

ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

November 8, 1989

John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel - Reno, Nevada

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order by President Joan McCord. It was moved by Julius Debro and seconded by M. Kay Harris that the tentative agenda be approved. The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the March Board meeting. Their approval was moved by Julius Debro and seconded by Neal Shover. The minutes were approved, as amended.

NATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

Malcolm Klein reported on behalf of the National Policy Committee that no response had been received from any members concerning the announcement in THE CRIMINOLOGIST requesting additional items for consideration by the National Policy Committee. The Committee is continuing to review the death penalty issue and has organized a session during the annual meetings for presentation of empirical data on the issue. Professor Klein urged the Executive Board to consider ways the issues can be identified for the National Policy Committee.

Professor Klein also noted that questions had been raised concerning NIJ participation in the ASC meetings. **It was then moved by Charles Wellford, seconded by Julius Debro to accept the National Policy Committee Report.**

Carl Klockars moved, seconded by Neal Shover that a letter be drafted to appropriate persons at DOJ calling for broad participation by NIJ and other funding agencies at the annual meeting. This motion was approved by a vote of nine in favor, one against and one abstention.

C.O.S.S.A

Charles Wellford reported that he had attended the COSSA annual meeting at the request of the President. Two items had emerged from this meeting. One is the discussion of the creation of an associate directorship for social sciences at NSF. The ASC was encouraged to contact NSF with their support for this plan. **It was moved by Charles Wellford and seconded by Phyllis Jo Baunach that ASC collect additional information on this and support, if appropriate, this proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.**

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Susan White reported that there were 804 preregistrations and that the 254 panels and other activities had been arranged. She discussed the proposed brothel tour and subsequently reported that it had been cancelled due to conditions not accountable to ASC required by lawyers representing the brothel. There was a general discussion of problems that have been constant in the preparation of programs, including suggestions concerning degrees of participation, paid workshops, etc. **It was moved by Charles Wellford and seconded by Julius Debro**

that a committee be appointed by the President to report back by November 12 with suggestions on these and other matters pertaining to the organization of the annual meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Lilly presented information on the current cash status of the Society. He reported that for each of the last three years income had exceeded expenditures. In response to discussions in earlier Board meetings concerning the authority of the Treasurer to approve expenditures above budget line items, **it was moved by Lilly on behalf of the Finance Committee that a policy be established that total expenditures in any single year may not exceed the approved budget by more than ten percent. This motion was approved ten in favor, zero against, one abstention. Wellford moved the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Phyllis Jo Baunach. The motion was approved unanimously.**

ELECTION RESULTS

Wellford reported the results of the election. John Hagan is president-elect, Margaret Zahn is vice president-elect, and the two new counselors are Robert Bursik and Kathleen Daly. Wellford reported that the error in printing ballots this year, which resulted in two ballots, had the serendipitous effect of producing a much larger turnout than usual. **It was then moved by Baunach and seconded by Debro that for this coming year a ballot be sent out at the mid-point of the election period to encourage a greater participation in the election. Motion was approved, six in favor, three against, zero abstentions.**

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Steve Gottfredson reported on behalf of the Nominations Committee and indicated that the Committee had proposed after a very thorough process Alfred Blumstein and Delbert Elliott for President; Marcia Chaiken and Charles Wellford for Vice President; and James Alan Fox, Susan Martin, Raymond Paternoster and Wesley Skogan for Executive Counselor. With Wellford not participating in the discussion, **Julius Debro moved acceptance of the report, seconded by Doug Smith. The motion accepting the report and these nominations was approved eight in favor, zero against, and two abstentions.** There was then discussion of selection of alternates. **It was moved by Carl Klockars and seconded by Marvin Krohn that discussion of alternates be postponed until the initial nominees had been contacted. Motion was approved, seven in favor, three against.**

EDITORIAL BOARD

Marvin Krohn reported on behalf of the Editorial Board that after discussing a proposed contract for improved marketing of CRIMINOLOGY it was agreed not to pursue this. It was felt that such an arrangement would not be beneficial to the Society. Krohn reported on information concerning institutional subscription rates in which he observed that the rates for CRIMINOLOGY were somewhat lower than comparable journals--that we were perhaps \$12.00 to \$15.00 below many other journals that we would feel comfortable comparing ourselves to.

