

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 6, 1990
Omni Inner Harbor Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland

Executive Board Members Present: Joan Petersilia, Michael Gottfredson, Charles Wellford, Margaret Zahn, Phyllis Jo Baunach, Robert Bursik, Douglas Smith, Christy Visher, Joan McCord, Kathleen Daly, Julius Debro, Wesley Skogan, Susan Martin, John Hagan

Guests Present: John Dombrink, James Meeker, Malcolm Klein

President Petersilia called for the approval of the May 25-26 Phoenix Board minutes.
**JOAN MCCORD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED;
SECONDED BY JULIUS DEBRO. MOTION CARRIED.**

1990 PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

President Petersilia personally thanked John Dombrink and James Meeker for all the work they have done in preparing the 1990 program. James Meeker reported it is still anticipated that Reggie Walton, Associate Director, of the National Office of Drug Policy, will be the banquet speaker. Meeker reported that there are 267 sessions on the program which is an all-time high and approximately 1,000 preregistrations. There are 615 rooms taken on Wednesday, 685 on Thursday, and 667 on Friday out of 710 rooms at the hotel. The Society dominates the hotel and does not share it with any outside groups. The Business Meeting is scheduled for Friday at 11:00 a.m. Meeker reported that the only thing they are doing slightly different this year is that they have an extensive addenda to the program that will be in the registration packet for any last minute changes. On Thursday and Friday mornings flyers will be distributed to all the meeting rooms indicating that day's highlighted features. It is hoped this will increase attendance in these sessions. It was recommended that the Board develop a policy statement on adding papers to sessions. President Petersilia reported that she had the Local Arrangements Committee work with the local media and highlighted a number of sessions that the media might be interested in. President Petersilia reported there will be a Student Reception on Wednesday evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at which time announcements will be made of the student award winners and the minority fellowship award winner. Announcements will also be made at the banquet. The Reception would be a nice opportunity for the students to network among each other and the Society. Members of the Board were invited to the Reception.

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Malcolm Klein noted in his report that there had not been much business despite the advertisements in the newsletter. Klein noted there were two things about the Public Policy Committee process that should be considered by this Board and next year's committee. The process is quite awkward and takes up to two years to get a resolution through the process. The purpose, as Klein understood it, was originally to make sure that public policy statements made by the organization would be based on data. Dr. Klein believes the process should be designed to be completed in one year. Dr. Klein also reminded the Board of the need to overlap appointments to the Committee to assure continuity in its work. **CHARLES WELLFORD MOVED TO ACCEPT THE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT; SECONDED BY JULIUS DEBRO. MOTION CARRIED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the treasurer, Joseph Scott, Charles Wellford distributed copies of his report. **IT WAS MOVED BY JULIUS DEBRO AND SECONDED BY PHYLLIS JO BAUNACH TO TABLE THE TREASURER'S REPORT UNTIL THE THURSDAY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.**

CRIMINOLOGY REPORT

Douglas Smith distributed data on the operation of the journal for the Board's information. Smith reported that the journal had recently been abstracted in Sociology Abstracts and we will be abstracted in Psychology Abstracts. Each will receive complimentary issues of CRIMINOLOGY. Smith reported that he was very heartened by what he perceived to be the increasing quality of papers that are sent into the journal. President Petersilia on behalf of the Executive Board thanked Smith for the excellent job he has done in editing the journal. **IT WAS MOVED BY MICHAEL GOTTFREDSON AND SECONDED BY MARGARET ZAHN TO ACCEPT THE JOURNAL REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.**

ASC GENE CARTE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Charles Wellford noted the report received from Don Gottfredson announced the first, second, and third prize winners in the ASC Gene Carte Student Paper Competition. They are: First Prize: Scott Boeringer, Department of Sociology, University of Florida, whose paper is entitled "An Investigation of Male Sexual Aggression: A Social Learning Analysis", sponsored by Ronald Akers; Second Prize: Andrew Golub, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Carnegie Mellon University, whose paper is entitled "A Comparison of Termination Rates of Adult Criminal Careers Across Offender Characteristics and Jurisdictions", sponsored by Alfred Blumstein, and Third Prize: Sun Joon Jang, Department of Sociology, SUNY-Albany, whose paper is entitled "Recursive and Non-recursive Causal Models of Fear of Crime, Neighborhood Interaction, and Neighborhood Attachment: A Covariance Structure Analysis", sponsored by Steven A. Thompson of the International Student Services. Fifteen papers were submitted for this year's competition.

DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME REPORT

Kathleen Daly distributed the Division's report to the Board. She reported that the Division wanted to make changes to its constitution and by-Laws and went through the procedure required, bringing them before the business meeting last year and then put them to a vote before the entire membership. The changes were in four areas: (1) to clarify the purpose of the Division, (2) to create a new officer who is newsletter editor as an appointed office and another person to be elected as vice chair, (3) to change features of the three executive counselor positions. They are now going to be elected for a two year term by a ballot vote; and (4) To drop language no longer relevant and to add some flexibility in the formation of Division committees. **DALY MOVED THAT THE ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVE THE TEN CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME. SECONDED BY PHYLLIS JO BAUNACH. MOTION CARRIED.**

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Joan Petersilia presented the Student Affairs Committee report on behalf of Ruth-Ellen Grimes. Petersilia reported that Grimes had been working hard over the last two years and has agreed to serve again as chair of the Committee under John Hagan's committee

appointments. Last year the Executive Board authorized expenditure of \$500 to do an outreach program to students. Petersilia and Grimes designed a special student brochure. A special mailing was done to student members and chairmen of departments who it was felt had a significant number of students. The mailing went out in the summer and already in two months we have increased our student membership by 100 new members. There will be a special student reception on Wednesday evening and Ron Akers and Neal Shover have agreed to provide the music for the reception. A "sleep-cheap" form was prepared by Candace McCoy for students and a block of rooms was reserved where students could share room accommodations. McCoy has also agreed to do this again for next year's meeting. Petersilia requested that the Executive Board, Local Arrangements Committee, and Program Committee wear ribbons attached to their name tags that were purchased for the purpose of helping the students identify Board members and people in charge of the meeting. Students will wear red name tags and Petersilia encouraged the Board members to make themselves accessible to the students and make them feel more a part of the meeting and the Society.

JOHN HAGAN OFFERED A MOTION TO COMMEND RUTH-ELLEN GRIMES FOR THE ACTIVITY AND EFFORT SHE HAS PUT INTO THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. PHYLLIS JO BAUNACH OFFERED A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO RUTH-ELLEN COMMENDING HER FOR THE WORK SHE HAS DONE. MOTION CARRIED. JOHN HAGAN WILL SEND A LETTER TO RUTH-ELLEN.

1990 ELECTION RESULTS

Charles Wellford reported that Alfred Blumstein was elected president-elect; Charles Wellford, vice president-elect; Wesley Skogan and Susan Martin, executive counselors. Wellford reported that John Hagan had nominated Christy Visher to fill the one year executive secretary appointment, and Visher has agreed to serve.

1990-1991 ASC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

John Hagan reported that the list of committee appointments had been previously distributed and there had been some minor substitutions. Hagan reported that Bob Lilly will serve as chair of the Finance Committee in place of Joseph Scott; Kenneth Adams has agreed to serve on the Employment Exchange Committee, and Susan Shapiro has been added to the Nominations Committee. Hagan noted that by-in-large the appointments remain as previously approved. Wellford noted that Margaret Farnworth and Simon Dinitz would be the two year appointments to the Public Policy Committee. Phyllis Jo Baunach noted that she had made a footnote in the Policy and Procedures manual regarding the discussion of two year appointments to the Public Policy Committee but it was not listed as a motion. **MICHAEL GOTTFREDSON MOVED ACCEPTANCE OF THE 1990-1991 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS; SECONDED BY CHARLES WELLFORD.**

CHARLES WELLFORD MOVED ACCEPTANCE OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE 1990-1991 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND ASKED THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO CHECK THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS OF WILLIAM CHAMBLISS TO DETERMINE IF THERE WAS A POLICY ESTABLISHED TO REQUIRE MULTIPLE YEAR APPOINTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE AND IF SO, THIS YEAR'S PRESIDENT WOULD BE INFORMED AND HE WOULD TAKE WHATEVER ACTION HE CHOOSES. NEXT YEAR'S PRESIDENT WOULD BE INFORMED OF THE POLICY AND BE EXPECTED TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICY; SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT

Wellford reported that at the last meeting he was asked to look at some of the other social science associations and make a recommendation to the Board on what we should do in the area of establishing a code of ethics and a mechanism to enforce the code. In looking at ASA, APA, American Political Science, Oral History Association, American Historical Society and the American Anthropological Association, there are basically three options: (1) continue as it currently has without any formal statement of ethics and enforcement mechanism. (2) develop a statement of ethics for criminologists practicing in their professional capacity as criminologists that is a very broad statement about the need for objectivity, academic freedom, integrity in research, but does not move to setting up a mechanism to police our own members, or (3) establish a code of ethics and mechanism by which we will police our members.

