

# C O N S T I T U T I O N

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## PREAMBLE

This organization shall be known as the SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY. The term CRIMINOLOGY as used hereinafter is defined as the study of the causes, treatment, and prevention of crime, including, but not restricted to:

- (a) Scientific crime detection, investigation and identification,
- (b) Crime prevention, public safety and security,
- (c) Law enforcement administration,
- (d) Administration of criminal justice,
- (e) Traffic administration,
- (f) Probation,
- (g) Juvenile delinquency control,
- (h) and related aspects of penology.

The PURPOSES of this SOCIETY shall be:

1. To associate persons engaged by accepted Universities and Colleges to instruct or supervise professional or vocational training programs in criminology;
2. To promote the security of the United States by the professional preparation of persons in criminology;
3. To foster the expansion of training and research in criminology at Universities and Colleges;
4. To keep informed on advances in the allied arts and sciences and to cooperate with other professions in research and publication;
5. To sponsor and encourage research and scientific inquiry and to disseminate knowledge so acquired through the medium of professional conferences, publication of books, papers, and periodicals, and through the other avenues of dissemination;
6. To direct the full power of the Society toward the promotion of ethical standards in criminology;
7. To elevate the personnel standards of the profession and to inspire persons engaged in criminology with a professional pride in their work;
8. To establish in the public mind the benefit and necessity of professional training in criminology as a sound public policy;
9. To reduce crime and promote public safety through the application of accepted scientific practices and techniques of criminology.

## MEMBERSHIP

Article 1. The active membership of this organization shall consist of persons engaged by accepted Universities and Colleges to instruct or supervise in professional and vocational training programs in criminology. The Executive Committee shall pass on the acceptance of any applicant by majority vote of its members.

HONARY MEMBERS  
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Article 1. Honorary membership shall be limited to persons of outstanding professional achievement in the field of criminology. Election shall be only by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.

Article 2. Associate Members: Associate members shall be limited to persons engaged or instructing in criminology and not eligible for active membership. Acceptance shall be by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.

INITIATION FEES AND DUES

Article 1. No initiation fee will be charged. Upon notice of acceptance, applicant will pay the current year's dues.

Article 2. No member shall be excused from payment of dues except honorary members. The President Emeritus shall hold a life paid membership.

Article 3. Membership dues shall be payable in advance prior to January 31 of each year. The Executive Committee shall determine action to be taken for non-payment of dues.

OFFICERS

Article 1. There shall be elected annually a President, a Western Vice-President, a Central Vice-President, an Eastern Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and a Member-at-large to hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Article 2. The President Emeritus is August Vollmer.

Article 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be required to furnish bond satisfactory to the Executive Committee for not less than one thousand (1,000.) dollars, annual premium for which shall be paid out of the treasury of the Society.

Article 4. Only active members in good standing shall be eligible to the elective offices of the Society, or to vote.

COMMITTEES

Article 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the Society, the immediate past president, and one other active member of the Society (Member-at-large). The Secretary-Treasurer of the Society shall serve as Secretary for the committee.

1. The Executive Committee shall be the policy forming body of the Society;
2. The Executive Committee shall determine the date and place of the annual meeting of the Society;
3. The Executive Committee shall pass on all applications for membership in the Society;
4. The Executive Committee shall outline the program for the annual meetings of the Society and shall control the policies of the Society during its recesses;
5. The Executive Committee shall fill all offices vacated between regular meetings;
6. The Executive Committee shall submit a budget at each regular annual meeting for the coming year for final adoption.

Article 2. FINANCE: The President shall appoint a committee of three (3) members to audit all the financial accounts of the Society annually, or when more frequently ordered by the Executive Committee,

and report thereon at the annual meetings or at such other times as the Executive Committee may designate. The FINANCE COMMITTEE shall make a preliminary report in writing to the Executive Committee thirty (30) days before each regular meeting including its recommendation.

Article 3. The President shall appoint a PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE consisting of the Editor who shall be Chairman of the Committee and three active members of the Society. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to promote the publication of articles of interest and to secure beneficial publicity for the Society.

