

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 5-6, 1991
Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood, Florida

Executive Board Members Present: John Hagan, Christy Visser, Joan Petersilia, Bob Bursik, Kathleen Daly, Joseph Scott, Andre Normandeau, Charles Wellford, Wesley Skogan, Margaret Zahn, Alfred Blumstein, and Susan Martin.

Guests Present: Ruth Peterson

President John Hagan called for the approval of the November 6 and 8 Baltimore Board minutes. **Visser moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Wellford. Motion carried.**

ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT

Charles Wellford presented the report completed by himself and Susan Martin which addressed the possibility of developing a code of ethics for the American Society of Criminology. The Committee recommended that the Society adopt a code of ethics that includes: 1) a general statement of ethical principles; 2) a set of ethical guidelines for major issues (for example, publications, sexual harassment, professional conduct, and outside employment); and 3) a mechanism for the enforcement of the code of ethics. In the Committee's view, the Board needs to be willing to enforce the code before the time and trouble is taken to develop the code.

There was discussion among the Board members about how a code of ethics might be enforced, drawing upon examples from the university and business communities. Blumstein commented that the adoption of such a code might stimulate a multitude of minor complaints which could cause unnecessary conflict within the Society. Zahn mentioned that the complaints that have been brought to her in the past were generally quite serious and very infrequent.

Bursik moved that the Ethics Committee (Wellford and Martin) draft a tentative, general statement of ethics to be presented to the Board in November; seconded by Skogan. Blumstein moved to table the motion. On a vote of 3 to 8, the motion to table failed. Then, on a vote of 8 to 2 with 1 abstention, the Bursik motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Scott presented an extremely detailed set of new financial statements reflecting the fiscal position of the Society for the year ending December, 1990. Included in the report for the first time were a list of ASC investments, a breakdown of encumbered funds, expanded expenditures categories (in comparison with budgeted expenditures), and a comparison of 1989 and 1990 income and expenditures.

Wellford moved acceptance of report and commendation to the Treasurer for the detailed accounting of Society income and expenditures and for the work involved in preparing the Report; seconded by Bursik. Motion carried.

1991 Revised Budget

Scott expressed concern that the figure of \$21,000 income for advertising and exhibit rental was too high. However, he felt that the loss would be made up in income from interest on Society investments and conventions if we forgo items such as coffee and ice cream. Wellford expressed concern that items in the budget might vary more than 10 percent, which is what the Board has previously agreed to (P&P, 6.13.3). However, it was noted that the Board has not agreed upon a method of enforcement.

Scott suggested changes in the budget to reflect reality and additional expenditures voted by the Board (part-time bookkeeper/computer consultant--\$12,000; travel for Administrator to attend courses--\$375; and travel for chair of Affirmative Action committee to solicit funds--\$350). **It was moved that the Treasurer's 1991 budget for \$245,063.05, as revised by the Board, be approved; Motion seconded. Motion carried.**

Other Issues

Scott moved that the Board increase his authorization to sign checks over \$500 (the current limit) up to \$750. Petersilia seconded. Wellford noted that such a change required a change in the ASC By-laws necessitating two independent votes before such a change can take place. Blumstein suggested waiving this requirement for the checks for Sarah's salary and rent on office space. The current vote would count as first vote. **Motion carried.**

Scott recommended that the Board not seek convention cancellation insurance. The way the policies are often written suggests that policy may not be collectible in many circumstances.

On Scott's suggestion, **Daly moved that the Husband/Wife membership category be changed to "Spouses/Partners. Wellford seconded. Motion carried.**

Scott recommended that materials about credit cards for members NOT be passed along to the membership.

Scott moved that in view of the stipulation in the agreement with the King George Hotel in San Francisco, student members be sent a flyer about the hotel. Zahn seconded. Motion carried.

Scott raised the issue of his responsibility for the investment of approximately \$200,000 of ASC funds and how these funds should be distributed in stocks, bonds, and money market funds. It was agreed that Scott should consult the President and/or the Executive Committee if he has some concern about a particular course of action. Hagan will ask the Finance Committee to discuss the matter and make some recommendations.

Scott said that the Minority Fellowship checkoff on the membership renewal form currently brings in less than \$1000 a year. Scott suggested that the Board develop categories of sponsorship and consider publishing the names of contributors in The Criminologist. After some discussion, **it was moved that the Board adopt a policy of publishing names of contributors to the Minority Fellowship once a year, with the Finance Committee to decide on the appropriate form of such an announcement (categories, etc.). Blumstein seconded. Motion carried.**

Scott moved that the Board increase on-site registration fees from \$5 to \$15 above pre-registration fees. Petersilia seconded. Motion carried.