Wellford suggested after looking at these and thinking about it a little bit that the best thing for the Board to do is to ask the Ethics Committee to take a crack at developing a broad statement of professional ethics and a procedure by which members could bring to the Society instances where they think they have been treated unprofessionally or have been abused in their professional capacity and that those could be developed by the Ethics Committee and brought back to the Board for its consideration and final development. After that stage, if we got to the point where it looked like there was some agreement on this broad statement of professional code of ethics, then the Board could give consideration to whether it wanted to move to the next step. The difference seems to be whether we take an advisory position for our members and develop a procedure to protect members, or whether we develop specific, enforceable criteria that we then use to assess the behavior. Wellford noted that he felt the latter step is too much to take as the Board's first effort.

Zahn reported that she had talked to some people who helped developed codes of ethics for other associations. They can be very time consuming and could possibly involve two years. She noted that a committee that only meets twice may not be able to effectively do this unless the Board can provide some help for them like conference calls, travel money, etc. She was not sure that two meetings would be enough to come up with an ethics statement. Susan Martin reported that it took two years to write the ASA's code of ethics. Kathy Daly suggested that one or two members on the Ethics Committee come to the midyear meeting to draft the code of ethics with an officer of the Board. Susan Martin urged that appointments to the Ethics Committee be for more than one year to provide continuity.

CHARLES WELLFORD MOVED THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT HAGAN ESTABLISH AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A DRAFT STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS FOR THE SOCIETY. SECONDED BY PHYLLIS JO BAUNACH. MOTION CARRIED. Hagan asked Charles Wellford to chair the committee.

Kathleen Daly said she would like the committee to consider the question of who votes for nominations for the fellows and awards committee.

Zahn reported that she had a series of letters that she received from the former Ethics Committee and will pass them along to next year's committee. Debro inquired if replies had been made to these letters or if they were held without response. Zahn reported that if she could do something, she did. In some instances she did not know how to respond. The Board said she could respond that she had received the letter and would bring it to the Board's attention. Daly suggested that the letters be logged in so that the committee would know what kinds of material are coming in.

ASC CONSTITUTION

Charles Wellford reported that all the constitutional amendments were approved by substantially more than two-thirds of the majority and will be reflected in the new version of the constitution when it is printed. Wellford reported the response rate was 300 returns out of approximately 1100 members.

ADVERTISING AND MARKETING REPORT

President Petersilia noted the Advertising and Marketing Report prepared by Chris Eskridge had been previously distributed. Chris noted there had been a few minor changes. There are 23 booths reserved in the exhibit hall and that is all that was allowed due to the fire code restrictions. Seven requests for booths were turned away. Chris noted that in the future the Board needs to look at more exhibit space for the annual meeting--at least 6,000-8,000 sq. ft. More requests were received for mailing lists than anticipated; newsletter and journal advertising was down a little bit; annual meeting program advertising is the highest we have ever had. At present he projected a gross revenue of \$25,000+; expenditures of \$7,600, generating a net revenue of something in the \$17,500 range. Revenue is down a little from last year. (1) We did not get as quite as many ads in the publications as he would like to have had but is hand delivering exhibit materials to all the exhibitors at this meeting; (2) Space shortage cost us something in the area of \$3,000, and (3) Expenses in Baltimore are much greater than Reno. In the future, Eskridge urged when a hotel contract is negotiated, the Society needs to include some of these items-- coffee, ice cream, easels, in the overall contract. Chris reported he will start contracting next week with the San Francisco drayage companies and will go to the hotel in February to look over the exhibit area and meet with the drayage people.

PROGRAM POLICY FOR PARTICIPANTS

Charles Wellford reported that other social science associations have policies regarding the exclusion of people from future programs that are listed on the program and do not show and do not inform the program chair prior to the meetings. Wellford inquired if this might be a policy that the Society might want to consider for future ASC meetings. Daly suggested that data be collected on this phenomena to see how widespread it is before the Board determines a policy. **MARGARET ZAHN MADE A MOTION THAT A STUDENT CANVASS ALL SESSIONS AT THIS MEETING TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF NO SHOWS. SECONDED BY JULIUS DEBRO; MOTION CARRIED.**

POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Phyllis Jo Baunach reported that the Policy and Procedures Manual is a never ending process. She suggested that revisions be made once a year. The committee would like for the Board to adopt the Manual as a working document with the idea in mind that it is never finished. It changes as the Board changes. For example, if and when the Ethics Committee develops their guidelines and policy procedures, they will need to be incorporated in the Manual. The committee recommends that the Board adopt the Manual as a working document that reflects Board policy and guidelines in running the Society. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLES WELLFORD AND SECONDED BY JULIUS DEBRO TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Charles Wellford distributed copies of the Nominations Committee report prepared by Freda Adler. **WELLFORD MOVED THAT THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT BE TABLED UNTIL THE THURSDAY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AT WHICH TIME FREDA ADLER COULD GIVE AN ORAL COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE BOARD. SECONDED BY JULIUS DEBRO. MOTION CARRIED. 2 opposed; 1 abstention.**

EDITORIAL BOARD REPORT

Michael Gottfredson reported at the last Board meeting his committee was asked to establish procedures for the Michael J. Hindelang Book Award. The report distributed to the Board describes the procedures that the committee has agreed to with a couple of issues yet to be resolved that are presented in the body of the text.

