

Midwinter Board Meeting, May 1-2, 1998---Nashville, TN.

Attendees: President Margaret Zahn, Drew Humphries, Julie Horney, Lynn Goodstein, James F. Short, Jr., Marsha Chaiken, Robert Crutchfield, Caroline Block, Robert Bursik, Jr., Chris Eskridge, Candace McCoy (Saturday), Matt Zingraff (Saturday), and Sally Simpson.

A. The minutes from the 1997 San Diego meetings were accepted with one modification in the November 22 minutes. The new minutes should reflect that the oral report of the International Division given by Betsy Stanko was supplemented later by Ineke Marshall's written report.

B. Treasurers Report, Chris Eskridge. The ASC is on solid financial footing with a \$58,000 profit. However, as noted by Marcia Chaiken, the profit is due primarily to a bull market. Thus, the ASC financial position is precarious. The financial strengths of the organization are its strong membership, increases in meeting registrants, and Criminology sales. Marcia moved that Chris provide the Board four year trends in income and debits for the major areas of ASC--specifically Criminology, the ASC office, and Annual Meetings. Approved.

C. Advertising and Marketing, Chris Eskridge. ASC made \$14,000 from our endeavors last year.

D. John Clark Memorial Fellowship Fund to support minority fellowship. A \$5,000 fund has been set up as an Appropriated Fund within the existing financial structure of the ASC. A separate line-item accounting for this fund will be maintained within the ASC financial records. The contribution was added to the ASC investment portfolio on January 1, 1998. Additional contributions to this fund will be added to the investment portfolio. ASC will pro-rate the growth/return for the Clark fund each year based on the annual performance of the entire ASC investment portfolio. Unexpended interest revenue will be added to the principle on an annual basis. This item will be added to the ASC bylaws.

In the future, Chris should consider a plan for endowed chairs to use as a general principle for future funds of this type.

E. Raising student awards amounts. The Board decided to table the issue until the November meeting.

F. David Farrington's committee list was accepted.

G. Criminology Report (Bob Bursik). The Board agreed to accept the Editors request for \$15,926 from ASC. Bob noted that this is only \$300 more than originally proposed. It was also moved to accept the new editorial board members. Accepted. Bob also noted that there were more manuscripts submitted to Criminology this year and that review time was only slightly longer than that under the previous editor.

H. The Board moved to reject the SAGE publications proposal to publish Criminology. Accepted.

I. The board received a request from the journal Crime, Order, and Policing to nominate someone to sit out their editorial board and to help generate subscriptions (from which ASC will be given a cut). Chris E. wondered whether the revenue source is legal (from a tax point of view). The issue is Tabled until David Farrington can comment on the request.

J. Stuart Henry and Werner Einstadter need to write directly to the Board regarding their request to help publicize The Criminology Theory Reader.

K. Regarding requests to put individual articles on the Web page from Criminology, the Board agrees to use the same policy that is in effect for reprints. The issue is referred to the Editorial/Publication Committee. In the specific request under consideration, the Board approves the request as long as there is approval from the author.

L. The slate will go out next week unaltered as there were no new nominations.

M. Nashville Meeting Contract. Marge indicated that there were some specific contract issues with the contract—specifically involving new costs associated with the convention center: Included as new issues are a medical team, clean up fees, and optionally—internal security. Given the complexity of the contracts (among other things), Marge seeks the Board approval to find an attorney to put on retainer to review contracts and to assist with other relevant ASC business. Approved. Sarah will seek names of possible candidates.

N. Membership Directory. Due to unanticipated requests, ASC printed 1500 membership directories instead of 500. The New Webmaster (hired May 1) will take as his first responsibility to improve the flexibility of the Web version of the Directory. Becky noted that it is not possible to download the whole directory and Marsha suggested that it should be possible to link to e-mail addresses by clicking on a name in the Directory.