Scott has received inquiries about the availability of a bibliography of articles published by ASC members. Daly suggested that this issue be referred to the Editorial Board.

Scott moved that the Board consider turning over paper sales at the annual meeting to the Student Affairs Committee. Funds could be used to support Committee events. Bursik seconded. Motion carried. Last year, \$1990 was collected.

1991-92 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Blumstein presented his 1991-92 list of committee appointments and explained his rationale for his strategy of rotation, promotion, and reappointment of previous committee members. He also presented his idea of grouping the committees into six categories which would each be assigned an Executive Counselor for liaison purposes. Zahn commended Blumstein for his organization of committees. Daly commented that it is not generally a good idea to reappoint members for Awards committee because of the work involved. **Blumstein moved that his slate be approved subject to minor adjustments. Wellford seconded. Motion carried.**

1991 MEETING REPORT AND BUDGET

Peterson reported that the site visit to the St. Francis went very well, although the hotel is expensive for food and drink and she is not optimistic about working with them to bring down costs. They have also scheduled another group for Saturday, November 23, hence the Book Exhibit will have to close on Friday.

The Program is beginning to take form. The committee has had a good response to the Call for Papers and the deadline is being extended to April 30. John Laub and Joan McCord are planning special sessions using the 50th Anniversary theme. Proposed local tours include Delancey Street and San Quentin.

The 1991 annual meeting is likely to be more expensive than in years past. The Program Committee is proposing that 1) registration fee increase, 2) a "celebratory event" replace the traditional banquet, and 3) the Ice Cream Social have the past presidents as servers with the cost to be partially underwritten by advertisers. **Wellford moved that the Board approve the proposed meeting registration fee schedule:**

Advance (members) \$	55
Advance (nonmembers)	65
Advance (students)	15
On-site (members)	70
On-site (nonmembers)	80
On-site (students)	25

Bursik seconded. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the options available for a banquet substitute. **Wellford moved that the Board permit the Program Committee and Chair to allocate \$20,000 towards a suitable "festive event". Motion seconded. Motion carried.**

Wellford moved that the budget be reconfigured to reflect the higher costs of the 1991 banquet. Motion died for lack of second.

The Board discussed whether the budgeted amount for the festive event should be cut to \$10,000 in view of budgetary constraints. Several members voiced concern over this option, especially in the Society's 50th year. **Petersilia moved that the program budget be accepted as submitted (with \$20,000 for a banquet substitute). Blumstein seconded. Motion carried.**

Blumstein suggested that the President charge the Site Selection Committee with gathering historic meeting data including location and attendance to get some sense of projected attendance at future meetings.

ADVERTISING/MARKETING REPORT

Hagan presented the Advertising/Marketing Report. There being no discussion of the report, **Wellford moved that the report be accepted. Bursik seconded. Motion carried.**

CRIMINOLOGY REPORT

Wellford presented the report of Criminology, in the absence of Editor Douglas Smith. During the period April 15, 1987 to March 31, 1991, 577 manuscripts were received. Approximately 75% of these were rejected, 16% were accepted, and the remainder were in "revise and resubmit" status at the time of the report. The average length of time for a decision was 64 days. **Bursik moved to accept the report, and this motion was seconded. Motion carried.**

Blumstein moved to commend Douglas Smith for his superb performance as Editor of Criminology. **Bursik seconded. Motion carried.** Hagan will send a letter to Smith expressing the Board's sentiment.

APPROVAL OF NEW CRIMINOLOGY EDITORIAL BOARD

Hagan presented Charles Tittle's nominations for Associate Editors, Editorial Advisory Board, and alternates. **Wellford moved that the slate be approved as presented, and the motion was seconded. Motion carried.**

FEDERAL FUNDING OF CRIMINOLOGICAL RESEARCH

Blumstein described recent changes that have been occurring within the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), the umbrella Department of Justice Office that oversees the activities of the major funders of criminological research -- the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the Bureau of Justice Statistics. In particular, control of funding may be reverting back to the head of OJP (as in the LEAA years), rather than being retained within the individual agencies as Congress has endorsed. Reauthorization hearings on OJP and its separate Bureaus are scheduled for Spring, 1992 and the Board, on behalf of ASC, may wish to make their concerns known to Congress.

