



ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

October 28, 1986

Atlanta Marriott Downtown Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Members Present:

Lloyd Ohlin	William Chambliss	Barbara Price
Don M. Gottfredson	Nicole Rafter	Carl Wiedemann
J. Robert Lilly	John Hagan	Julius Debro
Joan McCord	Margaret Zahn	Roland Chilton
Joan Petersilia	Edith E. Flynn	Joseph Weis
Charles Wellford	Terence Thornberry	Chris Eskridge

President Lloyd Ohlin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 28. It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the May Executive Board meeting be adopted.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Following the May Executive Board meeting, it was decided that J. Robert Lilly should explore the issue of liability insurance further. Charles Wellford said he would speak with Bart Ingraham to see if he could help the Society with the issue. It was noted that the Law and Society carries liability insurance for its board. A recommendation was made a year ago that the Society should have this coverage because of the concern of publishing the Society journal. Chambliss stated it would be an extremely low priority for the Society. William Chambliss moved that the Society not purchase liability insurance. Seconded by Margaret Zahn. Motion carried.
(1 abstention; 1 no)

RELATIONSHIPS WITH ACJS

Charles Wellford reported that he had received correspondence from Robert Regoli, President of ACJS, regarding relationships between the two societies. It was suggested that Regoli contact Joyce Sterling, chair of ASC's Interorganizational Relationships Committee regarding relationships between the two organizations. Wellford will write to Regoli with this information.

TREASURER'S REPORT

J. Robert Lilly distributed financial reports for the Board's consideration. Edith Flynn inquired if the Society had looked into an accrual accounting system versus the cash accounting system. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Joan McCord and seconded by Edith Flynn that the Society go to an accrual accounting system. Wellford inquired if an accrual or cash system was the better accounting system and suggested that the treasurer contact an accountant for this information. Chambliss moved to table the issue of the accrual accounting system until the next meeting. Don Gottfredson inquired if it would be difficult to shift from our present cash system to the accrual system. Chambliss noted that if there was a surplus in the budget that the Society should give first priority to minority fellowships. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

CRIMINOLOGY REPORT

Joe Weis reported that Volume 24, #2 has now been printed. Number 3 is in the revised proof stage and Number 4 is in the copyediting stage and papers are now being selected for Volume 25, No. 1. Forty-three papers are now out for review and Weiss felt there should not be any problems in completing Volume 25. He noted that the last issue under his editorship would be a theory issue where he would solicit papers from a variety of perspectives. He suggested that this might be discussed by the new Publications Committee. Weis informed the Board that about a year ago he was told by his dean that because of the fiscal problems at the university they could no longer support the managing editor position. He noted that the backlog has been cleared up and he needs someone to help in this position. He said he would like to ask for more money to maintain someone on a 10 hour weekly basis. He noted he would rather not use some of his copyediting people but he would if he had to. He estimated the cost for a 30 week period would be approximately \$2,000.00. A motion was made by Margaret Zahn and seconded by Joan Petersilia that Joe Weis' request for an additional \$2,000 for the managing editor position be approved by the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Don Gottfredson moved that the Executive Board express appreciation to Joe Weiss for developing the journal into its present format. This could only have been accomplished through his well organized and efficient efforts. Motion carried unanimously.

Edith Flynn made a motion to commend J. Robert Lilly for the excellent job he has done in providing financial records to the Board. Seconded by Don Gottfredson. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Charles Wellford left the meeting before discussion began on the editorship of the journal. Joan Petersilia reported that there were written recommendations from five Committee members reviewing each of the candidates for the editorship of CRIMINOLOGY. Joan reported that an announcement was placed in THE CRIMINOLOGIST newsletter and a personal letter was sent to approximately 100 deans of criminal justice programs or who could pull together the resources stated in the letter that was sent. She reported that only three applications were received. She reported that she had received 15 telephone calls and sent each of the callers letters telling them what was required in university support for the journal. She noted that Rita Simon and Douglas Smith called several times and were very serious in their applications for the journal. Five members of the Committee strongly favored Rita Simon for the editorship.

