

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

March 27-28, 1992 - New Orleans - Fairmont Hotel

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Executive Board Members Present: Blumstein, Visher, Hagan, Sampson, Myers, Martin, Daly, Wellford, Tittle, Scott

Guests Present: Tim Flanagan, Chair, 1992 Program Committee
Michael Geerken, Chair, Local Arrangements Committee

President Blumstein welcomed the Board members to the mid-year meeting. Three Board members were unable to attend: Elliott, Klein, and Bursik.

Administrator Sarah Hall reported that Freda Adler has been very ill, but is now home. She has asked to be relieved of duties as the Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Blumstein will appoint a replacement chair.

In reviewing the Minutes, Wellford noted that lifetime membership must be voted on twice at two consecutive meetings, according to the by-laws. Hagan moved that the minutes be approved. Daly seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Our income last year was higher than projected. The 1991 meeting generated more income than any previous meeting. Scott felt that the city (San Francisco) was especially attractive to members. The income of the Society traditionally comes from three sources: Annual Meeting (33%), Criminology (24%) and membership dues (25%). Expenses breakdown as follows: Personnel (28%), Criminology (28%), and the Annual Meeting (12%).

Among notable changes in the last two years: income has increased since 1989; membership dues, however, have declined slightly, as have library subscriptions. Criminology has brought in new income through advertising. In the past 3 years, expenditures have remained fairly constant; however, expenses for the Exhibits Committee have increased substantially (largely due to increases in the cost of coffee, soda, and ice cream).

Blumstein commended Scott for the detailed presentation of income and expenditures for the last three years.

Scott raised the issue of investments for the Society. As a policy matter, he suggested that it is unwise for one person to handle our investments of \$150,000. Scott suggested

that an Investment Committee be appointed -- consisting of the Treasurer, the Chair of Finance Committee, and the President -- to advise the Executive Board on all investments over \$5,000. The objective should be to take a conservative approach while maximizing revenue.

Wellford suggested a two-person committee, since the Finance Chair is not as involved in the affairs of the Society, which would make decisions on investments over \$750. Blumstein noted that a three-person committee may be more appropriate and suggested the President-Elect as the third person. Scott moved that any investment in excess of \$750 be mutually agreed upon by a three-person Investment Committee consisting of the Treasurer, the President, and the President-Elect. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Scott moved that the Society attempt to retain 100% of previous year's expenditures as retained income. Sampson seconded. Motion carried. Wellford noted that such a policy should be included in the Society's Policy and Procedures Manual as Board Practice.

Awards Committee

Committee Chair Sampson presented the results of the Awards Committee.

Sutherland Award: The Committee followed the procedures of last year's committee and emerged with 4 possible candidates: Delbert Elliott, Lee Robins, James Wilson, and Joan McCord.

Wellford noted that the Society has traditionally excluded Board members in the Awards process (By-Laws, Article 8).

After a length discussion about the purpose of the award and discussion of the top candidates strengths and weaknesses, Daly moved that Lee Robins be given the 1992 Sutherland Award. Sampson seconded. Motion carried.

Sellin-Glueck Award: The Committee recommended John Braithwaite. Wellford moved acceptance of the Committee's recommendation. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Vollmer Award: The Committee recommended James K. Stewart. Sampson moved acceptance of the Committee's recommendation. Martin seconded. Wellford questioned whether the nominee met the criteria for the award. In the past this award has been given to person whose research and writings have made contributions to policy and practice, or individuals who are in a criminal justice practicing organization. Motion carried, with two abstentions.

Bloch Award: The Committee received no nominations and chose not to make a recommendation to the Board. Hagan noted that the award is important; it recognizes members' contributions to the Society. Scott mentioned that Julius Debro has been instrumental in starting the Minority Fellowship. Martin suggested Joan Petersilia and Doug Smith as possible award recipients.

After some discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of the three candidates, Wellford moved to give the Block Award to Julius Debro. Daly seconded. Motion carried. (Smith and Petersilia will be forwarded to next year's committee.) Wellford urged that the Block award recipient be invited to make a short presentation at the Awards Plenary.

