

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

November 19 and 23, 1991  
San Francisco, California

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**Executive Board Members Present:** Hagan, Zahn, Skogan, Normandeau, Scott, Harris, Blumstein, Daly, Tittle, Visher, Brown, Bursik, Eskridge.

**Guests Present:** Peterson.

President John Hagan opened the meeting, welcomed the Board to the Society's 50th Anniversary meeting, and called for the approval of the Minutes of April 5-6. Daly moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Zahn seconded. Motion carried.

**Program Committee Report**

Peterson presented highlights of the Program for the meeting which will include:

- 1) Early evening plenaries,
- 2) A substantial increase in panel sessions compared to last year (344 vs. 260),
- 3) A morning plenary featuring the Director of the National Institute of Justice, Charles B. DeWitt,
- 4) A celebratory reception with appetizers and champagne in place of the banquet, supported by funds received from several universities,
- 5) A Presidential Rumble which will feature a discussion and question session with many Past Presidents, and
- 6) A Women's Division luncheon which will likely have a good turnout.

Peterson also noted that the Program Committee would be able to stay within budget. A record number of persons pre-registered (1200) which may have been due to the increase in the differential \$15 fee for pre-registrants and on-site registration. A high number of students (200) have also pre-registered. Despite the high cost of the hotel, room reservations fulfilled the Society's obligation to the hotel for Wednesday through Saturday.

Daly congratulated Peterson on an outstanding job. Hagan thanked Peterson for her hard work in pulling a complicated Program together.

### Treasurer's Report

Scott presented the Treasurer's Report and indicated that the Society is in good financial position. He thanked Hagan and Peterson for raising almost \$7,000 to sponsor the 50th Anniversary Reception.

Scott reviewed the situation on the search for a Financial Manger for ASC, and distributed the job announcement to the Board. Four persons were interviewed; all declined the job. Upon reflection, Scott believes that the CPAs who applied for the job were overqualified.

A library subscription drive is needed to increase library subscriptions to Criminology but such a task must await increased staff in the Columbus office. Scott recommended that a formal review of the operations of the Society be undertaken after the first of the year.

#### On other matters:

Scott moved that the Advertising and Exhibits Committee should exclude some items to reflect actual expenses for the journal and the newsletter and that the committee be renamed to the Annual Exhibits Committee to more accurately reflect its purpose. Skogan seconded. Motion tabled until Saturday so that Chris Eskridge could be consulted.

Scott moved that the life membership fee be increased to 15 times the annual membership fee (from \$350 to \$525). Blumstein seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 7-1.

Scott moved that the Society waive annual membership fees for one year for new Ph.D.s. Skogan seconded. Daly amended motion to include Ph.Ds with "substantial interest in criminology and criminal justice." Motion carried. The issue was referred to the Membership Committee for procedures on to whom and under what circumstances (e.g., require letter of support from faculty advisor) should new Ph.D.s receive a one-year free membership.

Scott recommended that a fiscal audit take place at the end of the Treasurer's term, which generally runs for three years. Blumstein moved that a fiscal audit take place at the end of 1992. Zahn seconded. Motion carried.

Scott moved that the Society should not comingle funds from the three Divisions and that three new accounts be opened. Zahn seconded. Blumstein questioned whether it was necessary to complicate the Society's budget in this manner. After some discussion it was agreed that more information was needed on the impact of such a change and the issue was tabled for discussion at a later date.

Scott presented financial data on the Society for the first 9 months of 1991 and reported that budgeted income will be met. San Francisco appears to be a good location for a meeting.

Hagan thanked Scott for a "remarkable job" as treasurer. Scott indicated that his three-year term will be ending in the coming year.

### **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee was charged with coming up with suitable categories for recognizing contributions to the Minority Fellowship. After some discussion, Scott moved that the Board establish recognition for contributions to the Minority Fellowship in the following categories: \$20, \$50, \$100, and \$250. Daly seconded. Motion carried.

### **Gene Carte Student Award Report**

Hagan presented Jack Ladinsky's report of the student award competition. The committee reviewed 18 papers. The top three papers are being presented at the meeting.

The report also mentioned that undergraduate students are also submitting papers for the competition, and the Committee recommends that a separate award be given to an outstanding undergraduate paper. Daly commented that the decision to make a second award should probably be made on an ad hoc basis, depending on whether a paper is worthy of such an award.

Visher moved that appropriate language be placed in the Policy and Procedures manual (Board Practice) encouraging submission of undergraduate papers for the Gene Carte Student Award, with awards being made as appropriate. Skogan seconded. Motion carried.

