for the last five years.

A motion was made by Charles Thomas and seconded by James Inciardi that the Site Selection committee consist of six people; two of whom are carried over from the previous committee. The president will determine which serves for three, two and one year and each succeeding president will replace two people on the committee each year. Motion carried.

HARVE HOROWITZ CONTRACT: A motion was made to accept the recommendation of the review committee for the two year appointment of Harve Horowitz as the ASC Advertising and Exhibits Representative. Seconded by James Inciardi. Motion carried unanimously.

CRIMINOLOGY REPORT: Charles Thomas reported that the rejection rate of papers for the Journal was in the 80-90% range and that he is back-logged through the November issue. He noted there was some discussion about increasing the size of the journal. The Society is presently under contract with Sage for 160 printed pages per number of the journal which translates into 250 manuscript pages, but he noted that he has not been able to move 250 manuscript pages yet. Thomas reported that he had talked with Sage expressing his reservations as to the quality of paper, binding, and the manner in which they can reproduce charts, graphs, etc. and noted that in fairness to Sage, they are doing what they can do within the limitations they have. We do not generate enough in terms of numbers to warrant the expenditure Sage would incur in making certain changes, and this is something that the Board should take into account when the Sage contract comes up for renewal. Reiss noted that the search for a new publisher of the journal should be the Publications Committee primary target since we must give Sage a year's notice if the Society wants to change publishers. Warren noted that under the existing Sage contract if the Society expands any given issue, it must be increased in 8 pages at a cost of \$30 per page. The previous contract had \$15 per page and Sage has increased this by 100% simply to encourage us not to do the expansion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reduced Registration Fee for 1983 Annual Meeting: The motion previously tabled to reduce the registration fee for the 1983 Annual Meeting by \$10.00 was again brought before the Board. Favor: 5; Opposed, 8. Motion failed.

Inciardi moved that the potential surplus be turned back to the members that come to the meeting in some form, perhaps a cocktail party. Allen noted the the profit could be earmarked from the convention to the journal.

A motion was made by James Inciardi and seconded by Delbert Elliott to formally ask the Awards Committee to provide the Executive Board with three names, unranked, but documented for consideration of the major awards. Motion carried.

Michael Hindelang Award: Travis Hirschi will appoint a committee to look to the recommendations of naming an award in Michael Hindelang's honor for the November Board meeting.

President Hirschi reported that he had received a request from the Center for Forensic Psychiatry at New York University to cooperate with them in listing the Society as a co-sponsor of the meeting. No funds would be involved. A motion was made by Robert Lilly and seconded by James Inciardi to allow the Society to be a cooperating association of the meeting, with future requests dealt with on an ad hoc basis. Motion carried.

Austin Turk reported that a request had been received from Transaction Magazine to exchange advertising between CRIMINOLOGY and their publication, Women's Right Law Reporter. No funds would be involved. A motion was made by Charles Thomas and seconded by Peggy Giordano to refer the issue to the Publications Committee with the power to decide issues of this type. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland Chilton, Executive Secretary