

American Society of Criminology   
American Criminological Association

## Constitution

### Preamble

The term criminology as used hereinafter is defined as the study of the causes, treatment, and prevention of crime; law enforcement; criminal justice; corrections; and allied fields.

### I. Purposes and Objectives

A. To bring together persons actively engaged, or who have been actively engaged, in teaching and/or practice in the field of criminology.

B. To foster training and research in criminology in institutions of higher learning, <sup>and</sup> in law enforcement, and correctional agencies.

C. To encourage understanding and cooperation among those engaged in criminology.

D. To serve as clearing house for collection and dissemination of criminological knowledge and skills.

### II. Officers

#### A. Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall

administers the affairs of the organization.  
It shall consist of the elected officers and  
one other active member elected at large.  
The Secretary - Treasurer shall serve as the  
secretary of the Executive Committee.

2. The duties of the Executive Committee  
shall be ~~as~~ 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; *prepare the budget for the*
- e. it shall ~~submit for adoption at the annual meeting the proposed budget for the coming~~ *organization.*

3. The proposals and actions of the Executive Committee shall be adopted by the majority vote of the committee.

4. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of ?

## B. The President

shall be chief executive of the organization, shall represent the organization at formal gatherings, ~~and~~ shall preside over the ~~annual~~ meetings of the Executive Committee, and shall preside over the annual meeting, and shall appoint such committees as deemed necessary.

## C. The Vice-Presidents

1. There shall be four Vice-Presidents, one for each of the following regions:

a. Western:

b. Central:

c. Eastern:

d. Southern:

C-2 The Vice-Presidents shall serve as executive officers in their respective regions for the purpose of carrying on the regional business of this organization.

#### D. 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.
- e. shall serve as secretary of the exec. comm.

E. Qualifications of Officers;  
Any active <sup>(or associate?)</sup> ~~associate~~ member of the organization in good standing shall be eligible to hold office.

#### F. Elections

1. Officers shall be elected annually.
2. A Secretary - Treasurer shall be elected to hold office until a duly elected and qualified successor takes office.

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

4. 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

A. Active members shall be:

Those engaged in teaching, research, and administration in criminology, as defined in the Preamble.

B. Associate members shall be:

Such other persons as the Executive Committee ~~may~~ shall find to be eligible.

C. Student members shall be:

Those studying in criminology in institutions of higher learning.

D. Honorary members shall be:

Those persons who make outstanding contributions to ~~the field of~~ criminology.

E. Membership shall be achieved only by majority vote of the Executive Committee except that Honorary members must be elected by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.

F. Only active <sup>(and associate?)</sup> members shall have the privilege to vote.

## IV Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern this organization during all meetings, general and committee, unless otherwise designated.

## V By-laws and Amendments

## VI

A. 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.

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.

## By-LAWS

Article I. Any member of the Executive Committee who will be unable to attend an Executive Committee meeting shall be able to vote by written proxy to be given either to the President or any other member of the Committee not later than two (2) weeks preceding the meeting.

## Article V - Dues

The annual dues for active + associate members shall be five (5) dollars.

The annual dues for student members shall be two (2) dollars and fifty (50) cents.

Membership dues shall be paid on or before 30 April of each year.