

ASC Executive Board Minutes
April 25-27, 1997
Denver, Colorado

Members Present: James F. Short, Charles Tittle, Margaret A. Zahn, Drew Humphries, Charles Wellford, Jeffrey Fagan, Lynne Goodstein, Chris Eskridge, Robert Bursik, Marcia Chaiken, Marjorie Zatz, Carolyn Rebecca Block, Debra Curran, and Ronald Huff

The minutes of the November 19 and 23, 1996 Board meetings were approved as reported.

Treasurer's Report: The Board expressed their gratitude for the work that Chris Eskridge does for the Society. Chris called the Board's attention to the balance sheet of \$578,209.15 noting a net income of \$65,000.00 and \$1,500.00 was made on the 1996 annual meeting. Chris reported that the three ways for the Society to make money was through membership, the annual meeting, and the journal. Budget comparisons through the first quarter show that we spent 18.5% and generated 25% of the budget. Marcia Chaiken inquired if there should be a written policy on employee benefits. Chris said this could be a function of the Finance Committee. Bob Bursik inquired if there was anyone in our organization that had expertise in employee benefits. Felice Levine was suggested as a possible contact. Chris reported that we made approximately \$14,000 last year on the Chicago exhibit.

Marjorie Zatz inquired if the Society could pay \$100.00 towards the expenses of Executive Board members to attend the annual meeting which could be the equivalent of one night's hotel reservations. It was suggested that the Finance Committee could consider this recommendation.

Chris reported on the Society's investments and proposed that the investments be placed in a Fidelity Asset Manager Account in 50% bonds and 50% stock which are currently selling at \$16.38 a share. It is long term, but a very conservative investment. A motion was made by Marcia Chaiken and seconded by Charles Wellford to invest the Society's funds in a Fidelity Asset Manager Account. Motion unanimously carried.

Wadsworth Young Scholar's Award: Charles Wellford called the Board's attention to the Committee's report noting that an announcement had been placed in The Criminologist calling for a March 15 response date. The Committee was to also propose a name for the award. Thirteen applications were received by March 15, and Wellford moved on behalf of the Committee that David Klinger of the University of Houston be the recipient of the first Wadsworth Young Scholar's Award. Seconded by Marjorie Zatz. Motion approved unanimously

Wellford reported that there was quite a bit of diversity in the

rankings and inquired should other criteria be included other than scholarly--service to the discipline, to the field, teaching.

President Short inquired if the Young Scholar's Award Committee should be added to the list of ASC committees or made part of the Awards Committee. Charles Wellford moved that the Young Scholar's Award Committee be established as a regular committee of the ASC. Seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Wellford moved on behalf of the Committee that the Young Scholar's Award be named the ASC Ruth Shonle Cavan Young Scholar Award sponsored by Wadsworth Publishing Co. Seconded by Marjorie Zatz; motion carried unanimously.

AAAS Report: Jeffrey Fagan reported the AAAS meeting will be held in Seattle in February, and the first ASC session will be on Crime, Work and Unemployment. Fagan noted that the session participants will be Joe Weiss, Robert Crutchfield, Ralph Parker, Karen Needles, Jo Moore and himself. Bill Thompson has been asked to organize a panel on forensic testing; John Hagan has been asked to organize a panel on a chapter from his inequality book, but he has not yet responded. Fagan reported that he heard very late from the AAAS that they would accept one official panel from the Society; a second panel would be decided by the AAAS referees. Fagan suggested that an article might be placed in THE CRIMINOLOGIST encouraging our members to consider membership in the AAAS, and he will contact Miriam DeLone regarding the article.

Awards Committee Report: Charles Wellford moved the adoption of the Awards Committee report; seconded by Lynne Goodstein; motion carried unanimously.

Edwin Sutherland Award: John Hagan
August Vollmer Award: Hugo Adam Bedau
Sellin-Glueck Award: Pat Carlen
Herbert Bloch Award: Marjorie Zatz

Fellows Committee Report: Robert Bursik moved adoption of the Fellows Committee report; seconded by Jeffrey Fagan; motion carried unanimously.

Fellow Recipients: Francis Cullen, Darrell Steffensmeier, Leslie Wilkins, and Wesley G. Skogan

Editorial Board Report: Robert Bursik reported that the change of editorial offices from Washington State University to the University of Missouri-St. Louis is underway and that he and the managing editor visited the staff at WSU and the transition has been exceptionally smooth. Bursik submitted the proposed Editorial Board members to the Board for their approval. Charles Wellford moved adoption of the recommended Editorial Board members; seconded by Marjorie Zatz; motion carried unanimously.

Charles Wellford moved that the Executive Board direct the Program Chair to do everything she can to enforce the two appearance rule on the San Diego meeting program. Seconded by Jeffrey Fagan. Motion carried.

