

THE REVISED CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

(Accepted by the Executive Committee, July 25, 1970 and subject to the approval of the Membership at the Annual Meeting in November, 1970)

Preamble

The term criminology as used hereinafter refers to all professional, scholarly, and scientific knowledge concerning the etiology, control, treatment, and prevention of crime and delinquency, including the detection of crime and enforcement of criminal laws, the system of criminal law and justice, social defenses and corrections.

I. Name of the Organization

The name of this organization shall be THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY .

II. Purposes and Objectives

- A. To bring together persons actively engaged in, or those 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.

III. Officers

A. The Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall administer the affairs of the organization. It shall consist of the following officers, as voting members:
 - a. the elected officers,
 - (1) the President
 - (2) the President-Elect
 - (3) the Immediate Past President
 - (4) the Two Vice-Presidents
 - b. the appointed officers
 - (1) the Executive Secretary
 - (2) the Treasurer
 - (3) the Editor of Criminology: An Interdisciplinary Journal , and,
 - (4) not more than ten Executive Councilors, appointed by the President and subject to the ratification of the Executive Committee.

2. The Executive Committee shall:

- a. Form the policies of the Society;
- b. Determine the date and place of the Annual Meeting and outline the program for this meeting;
- c. Instruct the Executive Secretary on criteria for acceptance of all applications for membership in this organization;

- d. Fill all elective offices vacated between regular Annual Meetings;
 - e. Prepare the budget for the organization;
 - f. Appoint the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer;
 - g. Appoint the Editor of the Society's journal, Criminology: An Interdisciplinary Journal, as well as editors of other Society publications, when necessary, and shall serve as an advisory board for all such publications;
 - h. 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 eight (8) 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 upon the disability of the President. There shall be, in addition, two Vice-Presidents with no designated order of succession.
 2. The President-Elect shall become the President at the end of the Presidential term of office.
- D. The Executive Secretary
1. The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for a term of two years. This term is renewable at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
 2. The Executive Secretary 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 Executive Committee for a term of two years. This term is renewable at the discretion

of the Executive Committee.

2. He 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. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) individuals to prepare a slate of candidates for all elective offices.
2. The election of officers shall take place during the Annual Meeting of the Society, each year.
3. The election shall be by ballot and if more than the candidate shall be nominated for any one office, a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for election. In the event no candidate receives the necessary majority on the first balloting, the two highest candidates shall be entered on the second ballot.

IV. Membership

A. Active members shall be:

Those engaged in teaching, research, and administration in criminology, as defined in the Preamble. (Active members become "Fellows" of the Society after five (5) consecutive years of active membership-- Subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

B. Student members shall be:

Those studying in criminology in institutions of higher learning.

C. Honorary members shall be:

Those persons who make outstanding contributions to criminology.

D. Emeritus members shall be:

Those retired persons who have been active members for not less than ten (10) years and upon whom the Executive Committee bestows the title.

E. 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.

F. Only active members shall have the privilege of voting.

V. Procedure

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

VI. By-Laws and Amendments

A. Due notice of a proposed amendment having been given, any section of this Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of those members who cast a ballot, whether by vote of those assembled at the Annual meeting or by mail ballot.

B. Procedure for Amending the By-Laws

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.
2. When presented to the Executive Secretary, the proposed amendment must bear the signatures of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee.
3. The Executive Secretary shall notify the membership of the pending vote.

C. Any By-Laws shall become effective when approved by a majority of the membership following the same requirements as outlined in regard to amendments, except that the majority at the 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 given either to the President or any other member of the Committee not later than two (2) weeks preceding the meeting.

Article 2. Dues

- a. The Annual dues for Active members shall be Fifteen (\$15) dollars.
- b. The annual dues for Student members shall be Seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50).
- c. Membership dues shall be paid on or before March 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 of it by the Executive Secretary.

Article 4. Journal

The Society shall publish a journal titled, Criminology: An Interdisciplinary Journal, which shall be distributed to all members in good standing. Subscriptions to the journal shall be sold at a rate designated to underwrite at least the actual cost thereof.

There shall be an Editorial Advisory Board of not more than ten (10) individuals, representing the various sub-disciplines within the Society, appointed by the Editor and ratified by the Executive Committee.

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