Daly asked that the Award recipients be invited to give a "15 minute reflection" at the Plenary. It was also agreed that the brochure which was prepared last year giving a short history of each award be prepared for the 1992 Awards Plenary. Blumstein will notify award winners.

The Awards Committee also suggested that the criteria for the Sutherland Award be changed to "outstanding scholarly contributions to the discipline of criminology in North America", which would change the focus away from residency requirements to impact of scholarly work. Sampson moved the change be adopted. Myers seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 6 to 2.

Blumstein requested that the current Awards committee look at all awards and make recommendations for award definition.

Committee on Interorganizational Relations

The Committee recommended that the 1994 meeting in Miami be organized with an international focus. The Board recommended that the 1994 Program Committee consider the suggestion.

Employment Exchange Committee

Sampson noted the thoroughness of the Committee report. Blumstein will send a letter to the Chair offering support if needed.

Affirmative Action Committee

The Chair of the Committee is recommending a slight reduction in the award from \$12,000 to \$10,000, with an encouragement to Universities to provide a \$5000 match. In this way, the Society could potentially support 3 Minority Fellows.

Scott suggested that the entire Committee should consider the issue, its pros and cons and make a formal recommendation to the Board. Motion carried.

Ethics Committee Report

Committee Chair Lloyd Ohlin submitted a report on two issues: 1) an Ethics Code for the Society, and 2) a statement on Sexual Harrassment for the Society.

Wellford provided a short history of the development of an Ethics Code: several members (including Wellford) have taken an active interest in the issue because most major social science associations have codes and some members of ASC who are at universities without an AAUP chapter have had difficulty in pressing ethical matters. There is also a growing concern within the Women's Division about sexual harrassment. Enforcement varies; some societies have no enforcement mechanism. This option could be a first step for ASC. The membership could provide some feedback on how an ethics code should be implemented.

Myers moved that the Ethics Committee be directed to continue work on preparation of an Ethics Code. Wellford seconded. Motion defeated on a vote of 6 to 1 with 2 abstentions.

Scott noted that there are three options: (1) no code; (2) a code with no enforcement mechanism, and (3) a code with an enforcement capability.

Daly noted that the code seems overly detailed. Perhaps a more general statement of principles would be more appropriate.

The general sense of the Board is ambivalence about any type of Code, especially a Code with a sanctioning capability.

Hagan moved acceptance of the proposal for language about sexual harrassment. Motion seconded. Blumstein noted that ASC is responsible for behavior at ASC functions or behavior related to ASC activities. Violation would warrant some enforcement. Motion carried. An appropriate notice will be placed in The Criminologist.

Fellows Committee

Wellford moved the adoption of the report recommending Norval Morris, Robert Sampson, and Michael Gottfredson as ASC Fellows. Motion seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 8 to 1.

Nominations Committee

Wellford moved acceptance of the proposed procedures for the coming year. Hagan seconded. Motion carried.

Martin moved that the general procedures be adopted as standard guidelines for future Nominating Committees. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Site Selection Committee

Scott suggested that the contract for the Boston Park Plaza Hotel (1995) be signed by the President. Some small changes need to be negotiated.

Criminology: An Interdisciplinary Journal

Tittle presented the report on the past year's activities. 133 manuscripts have been received with an acceptance rate of 13 percent and 40 percent "revise and resubmit". The average review time is 37 days. The Editor requested \$12,000 which would include the purchase of a fax machine which would become the permanent property of the Society and passed on to each Editor. Scott asked that the cost of the fax be negotiated. A reasonable price should be \$1000.

Grants and Contracts Committee

The Committee requested that the Board consider increasing dues by \$5.00 which would be designated for the Minority Fellowship. The Board felt that such an increase was not appropriate at this time.