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Article 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society. He will carefully supervise the affairs of the Society and labor for its usefulness and efficiency. He will appoint all standing and special committees unless otherwise provided for and will fill all vacancies among the committees during vacation recesses of the Society.

Article 2. The Vice\*President (Western) shall act as the presiding officer of the Society during the absence of the President.

Article 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the records and minutes of the Society, receive all money due the Society, and render an account of its disbursement. He will draw all warrants and with the President sign the same for the expenses of the Society. The Secretary-Treasurer shall, following each meeting of the Society, compile in accurate form the minutes and proceedings of said meeting and forward a copy to each member of the Society as soon after adjournment as possible.

Article 4. The Editor shall receive all articles and items of interest to members intended for publication, edit them when necessary, and forward to such publication or publications as may have been designated for the purpose. As Chairman of the Publications Committee, he shall in collaboration with the President, secure such other beneficial publicity for the association as may be in his power.

Article 5. The Sergeant-at-arms shall be appointed by the President and shall assist him serving order and shall perform such other duties as the President may direct.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Article 1. The meetings of this Society shall be held annually at a time and place designated on the last day of each annual meeting or by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Supplementary conferences of the various committees may be called at the discretion of the President. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President if approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

#### B Y - L A W S

##### ELECTIONS

Article 1. The election of officers shall take place during the annual meeting each year.

Article 2. The election shall be by ballot; and if more than one candidate be nominated, the majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect any one to office. In the event that no candidate achieves a majority of votes cast at the first balloting the two highest candidates shall be entered on the second ballot.

Article 3. All officers shall hold office until their successors have been duly elected or qualified.

##### RULES OF ORDER

Article 1. Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern this Society except as otherwise designated.

CONSTITUTION  
(Tentative Draft)

Preamble

Mindful of the growing problems created by criminal activity in this country, and of our responsibilities in combating these problems, we, the members of the Society for the Advancement of Criminology, unite in a concerted effort to fulfill these responsibilities.

I. Purposes and Objectives

This society has three goals:

- A. to bring together individuals dedicated to some phase of the field of criminology for their mutual betterment.
- B. to labor for greater understanding and cooperation among those engaged in the field of criminology.
- C. to promote through their collective and individual efforts their chosen profession in order that the general public might recognize and understand its importance to the nation.

II. Officers

- A. The Collective Scope of Authority
  - 1. The affairs of this organization shall be administered by an Executive Committee which shall consist of the elected officers of this organization, the immediate past president, and one other active member of this society to be elected from the membership. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as the secretary of the Executive Committee. Its duties are as follows:
    - a. it shall be the policy forming body of the society;
    - b. it shall determine the date and place of the annual meeting and outline the program of this meeting;
    - c. it shall pass on all applications for membership in the society;
    - d. it shall fill all offices vacated between regular meetings;
    - e. it shall submit for adoption at the annual meeting the proposed budget for the coming year.
  - 2. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall be presided over by the president of the society.
  - 3. The proposals and actions of the Executive Committee shall be adopted only by the majority vote of the committee.
- B. The Individual Scope of Authority

1. The President;

- a. shall be the chief executive of the society, shall represent the organization at formal gatherings, and shall preside over the annual meetings of the society and the meetings of the Executive Committee;
- b. shall appoint a finance committee of three members to audit the financial accounts of the society annually, or more frequently when ordered by the Executive Committee, and then report thereon at the annual meeting or at such other times as the Executive Committee shall designate. This committee shall make a preliminary report in writing to the Executive Committee 30 days before each regular meeting including their recommendations;
- c. shall appoint a publications committee consisting of an editor who shall be chairman of the committee and three active members of the society. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to promote the publication of articles of interest and to secure beneficial publicity for the society;
- d. shall have the power to appoint any other committee he deems necessary and shall have the power to call these committees or their representatives into session;
- e. shall appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms to assist him in serving order and perform other duties as the president may direct.

