

ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, November 17, 2012
Chicago Palmer House Hotel

Those in attendance: Robert Agnew, Joanne Belknap, Becky Block, Lisa Broidy, Shawn Bushway, Bonnie Fisher, Karen Heimer, Lauren Krivo, Colin Loftin, Travis Pratt, Nancy Rodriguez, Rob Sampson, Susan Sharp, Pam Wilcox, and Chris Eskridge (Recorder).

The meeting was called to order by ASC President Robert Agnew at 12:00 pm.

- 1 – The Chicago and Atlanta meetings were discussed. The Board specifically suggested that Chris Eskridge and the Columbus office staff investigate the possibility of creating a downloadable “app” containing the 2013 Atlanta program and of creating a smaller and more environmentally-friendly hard copy of the program – one with thinner paper, two columns, less white space, and/or slightly smaller type.
- 2 – The Board approved the creation of the position of Associate Editor of the *Criminologist*. This will be a three year position that will begin in November of 2013. The need for this position will be reviewed in November of 2015. The Associate Editor will have a stipend of \$3,500 a year. The Board approved the following narrative:

The Editor will work under the guidance of the ASC Vice President and Publications Committee. His or her responsibilities will include arranging for the publication each year of: a) at least three interviews with prominent criminologists; b) at least three descriptions of criminology programs, research organizations, policy centers, or government agencies; c) at least three articles on new data sources in criminology, such as surveys and web sites; d) other articles deemed relevant and of interest to ASC members; and e) exploring the possibilities of book reviews and other enhancements. The Associate Editor will work with the ASC Vice-President, Executive Committee, Publications Committee and others to generate ideas for these articles and find authors; and the Associate Editor will ensure that the articles are submitted in a timely manner and suitable form. The ASC Vice-President (who acts as the Editor of *The Criminologist*) will approve all article and review proposals. The ASC Vice-President will also continue to select the lead article for each issue of *The Criminologist*.

- 3 – The Board approved the awarding of a \$2,500 honorarium to Bonnie Berry in recognition of her 20 years of work to establish and maintain the mentoring project. She will be recognized at the 2013 Atlanta meetings award ceremony.

- 4 – The Board wishes to recognize the 20 year service of the members of the Hot Spots Band. The band members will be recognized at the 2013 Atlanta meetings Minority Fellowship Dance.
- 5 – The Board discussed the issue of overly similar publications and related matters. Two articles will be published in the Criminologist that speak to this topic (both in the same issue of the newsletter). The first will focus on the specific question of transparency. That will be followed with Frank Cullen's letter, which he will be asked to revise in light of the revised "editor" statement. Society members will be invited to send comments to the Criminologist editor for further discussion in a future issue. The second article will be a broader, philosophical discussion, the subject being – Cumulative Scholarship versus "Salami Slicing." A moderator will review the many issues involved, referring to the feedback we have received from many editors. The Criminologist editor will then ask the ASC membership to further the discussion by submitting comments and ideas for publication in a future issue.
- 6 – The Board discussed the general topic of ASC policy initiatives, and made plans for further discussion of this matter at the April Board Meeting.
- 7 – The Executive Director discussed issues regarding site selection.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Chris Eskridge, Recorder