

ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER 9, 1983

MARRIOTT HOTEL - DENVER, COLORADO

Members Present:

Travis Hirschi, President
Roland Chilton, Executive Secretary
Marguerite Warren, Vice President
Terence Thornberry, Executive Counselor
Charles Thomas, Editor, CRIMINOLOGY
Harry E. Allen, Past President
James Inciardi, Executive Counselor
Joseph E. Scott, 1983 Program Chair

Austin Turk, Vice President-Elect
J. Robert Lilly, Treasurer
Malcolm W. Klein, Executive Counselor
Delbert Elliott, Executive Counselor
Harold E. Pepinsky, Executive Counselor
Albert J. Reiss, Jr., President-Elect
Gordon Waldo, Executive Counselor

Travis Hirschi called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The minutes of the Las Vegas meeting were approved after some typographical errors were corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Lilly commented on the previously distributed cash summary and a projected budget. He reported that the Society is in excellent shape financially, but that we should probably anticipate a deficit of about \$2,000 this year.

Harold Pepinsky suggested that the Society might be too successful and expressed his concern about the amount of invested funds. He was particularly concerned about the amount of cash on hand the organization needs. Cash on hand as of October 31, 1983, was reported at \$70,986.00.

Albert Reiss, Jr., suggested that the Society could lose money quickly on any annual meeting. Robert Lilly noted that we can anticipate increased phone and postage costs as well as increases in other expenses for future meetings.

Malcolm Klein moved that this issue be placed on the agenda for the Saturday Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Membership Committee report, which had been previously distributed, indicated that there was approximately a four percent increase in the number of members. Harold Pepinsky moved that the Board accept the report of the Membership Committee and thank the members of the Committee for a job well done.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Marguerite Warren brought three issues for consideration and action by the Board -- selection of a new editor for CRIMINOLOGY, contract negotiation with Sage for the publication of CRIMINOLOGY, and contract negotiataion with Sage for publication of the Sage Research Progress Series.

She reported that the Committee reviewed five candidates who had varying degrees of university support. All five institutions were willing to provide support ranging from \$10,000 to \$15,000 as well as release time for the person selected as editor.

Using indications of university support and administrative enthusiasm as well as the size of the faculty available to assist the editor and other considerations, the Committee ranked five candidates. Their first choice was Joseph Weis of the University of Washington.

Discussion focused on the candidates ranked one and two. Charles Thomas suggested that the number of criminologists on the faculty who could assist in the review process was important as was the location of the journal in a school of criminology. There was also a discussion of indications of collegial support and the impact of administrative responsibilities.

James Inciardi moved to accept the recommendations of the Publications Committee. The motion carried. Vote: Favor, 12; Opposed, 1.

Albert Reiss, Jr. suggested that if Joseph Weis accepts, the Committee should write letters of thanks to the other candidates and to their institutions expressing the Board's appreciation of each individual's willingness to serve and each institution's willingness to support the journal.

Charles Thomas indicated that the new editor will probably have to assume responsibility by January 1.

Marguerite Warren discussed some of the problems and production constraints associated with the contract with Sage to publish CRIMINOLOGY. Charles Thomas said that we may have pursued our affiliation with Sage as far as we can and that we probably receive more good papers than can be published because of the production limitations at Sage. He suggested that if there is an alternative, the Society should pursue it.

Marguerite Warren also reported on a series of problems encountered in connection with Sage's performance on the contract for the Research Progress Series. She indicated that the Committee had received an inquiry about the Society's publications arrangements from Northeastern University Press as well as a new proposal from Sage. After the new proposal had been distributed and read, a number of questions were raised about it. There was little enthusiasm for combining CRIMINOLOGY and the Research Progress Series in a new publications venture.

The Publications Committee report recommended some other ways in which the Research Progress Series might be improved. These included a more flexible publication schedule, not committing the Society to the publication of a fixed number of volumes each year, and generally developing a more flexible procedure for producing the volumes.

The Committee recommended that Sage be notified that the Society does not wish to renew its present contract for the publication of CRIMINOLOGY. It was moved that Sage be notified that we are terminating our contract for the publication of CRIMINOLOGY, and that the Society will solicit new publications proposals soon. The motion carried unanimously.

Charles Thomas pointed out that Sage does some proof reading and copy editing so we have to decide whether we are searching for a printer or something like Sage. Charles Thomas moved to submit a similar letter on the Research Progress Series. The motion carried unanimously.

1983 PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Joseph Scott reported that the response to the pre-meeting workshops was limited, short of the 30 persons per session which would have been required to support the activity. He suggested that this year's experience with the workshops does not justify their use next year.

He also raised a question about the advisability of publishing a separate volume of abstracts for each annual meeting. It was moved that the Society discontinue the abstracts publication. The motion failed. Vote: Favor, 4; Opposed, 11.

Albert Reiss, Jr. suggested that those who are on the program be contacted and asked how they feel about the abstracts.

Harold Pepinsky moved that the Board accept the report of the Program Committee and thank the Committee for the work they have done. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee recommended abolishing the Presidential appointment of three members to the Board. There was some discussion and arguments for and against the proposal. Malcolm Klein moved to delete Section III-A, 3A. from the Constitution which provides for appointment of Executive Counselors and he also moved to make the appropriate changes in the Constitution. Motion carried. Vote: Favor, 8; Opposed, 4.

There was a report on the survey of Board members regarding the Constitution of the Division on International Criminology. The decision was unanimous that the Division on International Criminology should modify their constitution so that it is consistent with the ASC Constitution and similar to the constitution of the Division on Women and Crime.

Albert Reiss, Jr. presented his list of nominees for committee appointments. There was a motion to accept the committee nominations (list attached) subject to some correction of typographical errors. Roland Chilton was reappointed Executive Secretary for two years. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Travis Hirschi reported on some difficulties and misunderstandings in his communication with the Site Selection Committee. He reported that this will be discussed at the Saturday meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland Chilton
Executive Secretary