2. The Vice-President--There will be three vice-presidents, one for each geographic area of the United States. They shall serve as presiding officers whenever the president is not in attendance and they shall assist the president.

3. The Secretary-Treasurer

- a. shall keep all records and minutes of the society;
- b. shall receive all monies due the society and render an account of its disbursement;
- c. shall draw all warrants of the society and with the president sign the same for the payment of the expenses of the society;
- d. shall following each meeting of the society compile accurate minutes and proceedings of said meetings and forward a copy to each member of the society as soon after adjournment as possible.

C. Qualifications of Officers--any active or associate member of the society in good standing shall be eligible to hold office.

D. Elections

1. There shall be elected annually a president and three

vice-presidents. A secretary-treasurer shall be elected and he will hold office until a duly elected and qualified successor takes office.

2. The election of officers shall take place during the annual meeting of each year.
3. The election shall be by ballot and if more than one candidate be nominated the majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect anyone to office. In the event that no candidate receives the necessary majority on the first balloting, the two highest candidates shall be entered on the second ballot.

### III. Membership

There shall be three different types of membership:

- A. Active members shall be:
  1. Fellows--persons with college or university faculty rank in criminology or allied fields;
  2. Senior members--persons holding administrative and staff rank in police agencies, prisons, probation and parole services, juvenile agencies, anti-crime committees, etc.;
  3. Professional members--Psychologists, Psychiatrists, Social Workers, Guidance workers, Physicians, et al not primarily engaged in criminological work but with a collateral interest in the field.
- B. Associate members shall be:
  1. Associate members--police officers, prison officer, probation and parole officers, private police, military police, school attendance officers, social case workers, et al;
  2. Student members--all persons enrolled in colleges, universities, academies and special schools with either an academic major or minor in a field related to criminology.
- C. Honorary members shall be limited to persons of outstanding professional achievement in the field of criminology.

Active and Associate members shall receive their membership only upon the majority vote of the Executive Committee of this society. Honorary members shall only be accepted upon the unanimous vote of the Executive Committee of this society.

All members are entitled to all the benefits of this society with the limitation that active members are allowed a full vote in all society elections and activities, Associate members are allowed only one-half vote, and Honorary members are not allowed to vote.

### IV. Initiation Fees and Dues

- A. The initiation fee of active and associate members shall be five dollars and the annual dues shall be five dollars. The initiation fee and the dues for the first year shall accompany an application for membership. The full amount shall be returned to the applicant in the event of the applicant's rejection.
- B. No member or applicant for membership shall be excused from the payment of initiation fees and dues except honorary members.
- C. Membership dues shall be payable in advance prior to January 31 of each year. The Executive Committee shall determine action to be taken on non-payment of dues.

#### V. Procedure

Roberts' rules of Order shall govern this society during all meetings, general and committee, unless otherwise designated.

#### VI. Annual Meeting

The meetings of this society shall be held annually at a time and place designated on the last day of each annual meeting or by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Supplementary conferences of the society may be called by the President if approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

#### VII. August Vollmer

This society would like to formally recognize the efforts and inspiration given to our membership by our late President Emeritus August Vollmer.

#### VIII. Ratification, By-laws, and Amendments

- A. This Constitution shall come into force when approved by two-thirds of the membership. Failure to vote on ratification within one month after notification of the proposal shall constitute acceptance.
- B. This Constitution shall be studied for possible revision by a special committee appointed by the President three years after its adoption and every fifth year thereafter.
- C. Any section of this Constitution may be amended when the proposed amendment shall have been approved by two-thirds of the entire membership.
  - 1. The proposed amendment must be presented to the Secretary-Treasurer at the meeting of the Executive Committee prior to that wherein the vote for amendment shall take place. The Secretary-Treasurer shall notify the membership of the pending vote.
  - 2. When presented to the Secretary-Treasurer, the proposed amendment must bear the signatures of twenty percent of the membership.

D. Any By-Laws to this Constitution will become effective when approved by a majority of the membership, after fulfilling the same requirements as outlined in regard to amendments.