Joe Weis stated that people realize the editorship is different than it used to be. It now requires more work and more commitment from the university for support. Petersilia noted that the position had been advertised and should not be reopened to request additional applicants. Rita Simon was recommended for her work as editor of JUSTICE QUARTERLY of ACJS and as Dean it was thought she would have the university support. Joan McCord said she would endorse the Committee's recommendation for Rita Simon. Chambliss stated the Board needed to know that Rita could supply the financial background needed for the journal editorship. Terence Thornberry said that institution support would be needed from the American University. Chambliss inquired if it would be possible to postpone the decision of the editorship until the mid-winter meeting so that further material could be received from Simon.

President Ohlin noted that the Board was divided on the major issue of institutional support. There is some question in the people's mind about the whole criminology aspect. In the meantime the Board might be able to get assurance and possibly ask the candidates to attend Saturday's meeting.

A motion was made by Joan McCord that the selection of the editorship for CRIMINOLOGY be postponed until Saturday's Executive Board meeting. Following discussion the vote was 8 for and 2 against to bring the issue to vote at this Board meeting.

Weis suggested that the Board consider at some point that ASC have a contract with the editor's institution for a specific period of time and specified amount of money as the institution can always remove the financial support.

Chambliss noted that the University of Maryland has committed \$9,000 and if the American University commits \$9,000, the Board is voting on them committing that amount of money to the journal. Petersilia again stated that the Rita Simon was the choice of Publications Committee for the editorship of the journal

A motion was made by Joan Petersilia that the Board accept the Publications Committee recommendation of Rita Simon as the next editor of CRIMINOLOGY. Seconded by Joan McCord. For: 4; Opposed: 5; Abstained: 1. Motion failed.

A motion was made and seconded by Edith Flynn that the Board approve Douglas Smith as the next editor of CRIMINOLOGY. For: 2; Opposed: 5; Abstained: 1. Motion failed.

William Chambliss moved that Rita Simon be selected the next editor of CRIMINOLOGY with the stipulation that she provide a detailed accounting of the financial commitment that the American University will provide for the journal. Following a brief discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Lilly suggested that specific items that cost the Society money such as proofreading, copyediting and managing editor be included in the proposals. Chambliss moved that the issue of journal editor be postponed until the mid winter meeting to provide detailed accounting of what the universities will provide so that the Board can then make a decision. Seconded by Edith Flynn. Motion failed.

Joe Weis reported that the managing editor generally spends 20 hours a week; the assistant editor 20 hours a week plus clerical assistance, secretarial help and space is required.

President Ohlin requested that the Board vote either for Rita Simon or Douglas Smith as editor of the journal on the assumption that they will be able to meet the conditions set forth by the Board. This vote is contingent upon meeting these conditions with information needed by Saturday's Board meeting. For Rita Simon: 5; for Douglas Smith: 6.

It was requested that Joe Weis write out a set of specifications of the editors' needs for the journal. Institutional commitments should include more information on who is available to help in the journal preparation.

SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Roland Chilton reported that the 1988 contract has been signed with the Chicago Marriott Downtown Hotel on Michigan Avenue. Chilton noted that the meeting facilities and rooms are excellent and 45% off the room rack rate has been guaranteed by the Marriott. For the 1989 meeting, the Committee gathered information from west coast cities. San Francisco is eager for our business, but they are fairly expensive. The Pointe in Phoenix is more expensive because it is the beginning of their season. The new Marriott in San Francisco offered rates which the Society can't afford. Bids were received from two airport sites in Los Angeles which the Committee felt were bad choices. The Marriott and the Los Angeles Hilton expressed interest. He suggested that the Board include Las Vegas and Reno in their consideration for the 1989 meeting. Reno is promoting \$52 room rates. The Tropicana in Las Vegas would give a \$60 room rate and give every Board member a suite. Anchorage is really anxious to have the meeting. The Seattle Sheraton rates stated their rates would not increase more than 9% of the current rates. Portland, Oregon also expressed interest in our meeting.

President Ohlin inquired if the Board had any clear preference for the site of the 1989 meeting and requested a vote on the cities presented by Chilton. The vote was as follows: San Francisco (9); Los Angeles (5); Phoenix (5); Portland (1); Seattle (9), and Reno (8). Joan McCord suggested that transportation information to the three cities selected be secured. The Committee will look into Seattle, San Francisco and Reno as 1989 meeting sites.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT

A motion was made by Charles Wellford and seconded by Terence Thornberry to accept the Grants and Contracts Committee report.

NATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee recommended that information should be formulated to generate an ASC response or organizational response to issues as opposed to individual members or committees making statements. Gottfredson cited Regnery as an example in which the Society should have come out saying Regnery was not qualified for his appointment but some people stated that was not the role of the Society. Following discussion, it was suggested that the Committee prepare recommendations for the Board to consider for dealing with responses of this nature. Wellford stated that Alfred Blumstein recommended that the Committee not be empowered but recommend processes by which the whole body would be involved.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

It was moved and seconded to accept the Membership Committee Report with commendations to the chair and Committee for the excellent job they have done.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Barbara Raffel Price, program chair, reported that the 1986 program represents the efforts of co-chair, Carl Wiedemann, and eleven program members along with the Local Arrangements Committee. She reported there were 1,036 participants in the program with 765 preregistered at the beginning of the meeting. There are 232 sessions scheduled along with several new innovations including the presidential roundtables, luncheon roundtables on Friday and Saturday, complimentary luncheon with the opening plenary session and 26 poster sessions. She cited the hard work of Julius Debro as chair of the Local Arrangements Committee noting that he brought in \$3,500 from Georgia Power Company, Security Division, to underwrite Wednesday's complimentary luncheon. A donation of \$500 is also to be received from Ackerman Security for the program to use as it sees fit. Debro has arranged for a singer and pianist for the Friday night banquet and he also has arranged an ASC disco night at the Hilton Hotel with no cover charge and members paying only for the cost of drinks. Tours have also been arranged at the federal prison, along with tours of the city of Atlanta. Debro also has arranged the paper sales and for student help at the meeting. The University of Louisville will host a cocktail reception for the entire meeting.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

William Chambliss reported that the Nominations Committee will have a Thursday morning meeting and will bring their recommendations to the Saturday Executive Board meeting.

ADVERTISING AND EXHIBITS REPORT

Chris Eskridge reported that the San Diego meeting netted approximately \$4,000 for the book exhibit and it is expected that this year's meeting will net about \$10,500. Chris reported that there will be a lounge in the book exhibit area this year. Two publishers have agreed to co-host the coffee breaks which will be set up at the end of the book exhibit this year in order to facilitate a better traffic pattern flow for the publishers. Chris reported that a letter had been received from Tony Platt requesting a fee waiver for the book exhibitor as a non-profit organization which was provided him through ASA at their book exhibit. Chris noted that as this year's exhibit was already oversubscribed, it was agreed to charge Platt a fee of \$25.00 to exhibit in the combined book exhibit. A motion was made by Joan McCord to provide a booth for joint journal displays and develop some type of response for these journals that would be separate from the combined book exhibit. Motion carried.

President-Elect Gottfredson reported that he was reappointing Chris Eskridge to serve as Advertising and Exhibits Coordinator and commended him for the excellent job he has done for the Society.

1986-87 ELECTIONS REPORT

Charles Wellford reported the results of the recent 1986-87 election as follows: President-Elect, William Chambliss; Vice President-Elect, Marc Riedel and Executive Counselors, Neal Shover and Carl Klockars. Wellford noted that the elections were very close and commented that approximately only half of the members returned their ballots. In the recent Division on Women and Crime elections, Christine Rasche was elected vice chair and Clarice Feinman was elected secretary.

1987 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President-Elect Gottfredson asked for approval of his committee appointments. It was moved by Joan Petersilia and seconded by Charles Wellford that the 1987 committee appointments be accepted. Motion carried. It was suggested that in the future the president-elect be given approval of his committee appointments at the mid-year Board meeting.

SURVEY OF CRIMINOLOGY PERSPECTIVES--1986

President Ohlin reported that Lee Ellis a member of the Society requested that a survey of criminology perspectives for 1986 be distributed to the conference attendees at the registration desk. It was moved and seconded that the request for the distribution of the survey be denied. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m. The next Executive Board meeting will be Saturday, November 1 at 2:00 p.m. in the Plantation Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles F. Wellford
Executive Secretary