Blumstein moved that an ad hoc committee be established to examine the issue and report suggestions for action to the Board. Skogan seconded. Motion carried. Hagan will appoint an ad hoc committee which will report to the Board in November.

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM POLICIES

Wellford reminded the Board about its concern last November as to continuing absences of scheduled presenters at panel sessions. Last year's Program Chairs were supposed to gather some information on this issue (i.e., nature and extent of problem) and Petersilia will enquire as to their findings.

HINDELANG AWARD REPORT

Hagan reported that he has appointed an ad hoc committee for 1991 to select a recipient for the Hindelang award: Don Gibbons (Chair), Pat Erickson, Rob Parker, and Peggy Giordano. Wellford reminded the Board that the procedure for this award, as approved on November 6, 1990 by the Board, is that the committee would make a report to the Board in November for ratification.

After some discussion it was decided that a more efficient way to ratify the committee's selection would be through a mail ratification procedure prior to the November meeting. It was also agreed that a standing committee be appointed to review books and select the award recipient.

MULTIPLE YEAR APPOINTMENTS TO PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Visher raised the issue of whether the Board wanted to make explicit Klein's recommendation that members of the Public Policy Committee be appointed for more than one year to ensure continuity.

The Board agreed that multiple year appointments were to be preferred on this particular committee, but explicit 2 or 3 year terms were not necessary.

MANAGEMENT OF ASC OFFICE

In view of significant growth in the Society in the last ten years, the long-term requirements of the Society for additional staff at the Columbus office were discussed. In particular, the Board discussed hiring a part-time "financial advisor" who would be responsible for overseeing all financial, accounting, and related computer aspects of the work in the ASC office.

It was moved that the Board authorize the hiring of a half-time person to serve as financial manager in the national office. Bursik seconded.

Wellford proposed the following amendments: (1) a limit of up to \$12,000 would be spent in the remainder of this fiscal year; (2) an ad hoc committee of Sarah Hall, Ron Huff, Joe Scott, and Ruth Peterson would be responsible for hiring decisions; and (3) the financial manager would report to the Administrator on a day-to-day basis; and would report to the Treasurer on financial matters on a regular, continuing basis.

The amendments were accepted. Motion carried.

Financial Committee will review annual budget and determine changes that may need to be made in view of the additional expenses being incurred.

It was moved that an annual review of the staff in the national office be carried out by the ad hoc committee. They will report the findings of this review to the Board at the mid-year meeting. Wellford seconded. Motion carried.

It was moved that Sarah's request for computer training courses, totaling \$375, be approved by the Board. Zahn seconded. Motion carried.

SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Hagan reported that the Diplomat's new proposal for lodging for the 1994 annual meeting is \$130/night. The Site Selection Committee has recommended the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Miami. Wellford expressed concern that about Miami as an annual meeting site and said that East coast cities such as Pittsburgh, Washington, DC, and Baltimore might be better choices. Daly noted that Florida has many criminal justice schools and felt uncomfortable going against the Site Selection Committee without a very good reason.

It was moved that the Board accept the report of the Site Selection Committee and the contract with Hyatt Hotels. Skogan seconded.

Wellford noted that the NAACP has asked all national organizations to refrain from holding meetings in Miami because of insensitivity to blacks within the city. The ACLU and N.O.W. have recently withdraw conventions.

Motion carried on a vote of 7 to 4.

EDITORIAL BOARD REPORT

Zahn presented the report. One issue that was discussed is how to handle book reviews. Neither the Editor of Criminology nor The Criminologist favors book reviews. Moreover, the Editorial Board is itself divided about whether to have regular book reviews in an ASC publication. Zahn suggested that one issue of The Criminologist be devoted to book reviews.

Bursik moved to table the discussion to the November meeting. Prior to that discussion, the Editorial Board will prepare a report discussing the options, including costs, etc. Skogan added an amendment to explore the possibility of publishers financing the cost. Motion was seconded. Motion carried as amended.

Another issue the Editorial Board recently discussed was procedures for selecting Editors of Criminology and The Criminologist. In particular, they suggested that (1) a group discussion should take place, either a meeting or conference call and (2) that candidates be invited to address the Executive Board in situations where the Editorial Board is not in agreement.

Wellford moved that the Executive Secretary place these procedural suggestions in the Policy and Procedures Manual as Board Practice. Daly seconded.

