

# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

## CONSTITUTION

### PREAMBLE

The term criminology as used hereinafter is defined as a 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 and in law enforcement and correctional agencies;
- C. To encourage understanding and cooperation among those engaged in criminology;
- D. To serve as a clearing house for collection and dissemination of criminological knowledge and skills.

### II. OFFICERS

#### A. Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall administer the affairs of this organization. It shall consist of the elected officers and one other active member at large.
2. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be 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 this organization;
  - d. It shall fill all offices vacated between regular annual meetings;
  - e. It shall prepare the budget for the organization.
3. The proposals and actions of the Executive Committee shall be adopted by a majority vote of the committee.
4. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of five.

#### B. The President

Shall be the chief executive of the organization, shall represent the organization at formal gatherings, shall preside over the meetings of the Executive Committee, 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 from each of the following regions:

<u>EAST</u>	<u>MIDDLE</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>
Connecticut	Illinois	Alabama	Arizona
Delaware	Indiana	Arkansas	California
District of Columbia	Iowa	Florida	Colorado
Maine	Kansas	Georgia	Idaho
Maryland	Kentucky	Louisiana	Montana
Massachusetts	Michigan	Mississippi	Nevada
New Hampshire	Minnesota	North Carolina	New Mexico
New Jersey	Missouri	Oklahoma	Oregon
New York	Nebraska	South Carolina	Utah
Pennsylvania	North Dakota	Tennessee	Washington
Rhode Island	Ohio	Texas	Wyoming
Vermont	South Dakota	Virginia	Alaska
	Wisconsin	West Virginia	Hawaii
		Puerto Rico	

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

1. Shall keep all records and minutes of the organization;
2. Shall receive all monies due the organization and render an account of its income and disbursements;
3. Shall draw all warrants of the organization and with the President sign the same for the payment of the expenses of the organization;
4. Shall following each meeting of the organization compile accurate minutes and proceedings of said meetings and forward a copy to each member of the organization as soon after the adjournment as possible;
5. Shall serve as secretary of the Executive Committee.

E. Qualifications of Officers

Any active member of the organization in good standing shall be eligible to hold office.

F. Elections

1. Officers shall be elected annually.
2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected to hold office until a duly elected and qualified successor takes office.
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 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. Active members may be eligible for the title "Fellow" upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.

- B. Associate members shall be:  
Such other persons as the Executive Committee 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 criminology.
- E. Membership shall be achieved only by a majority vote of the Executive Committee except that Honorary members must be elected by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.
- F. Only active 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

- A. Any section of this Constitution may be amended when the proposed amendment shall have been approved by two-thirds vote 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.
- B. Any By-Laws of this Constitution shall become effective when approved by a majority of the membership, after fulfilling the same requirements as outlined in regard to amendments, except that the majority at an annual meeting may vote such changes or additions.

#### BY-LAWS

- Article 1. 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 and not later than two (2) weeks preceding the meeting.
- Article 2. Dues
  - a. The annual dues for active and associate members shall be ten (10) dollars.
  - b. The annual dues for student members shall be five (5) dollars.
  - c. Membership dues shall be paid on or before April of each calendar year.
- Article 3. Annual Meeting

A registration fee may be assessed for participants at the annual meeting and conferences of the society. The fee shall be set by the Executive Committee, and the membership shall be notified accordingly by the Secretary.

Article 4. Journal

The Society may publish a quarterly journal which shall be distributed to all members in good standing. Subscriptions to the journal can be sold at a rate designated to underwrite at least the actual cost thereof.