Krohn then reported that the Editorial Board with the concurrence of the Executive Committee had negotiated discounts on a number of journals that the members of the Society would be interested in and further reported that the Editorial Board had solicited applications for the Editor of CRIMINOLOGY. It was **moved by Wellford and seconded by Harris to accept the report with specific reference to the agreed waiver of the \$25.00 fee to journals granting discounts. This was approved unanimously.**

It was then moved on behalf of the Editorial Board that Stephen E. Brown be selected Editor of THE CRIMINOLOGIST. The motion was approved, eight in favor, zero against, one abstention.

It was moved on behalf of the Editorial Board that ASC exchange advertising space (one page in each issue) with Social Forces. This was approved unanimously.

Marvin Krohn also reported on behalf of the Editorial Board that there had been discussion of requests from NIJ to facilitate the printing of reprints of articles published in CRIMINOLOGY by authors who were supported by NIJ grants. It was explained that NIJ wished to have these reprints so they could distribute them as a way of demonstrating the degree to which research funded by NIJ was influencing the criminological literature. **This issue was referred back to the Editorial Board for further analysis with a report to be ready for the next Executive Board meeting.**

SITE SELECTION

Site Selector Marc Riedel delivered a report for the Site Selection Committee. The Committee, after analyzing proposals in the cities that had been suggested by the Executive Board, moved that further negotiations be undertaken with Phoenix and Houston, and full contracts be presented to the Board at the mid-Winter meeting. There was a motion to table this motion which failed by a vote of two in favor, seven against, zero abstention. **The original motion to continue negotiations with Phoenix and Houston was approved by a vote of seven for, three against, zero abstention.**

ADVERTISING AND EXHIBITS

Chris Eskridge reported on the advertising and exhibits activities for the coming year, the past year, and noted that this effort continued to be a significant source of funds for the Society. **It was moved by Wellford to accept the report, seconded by Debro. The motion was approved unanimously.**

JOURNALS TO THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES

There was discussion of the establishment of criteria for identifying third world organizations or individuals that might receive free copies of CRIMINOLOGY. Because the appropriate work had not been done to further elaborate these criteria **it was moved to table this item and refer to the International Division requesting a response as soon as possible. This was moved by Wellford and seconded by Baunach. It was approved unanimously.**

STUDENT COMPETITION

The President reported on behalf of the Chair of the Gene Carte Student Paper Committee. In addition to noting the work of the Committee this year, the Board agreed with the Committee's recommendation **that the current policy with regards to paying airfare to the meeting should be continued and there should not be a separate student paper competition for student undergraduates.** There were no votes on particular issues, simply an agreement that current policy would prevail.

DIVISION ON CRITICAL CRIMINOLOGY

The proposal for a Division on Critical Criminology was presented to the Board with the appropriate number of members signing the proposal. **The Board determined that the proposal met the technical requirements and approved the proposal by a vote of nine in favor, zero opposed, zero abstentions.** Susan Caringella-MacDonald was requested to prepare a one-page statement to be included in an upcoming issue of THE CRIMINOLOGIST to inform the membership of the proposed creation of the Division. Once response is received from the membership the Board will consider for final action the proposed Division.

CRIMINOLOGY

Doug Smith reported that submissions were up and the journal continued to maintain an exemplary time for review. Smith also discussed resubmissions. **It was moved by Baunach and seconded by Gottfredson to accept the report. Motion passed unanimously.**

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Phyllis Jo Baunach presented proposed By-Law and Constitution amendments for the Board's consideration.

Proposed By-Law Amendments

Article 1. Executive Board Meetings

Section 5. Not less than ten days prior to scheduled Board Meetings, any documents to be viewed at the forthcoming meeting and the agenda shall be mailed to all Board members by the Executive Secretary or Administrator.

Article 3. Annual Meetings

Section 1. A registration fee may be assessed for participants at the Annual Meeting and other conferences of the Society. The fee shall be set by the Executive Board and the membership shall be notified by the Executive Secretary or Administrator.