President Short reported that the student awards and minority fellowship awards will be integrated into the Awards Plenary and there will be a President's Reception for Students after the Awards Plenary.

Site Selection Committee Report: Ron Huff reported that there is only one possibility for a 2003 co-convention with the international association at the Sheraton Washington and the Omni Shoreham which are across the street from each other. 2300 peak room nights would be projected for the two organizations. One possibility would be to use several hotels and the convention center, but the convention center fee would be very substantial. A projection of 2300 peak room nights for the two organizations would be needed. 2003 rates would exceed \$189 per night with taxes at \$21.00 for the coming year. Only second option dates are available--October 28-November 2 and November 4-9. The Board decided that a 2003 joint meeting in D.C. would not be feasible.

Huff raised the question where the Society would meet in 2003. He reported that the Denver Adams Mark Hotel has submitted a proposal for the Board's consideration for meeting in Denver in 2003. A motion was made by Chris Eskridge and seconded by Jeffrey Fagan that the Society meet in Denver in 2003, with regrets to the ISC, and proceed to sign the final contract with the Adams Mark Hotel. Motion carried. Huff suggested that the Board provide him with some cities to consider for 2004 so that a proposal can be brought back to the Board at their November Board meeting and that for the Spring 1998 Board meeting the Board could meet at the site they are considering for 2005. Miami and New Orleans were suggested as possible sites. A motion was made by Chris Eskridge and seconded by Charles Tittle that the Society continue its relationship with Conferon on its existing pattern, but not applying to on-site services; motion carried.

Ad Hoc Committee on ASC Administrative Structure: President Short had asked Charles Wellford to chair a committee on the Administrative Structure of the ASC with committee members Robert Bursik, Marcia Chaiken, Sally Simpson and Chris Eskridge. Wellford reported that the committee had not yet meet. In the Futures Report there was a long discussion of the issue of administrative structure of support--services, technology issues are initially on the table to discuss and the committee will do that over the next few months. Wellford asked for the Board members comments on any of these ideas and reactions to the Future Committee report and inquired if there were any areas that the committee should spend special time looking into. Bursik inquired as to the location of the Society's office noting it may be more advantageous to be closer to the funding powers and

decision makers in our field. Wellford replied that there have been suggestions that we don't need to be in only one location. On the topic of location, Marcia Chaiken stated that if the Society was to have an active voice in policy, a location on Capitol Hill is essential. Marjorie Zatz said that we should be getting the word out to politicians about our research. If there was someone in Washington that could meet with the legislators, to receive our input, we could provide press releases. This would tell us what type of executive officer we would need. What do we want this person to do? Tittle inquired if we wanted the Society to become a lobbyist. Margaret Zahn noted we still need a person in Washington who could coordinate activities in relation to the press--need to get our word and information out. Better relations with the press are needed and this person could keep the channels open to the membership. It may be an ASC member that does press work. Wellford stated that he was hearing two issues in the discussion: (1) how can we best expand our administrative structure--adding one person in Columbus or elsewhere; (2) how do we get the work of criminologists better understood--accepted and supported; (3) location of the ASC office. Tittle replied that he though the issue was how we do our internal business better today. How are we going to organize our business--lobbying is another issue. How do we continue our internal office? Will there be an executive director or a Sarah clone. Lynne Goodstein stated that there are other services that we might want to offer the members and other functions besides the journal and annual meeting. First question to be addressed is do we want to stay the same or change, and how do we want to change? Marcia Chaiken commented that we need to sit down and find out everything Sarah does, and it needs to be documented. Wellford inquired if the Society wants to be in a position to receive funding? Press releases and a press officer should be part of this decision. Lynne Goodstein inquired if research/governmental issues might be somewhere where the ASC could be helpful. Jeffrey Fagan inquired what we wanted to see expanded or improved and noted that we do not need a full time executive officer. Margaret Zahn suggested that after the first of the year someone could meet with Sarah and prepare a procedures manual and programmed schematic of the Society's functions.

ASC Press Office: Wellford noted that some organizations have their own press office at the annual meeting. Press releases out of the journal could be handled here. Margaret Zahn suggested that the ASC hire a professional person to write press releases and go to the author to see if its properly authenticated. Bursik replied that the ASC did not need to make a quick decision on this matter. Wellford said that the ASC could do a better job of getting the word out, but linking the press releases to the journal would be a major mistake and spoke in favor of some expanded press role that the Society could take on, but not necessarily through the journal, Bursik replied that following comments received at the meeting, he was convinced that the journal is not the proper place for

press releases. President Short noted that the press office could be a permanent fixture within the ASC office or elsewhere or on the webbsite. Wellford said he would come back to the November meeting with possible options for use by the ASC.