Blumstein added a friendly amendment that would encourage the Executive Board to set up a conference call with prospective candidates to answer questions. Motion carried as amended.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Zahn presented the Nominations Committee Report which addressed procedures in the nominations process. The Committee -- Zahn (Chair), Thornberry, Zatz, Turk, Steffensmeier, and Hollinger -- is concerned that deep South school and non-Ph.D. granting schools are under-represented in the nominating process. The Committee suggests several procedures to address this issue.

Wellford noted that it may be wise for the Nominations Committee to submit their procedures to the Board in advance for approval. **Wellford moved that the Policy and Procedures Manual outline recommendations for nominations procedures and that it is the responsibility of the Nominations Committee Chair to prepare nominations procedures for approval by the Board at the mid-year meeting. Zahn seconded. Motion carried.**

The Board approved the current Nominations Committee's procedures to developing the election slates.

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Daly presented a detailed report of the actions and recommendations of the Awards Committee. The number of nominees changed little from years past. Some late, incomplete, or withdrawn nominations will be forwarded to next year's committee. In brief, the Committee recommended the following, within categories, in order of Committee's preferences:

Sutherland Award: LaMar Empey *
Norval Morris

Sellin-Glueck Award: Gordon Hawkins *
John Braithwaite

August Vollmer Award: Caleb Foote *
Barry Krisberg

Bloch Award: Joan McCord *
Felice Levine

In four separate motions, Daly moved that the Board approve the top-ranked nominee (*) for each award. Each motion was seconded. All motions carried.

In discussions of these motions, several issues were raised. Normandeau suggested that in future years a person familiar with the international criminological community be added to the Awards Committee. Wellford suggested that in view of the close vote between Foote and Krisberg that Krisberg be forwarded to next year's committee for consideration.

Daly noted that the criteria for the Sellin-Glueck award may need some thought (i.e., should Canadians be considered?; are non-North Americans who spend a lot of time in the U.S. to be considered?, etc.). Skogan will canvass the International Division and get some suggestions for clarification.

Daly also noted that some members of her committee raised the issue of a "younger scholar" award. No recommendations were made and the Board may wish to consider this matter in view of the fact that most Awards are given to senior scholars.

Daly moved that the Editor of The Criminologist hold space in the September/October, November/December, and January/February issues for a Call for Nominations for all awards including Fellows and the Hindelang Award. Wellford seconded. Motion carried.

Daly expressed concern about the workload of the Awards Committee. The Board may wish to consider multiple committees or co-chairs. Moreover, to facilitate planning, it would be helpful if the Board could indicate at the November meeting when the mid-year meeting would be held. The Committee also wished to underscore their view that the Sutherland Award should be interpreted broadly as indicated in the Policy and Procedures Manual. Finally, Daly suggested that the Board consider some type of standardization as to how the Awards are conferred, in what types of ceremonies, and with what type of publicity. Blumstein asked whether the Award winners should be announced in The Criminologist? The Board took no action on these matters.

CHILD CARE AT ANNUAL MEETINGS

Daly reported that the immediate plan for the 1991 meeting is to negotiate for a 2-room suite to be used as a child care center. However, a long-range plan needs to be developed. Daly suggested educating the membership about child care issues through an article in The Criminologist and undertaking a survey to determine potential use of childcare availability at annual meetings.

The Board discussed a variety of issues including the expense of running childcare facilities, the feasibility of using students to staff the facility, and liability and insurance concerns. In general, it was the sense of the Board that arranging for child care at the 1991 annual meeting within the St. Francis was not likely to be feasible.

It was subsequently moved that the Local Arrangements Committee should be requested to determine the availability of day care centers in the area of the St. Francis and distribute this information to the membership. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Zahn moved that the President establish an ad hoc committee to present the Board with suggestions as to gathering data and other issues surrounding child care needs at the annual meetings. Wellford seconded. Motion passed.

DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME

Daly presented the Division's report. In their planning for the 1991 meeting, which will be the Society's 50th Anniversary, the Division on Women and Crime is considering holding some type of celebration.

MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

Daly commented that the Society actually knows very little about its members. Should we gather information about minority representation and gender distribution, for example? Blumstein suggested that a survey of the current membership could be useful for gathering basic information as well as the members' interests, needs, and concerns.

Hagan will charge the Membership Committee with considering the suitability of a survey of the membership or other forms of data collection such as adding questions to the annual membership renewal form.