O. Attendance Report, ASC San Diego (Wes Skogan). Attendance in San Diego at the panels and sessions was very low. Not only did few people attend sessions, but participants failed to show at sessions in which they were scheduled to present, chair, or serve as discussants. The Board discussed at length some of the causes of the problem and potential remedies. All agreed that it was a professionalism and socialization problem that needed to be confronted. A motion was made to publish an article in the Criminologist in which the problem and potential solutions are discussed (Jim Short will contact Debbie Curran, Ray Paternoster, and Matt Zingraff to help draft the article.) Approved. It was also moved that the new Webmaster put the issue on the ASC web for group discussion. Passed. Bob Bursik agreed to contact all similar associations to see what they do at their meetings about this problem.

P. Hindelang Report (David Bayley). Committee has received a list of books from which the award winner will be selected. Report accepted.

Q. Ruth S. Cavan Young Scholar Award (Frank Scarpetti). Lisa Maher has been selected as the recipient of this Award. Report accepted.

R. Travel Report (Hugh Barlow). Few members of the association use the travel agency

sponsored by the ASC. While some are not allowed by their Universities to use unauthorized travel agencies and there was some question whether the fares were competitive, the Board discussed how to get more members to use the service. It was suggested that the issue be put on the ASC website and a notice placed in the *Criminologist* to gather input from the members. Marge will let Hugh know of the strategy and make arrangements for the notice on the Web and in the *Criminologist*.

S. National Policy Report (Terence Thornberry) It was moved to accept the Report in spirit, but to reject the specific steps outlined in the Report (e.g., that the editorial staff of *Criminology* prepare a nontechnical summary of articles for release to the general public; that summaries be provided to the authors for review; that summaries will appear on the web page; that some, more policy-oriented or general audience-oriented, summaries will be released to the news media (these would be selected by the Editor of *Criminology*). Passed. Members of the Committee should be given copies of the Board Minutes.

In response to the specific recommendations of the Committee, the Board discussed whether the *Criminology* editor should be acting as a technical editor, whether results might be too technical to summarize, what would happen if results contradict other studies but reporters only rely on the one study, whether the strategy encourages the media to read only one article instead of the body of literature in the area. Others wanted to have some mechanism to get criminological research better disseminated and felt that the Committee recommendations were a good way to do so. In a series of motions, the Board recommended that the following actions be taken.

1. Moved that the ASC will place abstracts from *Criminology* on the ASC Website. Approved. (The earliest that this will happen is January 1999).
2. Moved that through communication with the Editor of *Criminology*, authors will be given guidelines to write abstracts in a nontechnical manner. Approved.
3. Moved that the Board (Marge and Matt) will ask Ted Guest, Richard Moran, and Don Gibbons to organize a workshop at this year's meeting on "how to write abstracts." Approved.
4. Moved that an announcement will be put in the ASC meeting packet regarding the new abstract policy and that a press release will be prepared to notify journalists about the new Abstract service. Approved.
5. Moved that the Publication Committee will discuss how to evaluate the impact of the "new" abstract policy and that they will come back to the Board with a report. Approved.

T. Editorial Committee (Robert Crutchfield). What to do with the *Criminologist*? Miriam DeLone is ending her tenure as editor at the end of this year. Thus the most important issue is to find a new editor. It was suggested that Freda Adler might be willing to serve (especially if given the opportunity to help define the mandate of the publication which the Board agrees is nebulous). Marge and Candace agreed to talk to Freda about this possibility. It was moved to grant the editor of the *Criminologist* a yearly stipend of \$3,000. Approved.

U. Affirmative Action Committee (Julius Debro). Report Accepted. Three students will split the award. Marge will contact the Deans at their Universities/Colleges to ask their schools to provide travel funds. ASC will pay if not. Marge also will ask Julius to approach departments to help supplement the stipend amounts. Passed. Marge also would like the committee to consider the legal status of our Awards (i.e., can we continue to give out minority awards without a legal

challenge).

V. Report on the Future of ASC (Charles Wellford). It was moved to reformulate the committee to look at the Columbus Office as the potential site for an Executive Director and office. The Committee should investigate the costs and benefits of such an investment being certain to include the costs of our current situation (including the various part time employees for which ASC already is paying). A job description should be included with the report. Approved.