1992 Program Committee

Program Chair Tim Flanagan gave some of the highlights of the plans for the 1992 meeting in New Orleans:

- o 16 committee members have been asked to organize 20 panels each;
- o Lunchtime has been left free so that the participants can enjoy the city and its restaurants;
- o There will be approximately 17 concurrent sessions with the meeting concluding Saturday afternoon;
- o The Exhibit Hall is huge which raises the possibility of graduate programs having booths. Blumstein recommended an ASC booth manned by a rotating member of the Board. The Hall will also have a "hospitality area" with tables and chairs.

Flanagan mentioned that the "Author meets Critic" sessions have become very popular. The Board recommended that the Program Committee maintain control over these sessions through invitations. Daly suggested that the Divisions be consulted.

Blumstein announced that there will be three plenaries: (1) 25th Anniversary of the President's Crime Commission; (2) Federal Funding of Research with representatives from NIJ, ADAMHA, NSF; (3) Research Priorities.

Flanagan noted that Michael Geerken is working on press coverage to make sure that the Annual Meeting has national attention. The local press is particularly interested and a room will be set aside for the press.

Flanagan said that planning is beginning for the Friday evening reception including some sort of jazz entertainment. Costs have not been nailed down yet, but it is likely that the estimate of \$20,000 is high.

The Board discussed the issue of the Panel Abstracts and whether the Society should consider dropping them altogether because of the cost to produce. It was agreed that the Society would, on a trial basis, print the Abstracts separately, and sell them for a nominal fee. The Program Committee would report on the member's acceptance/rejection of the arrangement in November.

Local Arrangements Committee

Michael Geerken, Chair of the Committee presented a report of the activities the Committee is organizing for the 1992 meeting:

- o Student volunteers are difficult to organize; local schools do not have large graduate programs. Geerken recommends free registration for students who help out. Approved.
- o The Committee is putting together a list of tours, entertainment, and extracurricular activities, including a tour of the local jail.
- o Child care during the meeting is being investigated; Geerken suggested a sign-up sheet in the registration packet to assess interest.

AAAS Report

Roland Chilton's report asked for input into the ASC's proposal for the AAAS meeting in February, 1993. Chilton proposed "Redirecting Deviant Careers". The Board proposed Joan Petersilia, Jacqueline Cohen, and Lee Robins as potential speakers. Blumstein will communicate these suggestions to the AAAS Representative.

NIJ Program Development

Blumstein reported that a group of criminologists met with NIJ Director Charles DeWitt in December about program development. Among the issues discussed were the need to broaden the focus of the research program and to consider a long-range research and evaluation plan.

Blumstein also summarized his efforts to encourage the Attorney General to focus on the NIJ (including writing a letter and getting a meeting scheduled). Those efforts did not produce the intended effect. Thus, Blumstein has written to the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee (Joseph Biden) and is trying to increase interest in the issue on the Hill.

Blumstein will report back to the Board in November.

Editorial Board

Wellford reported on three issues that the Editorial Board is currently working on. The first is the selection of Editor for The Criminologist; the second, is the process for publishing book reviews in same; and third, the Board is reviewing the costs for same and trying to find a cheaper way to publish the Society's newsletter.

Wellford will report on his progress at the Executive Board's meeting in November.

Division Reports

Daly reviewed the background of asking the Divisions for annual reports. The number of members in each Division is: Women - 250; International - 150; and Critical- 70. According to the Society, the minimum number of members necessary to form a Division is 3 percent (about 60).

The Board found the division reports interesting and thoughtful. Blumstein will write a letter thanking Division Presidents for the reports.

Involvement of Divisions in Board Meetings

Blumstein proposed that the Division Presidents (or their designee) give a short oral report to the Board at the November meeting. These reports will occur at the second (Saturday) meeting.

Forming New Divisions

Blumstein noted that "critical masses" are developing in a number of substantive areas and that the Board should encourage the formation of special interest working groups in research areas. These groups may apply for Division status as their size warrants.

The meetings of these groups should be advertised in the Program and also in The Criminologist, as appropriate.