"The American Society of Criminology has established the Michael J. Hindelang Award to be given annually to a recently published book that makes an outstanding contribution to criminology. The award should be presented during the annual meeting of the Society and the Executive Board may decide not to give the award in a given year." Procedures: It should be the responsibility of the Editorial Board (refer to page 53 of the Policy and Procedures Manual that describes the members of the Editorial Board) to gather information for the award and to make recommendations to the ASC Executive Board concerning the recipient. Although advisory to the Executive Board, the recommendation from the Editorial Board is presumptive. The Editorial Board shall solicit nominations from the membership and from other persons deemed likely to contribute nominees of interest to the Society. It should be the responsibility of year year's Editorial Board to decide on the procedure to be used to select the book recommended for the award and to establish eligibility criteria other than the year of publication. The Editorial Board shall forward with their nominations a brief citation outlining the bases for the award. The Editorial Board shall make their report to the Executive Board at the first meeting of the Board during the annual meeting. Under the commentary issues that the committee sees to be decided by the Executive Board--substantive issues about the award--five years versus one year, the committee outlines the following:

GOTTFREDSON MOVED THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE AWARD AND THE PROCEDURES PARAGRAPH. Wellford inquired if these procedures would allow for self-nomination and/or nomination by publishers. Gottfredson replied that it would allow for nominations by publishers who are an excellent source of free books. Wellford inquired if the committee considered the procedure whereby the committee would be more in control of the nominations in the way other ASC award committees are in control. Gottfredson stated the committee did not consider that specifically other than to leave the solicitation mechanism up to the committee each year. The other argument in favor of fairly loose criteria is that it will allow, over a period of time, for the committees to develop a body of criteria for the Society. Gottfredson noted that through experience we will have a better idea next year about what is an important issue in terms of larger criteria and selection mechanisms and over a course of time if the Board wants to refine and decide eligibility criteria.

It was suggested that John Hagan appoint a special ad hoc committee to look into the selection and presentation of the Michael Hindelang Award and that next year's president, Alfred Blumstein, would appoint a new committee consistent with ASC policy for committee approval.

CRIMINOLOGY EDITOR

Michael Gottfredson reported that the Editorial Board was unanimous that both applications from the University of California, Irvine, and Washington State University were excellent and acceptable for the editorship of the journal. The quality of the proposals that the two applicants wrote were exceptional. Gottfredson reported the committee voted three to two in favor of Washington State University and recommended that Charles Tittle be selected as editor of CRIMINOLOGY. It was agreed by the committee that the financial package would not be considered. **GOTTFREDSON MOVED AND SECONDED BY JOHN HAGAN TO SELECT CHARLES TITTLE OF WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY AS EDITOR OF CRIMINOLOGY. MOTION CARRIED. FAVOR, 6; OPPOSED, 3; 1 ABSTENTION.**

John Hagan inquired if there was some other way of recognizing the University of California, Irvine, such as a special issue of the journal or a special editorship. Hagan said he would like to keep open some room for creativity and not reject out of hand one outstanding proposal to take another. Gottfredson reported that the question was raised whether there should be a president's series that emanated from the annual meeting. The Editorial Board did not formally discuss this. Gottfredson noted that he had talked to some members about the series and thought it was a worthy topic of consideration by the Executive Board.

Hagan noted the series could be one way of expanding publication outlets of the Society. He also noted that, not in any binding way in terms of precedence, but on this occasion given the theme of the next meeting, Crime and Inequality, it seems suitable and appropriate to think about allocating the royalties from such a volume to the minority fellowship program. **PHYLLIS JO BAUNACH SUGGESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE TABLED UNTIL THURSDAY'S BOARD AGENDA. SECONDED BY MICHAEL GOTTFREDSON. MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL GOTTFREDSON AND SECONDED BY PHYLLIS JO BAUNACH THAT THE FORMAL NAME OF THE SELLIN-GLUECK AWARD BE CHANGED TO THE THORSTEN SELLIN-SHELDON AND ELEANOR GLUECK AWARD. MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles F. Wellford
Executive Secretary