Task Force Reports: Marcia Chaiken reported that there was a formal request from the Attorney General to produce the Task Force Reports and asked for closure. If they have declined, the Society should have a letter telling us why they were not published. Jeffrey Fagan said that the Society could publicize their availability. A motion was made by Marcia Chaiken and seconded by Margaret Zahn that since the Task Force Reports were written at the request of the Attorney General and that NIJ has refused to publish them, that ASC place the task force reports on the ASC webbsite. Motion carried.

Wellford reported that his committee will work to get a report to the Executive Board by the November Board meeting. President Short commented that whatever action is taken by the Board should be reported at the Town Meeting in San Diego. The Town Meeting will be handled by Robert Bursik and President Short.

Decarceration Resolution: President Short reported that a revised version is still needed from the Division on Women and Crime before the Board can act on the Decarceration Resolution. He will contact Christine Rasche or Nanci Koser Wilson to find out the status of the Resolution.

Research Ambassadors Program: Robert Bursik reported on the Research Ambassadors Program which is between policymakers and university faculty. Wellford suggested that the National Policy Committee could look into the Program and come back to the Board with their findings which could be sent to the membership.

Marge Zatz moved that a budget of up to \$3,000 be approved for the National Policy Committee to support their work next year and to follow the rules established by the Society's Policy Manual. Seconded by Robert Bursik, Jr.; motion carried.

British Society of Criminology: President Short reported he had met with the president of the British Society of Criminology at the Chicago meeting and gave him a message from the ASC for their newsletter. Norval Morris will send greetings from down under while he is in Australia. Michael Tonry will represent the ASC at the Belfast meeting and the Society has agreed to a commitment up to \$400.00 for an American Coffee at the Belfast meeting.

CRIMINOLOGY Report: Charles Tittle reported that this would be his last journal report to the Board and that there are still about 12 manuscripts in the pipeline before the November issue is filled. He said he is finishing out his six years with an average turn around time of less than 40 days and an increase in annual submissions of 150 manuscripts this past year. He said that he finished out this past year, April 1, 1996 through March

1, 1997 with \$6,000, but the journal office needs a budget to get through November in the amount of \$5,000 to maintain payroll and expenses.

A motion was made by Charles Wellford and seconded by Robert Bursik to accept the CRIMINOLOGY report and provide \$5,000 for the journal budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Margaret Zahn said that she spoke for everyone in thanking Charles Tittle for the excellent job he has done on the journal by acclamation. Charles asked for the Board's guidance with regard to old journal files in his office. Charles Wellford suggested that the Editorial Board be asked for their recommendations about keeping rejected papers from the journal. A report will be given at the November meeting of their recommendations.

1998 Committee Appointments: Margaret Zahn distributed copies of her committee appointments, noting that it is not complete at this time as some people still need to be contacted regarding their acceptance. She reported that the D.C. meeting site hotel is lovely but expensive. The rooms will be approximately \$170 per night with tax which is disproportionately more than we will be paying in San Diego and more than any other site until 2002. It would take approximately \$40,000 to get out of the contract. She noted that there was the potential of the meeting not being well attended and a meeting income loss. Child care is being run by another meeting calling for a \$500 retainer to set up space, contracts and arrange tours. Rates are \$40.00 per day \$20.00 half day; \$10.00 per hour to hire a baby-sitter. Margaret reported that all division chairs have been contacted to be part of the Program Committee. She noted in terms of food costs, they are considerably higher, so when the meeting budget is presented, there may be more money requested, but wanted the Board to be aware of the cost issue. She stated that they could try to develop a list of hotels that are less expensive and send the information to the membership. Also, a one day onsite registration may be considered. Charles Wellford moved acceptance of the report; seconded by Marcia Chaiken noting that the President-Elect can have the necessary flexibility to make whatever necessary changes are needed. Motion carried.

ASC Webbsite: Charles Wellford reported that the ASC webbsite, BSOS.UMD.EDU/ASC, is up and working. He has or will list the Policy and Procedures Manual, Constitution, ASC Officers, award winners, and link to the Critical Criminology Division. The ASC committees will be on there shortly as well as information on ASC membership. Other resources considered are hot links to international organizations, crime measurement direct issues. Wellford reported that Justin Ready had contacted the Society offering to take over the webbsite and Wellford will contact him and report back to Board in November.

Division on Women and Crime Archives: The Division has been in

contact with Northeastern University regarding using the Division's archives. Marjorie Zatz noted that if the ASC decided to start their own archives, then the Women and Crime materials would not be a part of ASC. A motion was made by Lynne Goodstein and seconded by Robert Bursik to table the discussion until the next Board meeting.

New Business: Chris Eskridge spoke against the suggested \$100.00 payment toward expenses for Board members attending the annual meeting noting that there are people on the Board that contribute and do not receive payment.

The Finance Committee was asked to prepare an official policy on employee benefits and report back to the Board in November.

President Short suggested that the November 18 Executive Board meeting begin at 2:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Hall