Article 7. Disbursements

Payments from Society funds may be approved by the Treasurer or by the Administrator up to a sum of \$500.00. Payments in excess of \$500.00 must have approval by both the President and the Treasurer.

Article 8. Officers

The President and President-Elect and Vice President and Vice President-Elect cannot receive any ASC awards, except for the Bloch Award of selection as a Fellow of ASC, during their tenure in office.

The By-Law Amendments were approved by a vote of nine, favor; zero against.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

III. The Executive Board

ADD a new "B" as follows:

B. The Editor of THE CRIMINOLOGIST will be an ex officio (non-voting) member of the Executive Board.

With this addition, all the rest of the sections for The Executive Board move up one letter in the alphabet (i.e., "B" becomes "C"; "C" becomes "D"; "D" becomes "E"; "E" becomes "F", and "F" becomes "G".) Approved by a vote of nine, favor; zero against.

V. Elections

ADD a "D" as follows:

D. Nominees for officer or Executive Counselor of the Society shall be ineligible to receive any awards except the Bloch Award from the Society during the pendency of the election.

VI. Membership

ADD to "A" as follows:

A. 3. Members in Good Standing. In order to participate in the nominations and/or voting processes of the Society, a member of ASC must be an Active, Emeritus, or Life member in good standing. To maintain membership in good standing, an ASC member must pay annual dues for the current calendar year.

Approved by a vote of ten, favor; zero, against.

ADD to "H" at the end of the section as follows:

H. A Division shall not make public statements on behalf of ASC unless so authorized by the Executive Board.

Approved by a vote of seven, favor; zero, against.

VII. Voting Procedure

REVISE: A. Nominations:

A. Nominations. The Nominations Committee shall oversee development of a slate of officers. Members in good standing for both the current and immediately previous calendar years shall be notified by mail, and invited to submit additional nominations two months prior to closing nominations. The invitation to submit nominations shall include a dues statement and a reminder to all persons that they cannot participate in the nominations process until they have paid their dues for the current year. Persons may submit dues along with names of nominees.

Any member receiving two percent of the nominations from fellow members in good standing shall be entered on the ballot for the designated office. The Nominations Committee, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, may place additional names on the ballot only if two nominees do not result from the open invitation, and may not thereby exceed two nominations. The list of nominees will then be announced to the membership and members in good standing may place additional candidates for each office on the ballot if such candidates receive nominations from two percent of the membership in good standing. The ballot shall include a place for write-in candidates.

Approved by a vote of eight, favor, zero, against, and one abstention.

B. Voting. All members and member institutions in good standing at the time at which ballots are mailed shall be entitled to vote. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Tied elections shall be resolved by a run-off election.

Ballots will be sent to all members in good standing for both the current and immediately past calendar years. Persons who have not yet paid their dues for the current year shall receive a statement to this effect along with the ballot. The statement shall say that they are not members in good standing and may not vote in the current election unless dues are either mailed along with the ballot or mailed separately but before ballots are counted.

Approved by a vote of seven, favor; zero, against.

VIII. [Journal] Society Publications

The Society shall publish a refereed journal entitled CRIMINOLOGY: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY JOURNAL, and may publish a newsletter, entitled THE CRIMINOLOGIST, which shall be distributed to all members and member institutions in good standing. Approved 5 to 2.

A. The Journal

1. [A.] Composition. The Editorial Board shall consist of the Vice-President as Chair, the Vice President-Elect, and four members appointed by the President, with the Editor and Editor-Elect, in years when such exists, of the journal and the Editor of the newsletter, as ex officio (non-voting members).

2. [B.] Powers. (no changes)

3. **ADD:** [C.]

C. The Newsletter

1. Appointment of the Editor. The Executive Board shall appoint the Editor for a three year renewable term.

2. The Editor will be an ex officio (non-voting) member of the Editorial Board and the Executive Board.

3. Selection of the Editor. The Editorial Board shall solicit applications for the newsletter Editor by January of the incumbent Editor's final year. Based upon their review of the applicants, the Editorial Board shall report their recommendations, along with a full explanation, to the Executive Board by its Midwinter Meeting.

Motion was made by Michael Gottfredson to adjourn. Motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles F. Wellford
Executive Secretary