

ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
November 8, 1990
Baltimore, Maryland

The meeting was called to order by President-Elect John Hagan. All members of the Board were in attendance with the exception of Andre Normandeau. Hagan welcomed the new members of the Executive Board -- President-Elect Alfred Blumstein and Executive Counselors Susan Martin and Wesley Skogan. Hagan thanked Charles Wellford for his service as Executive Secretary, who will continue on the Board as Vice-President Elect, and welcomed Christy Visher, who will serve as the Secretary for the coming year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Robert Silverman, a member of the Finance Committee, presented the committee's report for Robert Lilly. The 1991 proposed budget includes a 5 percent increase in salary for the Administrator. It also includes \$5,000 for the purchase of a stamp machine and its maintenance. The Finance Committee did not include the Minority Fellowship in the budget and suggested to the Board that if the fellowship was to be retained in the budget, the committee's proposal was to boost membership dues by \$5 to cover the cost of the fellowship (\$12,000). There was some discussion as to whether the Board had previously decided to include the Minority Fellowship in the budget and it was decided that they had. There was further discussion about other items in the budget that might be altered to maintain a balanced budget. Silverman then moved that the Minority Fellowship be included in the budget as an expense, that \$5,000 additional income from advertising and exhibit rental be added as income, and that \$7,000 be added to anticipated income from dues and conventions. The motion was seconded by Charles Wellford. It was approved unanimously.

Robert Silverman also reported that the Finance Committee is concerned about the day-to-day financial management of the Society. The Committee requested that the Board investigate the situation and possibly recommend changes. After some discussion, Silverman moved and Daly seconded that Ron Huff and Robert Lilly be asked to review the office operations and recommend suggestions for change to the President at the mid-winter meeting. This was approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joseph Scott presented the Treasurer's report. He reported that in the past year income has fallen and expenditures have increased. However, on balance and considering the Society's current holdings, the financial status of the Society is good. Scott also mentioned that it is difficult to obtain an accurate assessment of the financial status of the Society in this past year since all the income and expenditures of the annual meeting have yet to be tabulated. The Board accepted the report and asked Treasurer Scott to prepare a year-end report to be presented at the mid-winter meeting.

SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Marc Riedel, the chair of the Site Selection Committee, reported that the Hyatt Regency in Phoenix, the location of the annual meeting in 1993, has requested a change in the dates of the meeting from October 26-31 to October 19-24. In response, Riedel requested a \$10 reduction in the room rate, but to date has received no response from the Hyatt. It was then moved to authorize President John Hagan to approve a change in the date of the 1993 annual meeting. Joan Petersilia seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Freda Adler, chair of the Nominations Committee, gave a full report of the procedures the Committee used in developing the slate of nominees for President, Vice-President, and Executive Counselor. Zahn indicated that she would like her name removed from nomination for Vice-President. Blumstein moved that the Board accept the nominations slate for President -- Delbert Elliott, Don Gibbons, and Barbara Price (alternate). Bursik seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

After discussion of the slate of nominees for Vice-President, Wellford moved and Petersilia seconded that the Board approve Malcolm Klein, Rita Simon, Karl Klockars (alternate), and James Finckenauer (alternate) as nominees for Vice-President. This was approved unanimously.

After discussion of the slate of nominees for Executive Counselor, Bursik moved that the Board approve Ronald Chilton, Jacqueline Cohen, Martha Myers, Robert Sampson, Jeffrey Fagan (alternate), and Robert Crutchfield (alternate) as nominees for Executive Counselor. Wellford seconded the motion and after discussion the motion carried by a vote of 6 to 4 with 1 abstention.

Kathy Daly suggested that the Board provide guidance to the Nominating Committee as to how the Committee should develop the slate of nominees, including recommended procedures, eligibility criteria, and purposes and goals of electing persons to Society offices. After some discussion, it was agreed that the current Nominations Committee, chaired by Margaret Zahn, would review the procedures and make recommendations to the Board at the mid-winter meeting.

PRESIDENTIAL VOLUME

John Hagan presented his idea for a Presidential Volume which would be put together by the current President, at his or her discretion. The volume would carry the President's theme for the annual meeting and could be the first in a series of such volumes. It is intended to be self-supporting and may generate income which could be used to support the Minority Fellowship, at the discretion of the President. Some potential publishers have been contacted and have expressed interest.

Margaret Zahn moved that the Board establish a Presidential series for the American Society of Criminology and that it be at the prerogative of the President whether he or she will pursue the Volume in a given year. Bursik seconded the motion and after discussion it was approved unanimously.