INTERORGANIZATION RELATIONSHIPS COMMITTEE

Hagan presented the report for Committee Chair Kay Harris. In particular, the Committee expressed interest in organizing sessions at the annual meeting which would permit collaboration between ASC and other organizations such as the International Society of Criminology. The Board encouraged the President to encourage the Committee to pursue such activities.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Hagan presented the report on behalf of the Committee. The Committee's primary focus in the previous year has been on the Fellowship for Ethnic Minorities, including eligibility. An ASC member approached the Committee about broadening the criteria to include the disabled. Zahn noted that the intent of the Board in creating the fellowship was to make awards to "truly disadvantaged people".

After some discussion, it was moved that the selection criteria for eligibility of the Minority Fellowship be broadened to include other significantly disadvantaged groups including the physically disabled. Bursik seconded.

Wellford commented that until the number of fellowships is expanded, the Committee had decided to focus on Black Americans. The Committee would also like to continue to focus on ethnic minorities. Petersilia noted that the Fellowship was created to redress the disproportionate ethnic minority balance between criminal justice clientele, researchers, and others in the profession. It was not intended to redress other disadvantaged groups.

Motion failed on a vote of 2-8.

Petersilia raised the issue of selecting recipients for the Minority Fellowship. The only material available to the Committee is usually resumes and letters of recommendation which typically are of very high caliber from all nominees. She suggests a conference call with the final three applicants to gain additional information about the candidates. Zahn commented that an ASC member could be sent to interview the candidate. It was agreed that, the President should impress upon the Committee the need for thoroughness in selection of the award recipient, using whatever means the Committee deems necessary.

Zahn moved that the Affirmative Action Committee consider awarding 2 Fellowships at \$6,000. Bursik seconded. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM AAAS REPRESENTATIVE

Hagan presented the report from Roland Chilton, AAAS Representative. Chilton proposed a panel session at the AAAS meeting in Washington on the topic of "Urban Violence and Youth Gangs: The Search for an Integrated Approach" with presentations by Terence Thornberry, Malcolm Klein, Robert Sampson, and Eleanor Miller. The Board encouraged the activity.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Hagan presented the report of the Student Affairs Committee and noted that all items requiring action had been addressed earlier.

FELLOWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Bursik presented the report of the Fellows Committee which nominated four members as Fellows for 1990-91: Edwin Lemert, Donald Black, David Farrington, and Charles Tittle. Byron Groves was nominated late in the process and his name will be forwarded to next year's Fellows Committee.

After some discussion, motions were introduced to approve Fellows awards for the four nominations. Motions for Black and Lemert were carried unanimously. Motion for Farrington carried on a vote of 7-0-4. Motion for Tittle carried on a vote of 7-2-2.

Hagan will notify Award winners. In addition, Hagan expressed his gratitude for the outstanding work of the Chairs and Committee members of the Nominations, Awards, and Fellows Committees.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Hagan reported that Committee Chair Julius Debro is pursuing several foundations who have expressed possible interest in contributing to the Minority Fellowship Fund. Debro has a tentative appointment in New York to meet with several foundations and has asked for some reimbursement of costs.

Wellford moved that Debro be reimbursed for \$350 of travel costs to New York to meet with Ford, Rockefeller, Carnegie, and Clark Foundations to inquire about their support of the Minority Fellowship Fund. Bursik seconded. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of the Membership Committee, Visher reported that the current membership is 1430.

DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINOLOGY

Skogan reported some of the activities of the Division. The Division nominated _____ from Cuba to be added to the list of members who receive copies of Criminology.

CRIMINALIZATION OF PREGNANCY ISSUE

Daly provided some background on this issue which concerns the increasing use of criminal prosecutions against pregnant women who may be drug users.

Daly moved that the issue be referred to the Public Policy Committee for further consideration, with no position on the issue from the Board. Motion seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 8-3-0.

Following established Public Policy Committee procedures, the Committee will examine the scholarly evidence, presents the issue to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting and bring the issue to a Board vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Hagan reported that the Public Policy Committee, chaired by Felice Levine, had discussed three issues: possible changes in research support and direction in the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the National Institute of Justice, the criminalization of pregnancy, and that an announcement about the purpose and procedures of the Committee would appear in The Criminologist.

Petersilia noted that other societies charge higher rates for advertising in their annual programs. **Petersilia moved that the advertising rates for the ASC annual program be raised. Wellford seconded. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m., April 6, 1991.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy A. Visher
Executive Secretary