

# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

AFFILIATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

AND THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

# THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

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## PREAMBLE

The term criminology as used hereinafter is defined as all human knowledge concerning the etiology, control, treatment and prevention of crime and delinquency, the detection of crime and enforcement of criminal laws, the system of criminal law and justice, social defense and corrections.

## 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 forum for the dissemination of criminological knowledge.

## II. OFFICERS

### A. The Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall administer the affairs of the organization. It shall consist of the following officers:
  - a. the elected officers, consisting of
    - (1) The President
    - (2) The President-Elect
    - (3) The Immediate Past President
    - (4) The Two Vice-Presidentsas voting members,
  - b. the appointed officers, consisting of:
    - (1) The Executive Secretary
    - (2) The Treasurer
    - (3) The Editor of CRIMINOLOGICA as voting members, and as many as six executive councillors as non-voting members.

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 instruct the Executive Secretary on criteria for acceptance of all applications for membership in this organization;
  - d. It shall fill all elective offices vacated between regular annual meetings;
  - e. It shall prepare the budget for the organization;
  - f. It shall appoint the Editor(s) of the Society's Journal, CRIMINOLOGICA, as well as editors of other Society publications, when necessary, and shall serve as an advisory board for all such publications;
  - g. It shall audit the accounts and disbursements of the Society.
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 voting members or their proxies.

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 and officers as deemed necessary.

C. The President-Elect and Vice-Presidents

1. The President-Elect shall preside over the meetings of the Society in the absence of the President, and shall be empowered to conduct all necessary business of the Society in the event that a vacancy exists in the office of the President, or in the disability of the President. There shall be, in addition, two Vice-Presidents with no designated order of succession.
2. The President-Elect shall succeed in office to that of the President at the end of the Presidential term of office.

D. The Executive Secretary

1. The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee;
2. Shall keep the archives, records and minutes of the organization;

3. Shall, following each meeting of the organization, or of its Executive Committee, compile accurate minutes and proceedings of those meetings and forward a copy thereof to each member of the Executive Committee;
4. and shall serve as the secretary of the Society and of the Executive Committee at its meetings.

E. The Treasurer

1. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee;
2. Shall keep an accurate set of membership rolls, indicating whether each member has paid his membership dues;
3. Shall invoice, receive and keep all monies due the organization and be prepared at all times to render an account of its income and disbursements, upon request of the President or the Executive Committee;
4. Shall draw all warrants of the organization and sign them for payment of the organization's expenses.

F. Qualification of Officers

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

G. Elections

1. Officers shall be elected annually.
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 shall 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. Emeritus members shall be:  
Formerly active members who are retired and upon whom the Executive Committee has bestowed this title.
- F. Membership shall be achieved only by a majority vote of the Executive Committee except that Honorary Members must be elected by the unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.
- G. 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, upon due notice having been given, when the proposed amendment shall have been approved by two-thirds vote of those members who cast a ballot, whether by vote or those assembled at the annual meeting, or by mail ballot.
  - 1. The proposed amendment must be presented to the Executive Secretary at the meeting of the Executive Committee prior to that wherein the vote for amendment shall take place. The Executive Secretary shall notify the membership of the pending vote.
  - 2. When presented to the Executive Secretary, the proposed amendment must bear the signatures of a majority of the voting members (as defined in II(A)) of the Executive Committee.
- B. Any By-Laws 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 Executive Secretary.
- Article 4. Journal
- The Society shall publish a journal with the title CRIMINOLOGICA 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.

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