After a short break, the Board resumed its meeting with the following members present: Hagan, Zahn, Petersilia, Martin, Harris, Skogan, Daly, Bursik, Scott, and Visser. It was determined that a quorum was present and the meeting continued.

1991 PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Ruth Peterson, 1991 Program Chair, reported to the Board that plans for the Annual Meeting to be held in San Francisco are moving along well. The Program Committee is aware that the 1991 meeting will be the 50th anniversary of the Society and that the Committee is planning to incorporate the anniversary theme into one or more of the annual meeting events. It was mentioned that the 50th Anniversary Committee, chaired by Joan McCord, was given a two-year mandate by the Board and that the Program Committee should consult with McCord as to suggestions and ideas for incorporating the anniversary theme into the program.

Joseph Scott indicated that there will be three room rates at the St. Francis -- \$80, \$100, and \$120 -- with the majority of the rooms at the two lower rates. In addition to higher room costs, the banquet is also likely to be very expensive in San Francisco. There was some discussion as to whether there should be a banquet in San Francisco. Kathy Daly expressed reservations about cancelling the banquet without some sense from the membership as to their views. Skogan moved and Bursik seconded that the Board try to obtain the views of the membership through an informal poll at this year's banquet as to a preference for a traditional banquet versus some other "festive" event. The results of this poll would be tabulated and presented as an advisory to the President at the mid-winter meeting. This was approved unanimously.

DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME

Kathy Daly, Secretary of the Division on Women and Crime, presented three informational items from the business meeting of the Division. First, the Division will be publishing a newsletter and will request \$5.00 from Division members to cover its costs. Non-ASC members will also be allowed to subscribe to the Division newsletter. Second, the Division plans to create Division awards, the specific nature of which has yet to be determined. There was some discussion about whether such awards were constitutional, but after consulting the constitution it was determined that such awards must be approved by the Board. Third, the Division is likely to make a request at a later date to the Board about adoption of a resolution against the increasing use of punitive actions (i.e., prosecution, incarceration) towards drug-involved pregnant women. Daly requested no Board action on these items at this time.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ruth-Ellen Grimes, chair of the Student Affairs Committee, had prepared a report that was distributed to the Board describing last year's activities and recommending activities for the coming year. Margaret Zahn moved that the Board accept the Student Affairs Committee Report and give the Committee permission to proceed with the items that have no financial implications. The items that have financial implications -- student reception, student on-site registration fee increase, coffee/tea for student hospitality suite -- will be addressed at the mid-winter meeting. Bursik seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

MID-WINTER MEETING SITE

There was discussion about the timing and location of the mid-winter Board meeting. Joseph Scott indicated that it may be possible to obtain reduced rates for the mid-winter meeting at some hotels in Dallas, Houston, and Miami which have expressed interest in future annual meetings. The Board expressed a preference for a meeting in April or May in a warm place. Suggestions included Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Miami, and San Diego. The Board decided that President Hagan, in consultation with Scott, will select the site for the mid-winter meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Margaret Zahn reported that the Ethics Committee was able to meet during the annual meeting about the eligibility of committee members to be nominated for awards. Zahn moved that the Board accept the Committee's recommendation that persons who are members of the Awards or Fellows Committee can be nominated for those awards, but should not be involved in the deliberations. Petersilia seconded the motion and after some discussion, the motion was defeated on a vote of 4 to 5 with 1 abstention, with Hagan voting to break the tie.

Skogan then moved and that persons who serve on either the Awards Committee or the Fellows Committee cannot be nominated to receive awards, and that committee members be informed of this policy when they are asked to serve on the Awards Committee or Fellows Committee. The motion was seconded and it was defeated on a vote of 4 to 5.

Margaret Zahn proposed that the Board investigate the feasibility of preparing a volume of book reviews as a fifth volume of Criminology. It was decided that the Editorial Board (formerly the Publications Committee) would look into the matter, including the cost of an additional volume, and report to the Board at the mid-winter meeting.

Kathy Daly requested that the Board consider providing Board members with some financial compensation to cover the costs that may be incurred with attending the fall Board meeting. Attendance at the fall Board meeting usually requires an additional night's stay which may not be reimbursed by the Board member's employer as a cost of attending the annual meeting. Action on this request was deferred to the mid-winter meeting.

Joseph Scott inquired as to whether Board members should be reimbursed at a flat rate for the mid-winter meeting, specifically for meals obtained outside the meeting. Harris moved and Bursik seconded that the Treasurer be authorized to establish reasonable per diem rates for meals for those who attend the mid-winter meeting and to reimburse attendees at that level. This was approved unanimously. Scott was asked to use established per diem rates from various institutions and the federal government as a guide in establishing per diem.

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Visher
Executive Secretary