

YES: 361 NO: 155

#1) RESOLUTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIVISIONS IN
THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

1. Divisions may be organized to represent major professional interests that lie within the scope of the Society as stated in the Constitution, Preamble II. Purpose and Objectives: Any member in good standing of the Society may apply for membership in a Division.
2. A Division may be established whenever three percent or more of the members in good standing of the Society petition (see 3) the Executive Board and receive Board approval. Two-thirds affirmative vote of those present at any meeting of the Executive Board is required for the establishment of a new Division. The Board may create a Division provided that (a) the Division represents an active and functionally unitary interest of a group of members, (b) its proposed objectives fall within the scope of those specified in the Society's Constitution, (c) its membership is not restricted on any bases other than interests and Society membership and, (d) the establishment of any new Division is not inimical to the objectives of the Society or any other Division already established. Divisions may use a distinct name, provided they append it to the phrase: "A Division of The American Society of Criminology".
3. A petition for the formation of a new Division shall include in its prefatory statement the following: a statement of the proposed name and purpose of the Division, relevant evidence that the petitioners "represent an active and functionally unitary interest of a group of members", the names of the member or members sponsoring the petition or speaking for the petitioners and a statement that the individual petitioners ask for and will accept membership in the Division if it is established. The names of the petitioners should be followed by their ASC mailing address to assist in the unambiguous identification of the signers. The petition shall be transmitted to the Executive Secretary with designation of some individual who will speak for the petitioners in further communications. The Executive Board shall determine at its next regular meeting that the petition conforms to the technical requirements of the Rules. If it finds the petition in order, it shall invite the membership to comment in writing to the Board within the next 90 days. At a subsequent meeting, the Board shall consider the petition on its merits, together with supplementary materials and comments, and shall by a two-thirds vote either approve or reject the petition. If the petitioners choose, they may submit a statement amplifying the petition to make clear why they seek Division status. Following favorable action by the Executive Board, a new Division is constituted when it holds its first business meeting at the ASC Annual Meeting.
4. A Division shall be dissolved by the Executive Board when (a) the number of members within the Division falls below three percent of the members of the Society in good standing averaged over a two (2) year period, or (b) the Division votes to recommend dissolution. The Executive Board may also dissolve a Division for good and sufficient reason by a two-thirds vote of those present at a Board meeting, provided that the reason for dissolution is stated in writing by the Executive Board to the membership of the Division and that the Division membership has been given full opportunity to state the reasons for the continued existence of the Division.
5. A Division shall have a chairperson and such officers as it may desire. The qualifications for its officers and the number and method of their election shall be determined by the Division with approval of the Executive Board.
6. A Division shall draw up and maintain its own rules of procedure within the framework of the Society's By-Laws. Each Division shall file with the Executive Board a copy of its current regulations, and a list of its current officers and committees.
7. A Division may set dues. Such dues must be approved by the Executive Board and shall be collected and disbursed by the Treasurer of the Society subject to the rules and regulations of the Society.
8. A Division shall not enter into contracts, shall not own, publish, or manage a journal, or hold an annual meeting or convention that is not in conjunction with the Society's Annual Meeting. Divisions may not make awards or give out honors without Executive Board approval. Administrative functions of the Division may be handled by the Central Office, at the Division's expense.