Membership Committee Report

Daly reviewed the history of the need for a survey of the membership. There is a need to have some data on key aspects of our membership. Some items are being included on the annual dues renewal form. Another strategy is to survey the membership on a broad range of issues.

The committee's report noted that the non-response to the ethnicity question has been high.

Board members noted several issues with respect to the proposed draft survey: How much will it cost? Will members be sampled or will the entire membership be surveyed? Should it also be sent to persons who attend meetings? It was decided that in November, the Membership Committee should report on the execution of the survey, any sampling plans, and a final survey instrument.

The Committee also reviewed the Board's proposal to provide free memberships for new members and recommended no changes in current membership procedures.

Blumstein proposed that nonmembers who attend the Annual Meeting be invited to join the Society, with the extra \$15 fee applied to the membership fee. All nonmembers who register for the meeting should receive a flyer describing the ASC. There should also be a flyer in the registration packet encouraging membership.

Operations Review

Blumstein reviewed the background which led to hiring the Office of Management Studies at Ohio State for a review of the operations of the Society's office in Columbus. Two persons worked on site, interviewed Sarah Hall and Joe Scott and reviewed all financial records. Also, last year the Society advertised for a Bookkeeper, received 27 applications, carried out 6 interviews, made offers to 4 persons, all of whom declined.

The Board discussed some of the issues in the report at length. Blumstein suggested that the Board consider hiring a full-time person to work under Sarah who would be in charge of accounting, financial management, and data bases.

Wellford questioned whether the Society needed a full-time Assistant. Hall replied that the in-house management of the journal and the large increase in the annual meetings has increased the workload, even though the membership has not increased substantially. Scott noted that 17 tax returns need to be filed every year; there are 75-100 deposits each month. The Society has a complex fiscal system which is difficult for one person to manage. Scott also mentioned that ACJS which is a smaller organization, has two full-time and two part-time people in its business office.

Scott moved the Society hire a person with the qualifications outlined in the Operations Review. Tittle seconded. Motion carried.

Scott also noted that space is big problem in the Columbus office. The Board needs to allocate money for paint, furniture, rugs, etc. He is negotiating with OSU about getting more space. One option is to consider moving off campus.

Proposed 1992 Committees

Wellford moved adoption of proposed slate of committees. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Travel Arrangements Committee

The Committee recommended that the Society use Echo Travel for the 1992 meeting. They are offering 1 free ticket per 50 that Echo sells.

Scott suggested that the free tickets be distributed by the President. Wellford requested that the President present a report on the allocation of free rooms, any waived registration fees, and free airline tickets.

Wellford moved to adopt Echo as travel agent. Sampson seconded. Motion carried.

Martin suggested that the Administrative office prepare a draft of a procedures manual that could be used by incoming Presidents concerning travel and complementary rooms, among other topics.

1992 Budget

The Board approved a budget of \$289,589.30 which included expenditures of \$15,000 for a Bookkeeper (half year), \$15,000 for equipment (including furnishings for Columbus office), and increases for the Exhibits Committee, the Executive Board, and the Annual Meeting. Projected income included \$78,000 for the Annual Meeting and increased revenue from The Criminologist.

Old Business

Fellows Committee

Daly questioned the process of nominating persons to be ASC Fellows. The Committee might benefit from some guidance about how to think about the Fellows award. The field is male-dominated and the Fellows awards generally reflect this.

Myers suggested that the Committee be encouraged to solicit and nominate a wide variety of persons.

New Business

Life Memberships

Scott inquired as to whether life memberships could be paid over a multiple year period. The Board agreed that this strategy was not appropriate.

Annual Meeting in 1996

The Site Selection Committee was told to focus on the midwest for 1996 and they are having difficulty getting Chicago hotels to give reasonable quotes. St. Louis is also a possibility. The Board encouraged the Committee to expand its search to cities further west, including Denver, Seattle, and places in California.

Next Board Meeting

The Board will meet Tuesday, November 3 at 6 p.m. for dinner with a short meeting to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy A. Visher
Executive Secretary