### **AAAS Representative Report**

The 1992 AAAS meeting in Chicago will feature a 2-part symposium on "urban violence. Several ASC members will be represented on this symposium.

### **Advertising and Marketing Report**

Eskridge was commended for increasing revenues to the Society through advertising and exhibits.

Eskridge recommended that: 1) the Site Selection Committee make sure that sufficient space is available for all exhibitors; and 2) prices for incidentals such as coffee and ice cream be negotiated at the time of the contract.

### **Criminology**

Charles Tittle announced that his first issue will be out on time in February, 1992. He has received 84 manuscripts since the change of Editor on April 1. He has averaged a remarkable 37 days from submission to decision on manuscripts received to date.

### **1991 Election Results**

Visher presented the results of 1991 elections:

President-Elect: Delbert Elliott  
Vice President-Elect: Malcolm Klein  
Executive Counselors: Martha Myers  
Robert Sampson

### **Nominations Committee**

Zahn presented the report of the Nominations Committee and thanked President Hagan for selecting a diverse group of committee members with a wide range of interests.

The proposed 1992 slate:

President: James Inciardi  
Jerome Skolnick

Vice President: Meda Chesney Lind  
Barry Krisberg

Executive Counselors: Ruth Peterson  
Drew Humphries  
Allen Liska  
Richard Moran

Scott moved to except the proposed slate as recommended. Bursik seconded. Motion carried. Daly commended Zahn and the committee for an excellent job and suggested that Zahn's procedures be used a model for future committees.

### **Affirmative Action Committee**

Hagan summarized the report submitted by Darnell Hawkins (Committee Chair). There were 16 candidates for the Minority Fellowship this year.

The Committee also proposed two guidelines for future awards:

- a) ASC should request tuition waivers from universities for all students who are awarded ASC Minority Fellowships.
- b) ASC should adopt a policy which "encourages universities attended by our Fellows to provide one-half of the annual ASC stipend.

After considerable discussion about the purpose of the Fellowship (recruitment or financial aid), timing of awards to coincide with academic year, whether one or multiple awards should be made, the Board referred the issue to the new Affirmative Action Committee for further thought and deliberation.

### **ASC Division Representation on Program Committee**

Visher presented the views of the Chair of the Division on Critical Criminology as to the need for representation of the divisions on the annual Program Committee. Blumstein and others agreed that it was important for Divisions to have a voice in the construction of the annual program.

Skogan moved that a representative of each ASC Division serve as a member of the Program Committee. The motion was seconded and carried on a vote of 7-1.

### **Division Representatives as Voting Board Members**

A variety of views were expressed as to the appropriate role of Division Chairs (or their representatives) at ASC Board Meetings. Daly suggested that the Board be expanded rather than simply adding unelected persons to the Board as voting members. Zahn commented that if the issue is representation of the Division in Board decisions, then the Chairs could be invited to Board meetings to make reports.

Hagan referred the issue to the incoming President to find some suitable mechanism for adequate consideration.

### **Editorial Board Report**

Zahn presented the views of the Editorial Board as to the issue of publishing book reviews in The Criminologist. The advantages are that the reviews will add substantive issues to the newsletter and this avenue appears less costly than adding another issue of Criminology, for example. Disadvantages include possible difficulty in securing reviewers because of the lack of prestige that may be associated with writing book reviews for The Criminologist.

Zahn recommended that sources of book reviews include reviews based on the Hindelang Book Awards, reviews from Division book awards, and reviews based on the "Author Meets Critic" sessions. The Editorial Board will develop further guidelines on this issue and present them to the Board at a later date. Zahn recommended that the Book Review Editor be designated by the Editorial Board.

Zahn moved that book reviews be placed on a trial basis in two issues of The Criminologist. The Editorial Board will select an Editor and devise procedures for selection of reviews including consideration of the three sources. Visher seconded. Motion carried.

### **Proposed Changes in Policy and Procedures Manual**

Visher moved to adopt the draft language for the Michael J. Hindelang Book Award for the Policy and Procedures Manual. Scott seconded. Motion carried.

Visher moved that new language be adopted for procedures to select the Editor of Criminology. Daly seconded. Motion carried.

Visher moved tht Board Practice for nomination procedures be inserted into the Policy and Procedures Manual. Bursik seconded. Motion carried.

### **Draft Code of Ethics**

Given the lateness of the hour and the anticipated length of discussion on this issue, the discussion of a Draft Code of Ethics for the Society was tabled until the mid-year meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy A. Visher  
Executive Secretary