W. Awards Committee (John Hagan). Report Accepted. Charles Tittle won the Sutherland Award, Jock Young won Sellin-Glueck, Peter Greenwood, Volmer and Jim Hackler, Block.

X. Fellows Committee (Marjorie Zatz). Report Accepted. John Braithwaite, Robert Bursik, Margaret Zahn, and Alan Liska are the new fellows for 1998.

Y. Constitution and By Laws Committee (Roland Chilton). The committee considered a request that a subdivision on Caribbean crime be created within the ASC Division on International Criminology. Report Accepted. The group should not be called a section, but a subdivision. It was recommended that the issue be referred to the International Division (who may have to adjust their constitution and by laws to accommodate the subdivision). The group is reminded that they cannot have their own Constitution nor can they hold their own meetings as a ASC entity.

Z. Student Awards Committee (Celesta Albonetti). Report Accepted.

AA. Student Affairs Committee (Lynette Dalley) and Graduate Student Information Committee (Kenneth Adams). Both reports were accepted in principle, but not in content. A motion was made that the student affairs committee and Program Chair accommodate the interests of the graduate students in future ASC meetings as space allows. Approved. It was agreed by the Board to hot link on our Web site to all Ph.D. programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

BB. Employment Exchange Committee (Ken Adams). Report accepted with thanks.

CC. Ethics Committee (Lynn Goodstein). Lynn made an interim report. The formal report will be made in November.

DD. Program Report (Matt Zingraff). The name of the Sheraton Washington has changed to Marriott-Wardman Hotel. Assumes that there will be few changes for the purposes of the meetings that result from the name change. Approximately 450 regular panels have been scheduled. There are currently special lunch sessions on the program which could be moved depending on our invited speakers. Hillary Rodam Clinton has been invited to speak, as has Janet Reno. Neither is available for scheduling until 3 months prior to the meeting date. The panels/sessions are scheduled from 8:00-5:50 daily. It was moved that ASC allocate \$3000.00 to support Matt's efforts to get the program put together. Approved. Matt also was informed about the previous day's discussion regarding panel attendance and there was more discussion of what steps could be taken to improved the quality of the papers delivered and to ensure that more

people attended sessions (including their own). Possible strategies discussed include to schedule round table sessions for papers that are not as developed, to require that papers (or concept papers) rather than abstracts are submitted, and to limit appearances to one per meeting.

EE. Conferon. Marge has asked the Board whether ASC should take advantage of Conferon's policy to have one person on site for the meetings. There would be no hotel charge, but ASC would pick up airfare. Given that we have a complimentary ticket still available, the Board approved this suggestion.

FF. Wolfgang tribute. The Board discussed the kind of memorial to devote to Marvin Wolfgang at the Meetings. It was agreed not to have a plenary session, but instead to offer 8:00 Thursday night.. Wolfgang's memorial raised the issue of future memorials (this will become a more common occurrence in the future). The Board agreed that space would be provided on the program as necessary.

GG. WEB Motion: to allow JQC to post nontechnical summaries of their articles on our web page. Approved. Other journal requests will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Table requests for MA program hot links until November.

HH. Site Selection 2005. Philadelphia, New York City, Toronto, and Baltimore will be investigated as possible meeting sites.

II. Oral History Project. The board approved the following strategic action regarding the project. (1) Get the taped interviews; (2) seek legal advice regarding our position vis-a-vis the tapes; (3) inform NIJ that we will NOT support the project and the Board refuses to provide oversight and/or Executive Board members for the project; (4) Marge should use her judgement to follow up with Frank Taylor regarding retrieving the tapes, (5) Sarah will call all taped participants to see if they have their own copies.

JJ. Archives for ASC. Marge will appoint an ad hoc committee to investigate the possibility of archiving ASC materials. The committee will specify the guidelines for what should go into the archives, what needs to be collected from where, and so forth. Jim Short suggest Gil Geis and Simon Dinitz as co-chairs of the committee. It was thought that they could write a co-authored piece for the Criminologist to stimulate discussion about the project and to get members involved in identifying archival material. Possible sites for the archives include Sellin Center, Penn State (Lynn will investigate this), and Ohio State.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary