

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY  
OF CRIMINOLOGY

Boston University, January 18, 1969

Present

Bruno M. Cormier	President
Albert Morris	President-Elect
Ralph M. Susman	Executive Secretary
Samuel A. Kramer	Treasurer
C. Ray Jeffery	Criminologica
Charles L. Newman	Vice President
Lawrence W. Pierce	Executive Councillor
Christine Schultz	

The President, Dr. Cormier, opened the meeting by welcoming the members of the Executive Committee and distributing agenda materials for consideration.

Christine Schultz, reporting on behalf of Dr. Dinitz and herself concerning arrangements for the next annual meeting, stated the following: Facilities for the 1969 Annual Meeting of the Society have been reserved at the Neil House, 41 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio. The dates for the annual meeting will be October 31 through November 2, 1969. The Neil House, which was reported to be an excellent facility, has indicated that it can reserve up to 150 rooms for our members. In the near future, the annual meeting arrangements committee, in conjunction with Dr. Jeffery of Criminologica, will prepare a reservation card announcement to be sent to the membership in the journal. Miss Schultz suggested that this material be sent in the May issue in order to facilitate early registration.

President Cormier extended his compliments to the arrangements committee for their very complete report and indicated a vote of confidence in the committee to complete arrangement details and report back to the Executive Committee at its next meeting in April.

An extensive discussion was undertaken concerning the program for the annual meeting. Dr. Morris suggested that a central theme be established in order to set a clear focus for the program. The

following decisions were taken by the Executive Committee with regard to a central theme and the establishment of the various topics/sessions.

Theme: TOWARDS A REDEFINITION OF CRIME IN AN AFFLUENT SOCIETY

Topic: Historical Perspective: The Work of American Criminologists  
in the 1920's and 1930's

This topic to be handled as a lecture to be delivered at the awards dinner. Several names were suggested for consideration in connection with this topic. Those suggested were: Dr. Thorsten Sellin, Dr. Gilbert Geis, and Dr. Simon Dinitz. The final selection on this topic was left for determination at the next meeting of the Committee.

Topic: Discretionary Power and Negotiated Justice: The Legal, Social, Psychological, Economic, Political and Moral Implications as well as the Perspective of the Offender

Dr. Cormier indicated that he would get together in the near future with Dr. Albert Morris to finalize the topic and select the participants. The following names were suggested for consideration: Professor Brian A. Grosman, Professor Anthony Amsterdam, and Mr. Erle Stanley Gardner.

Topic: The Place of the Ex-Convict (Convict) in Society

This topic would include the probationer and parolee as well. Dr. Cormier suggested that Dr. Sagarin should organize and chair this session.

Topic: Education in Criminology and Criminal Justice

The President asked Professor Charles Newman to organize and chair this session. Three names were suggested for participation in this session: Dr. Herman Piven, Director of Research, Office of Probation, New York City; Dean Schroeder of Case-Western Reserve; and Professor Caleb Foote of the Law Faculty, University of California at Berkeley.

Topic: A Student Panel Session

This will be organized and chaired by Dr. C. Ray Jeffery. This session will consist of three papers with a non-student professional serving as discussant.

It should be noted for the record that there was considerable discussion concerning whether or not to have a student panel this year. A motion was introduced by Ralph Susman and seconded by Albert Morris that a student panel session should be included in the annual meeting at Columbus. The motion was carried by a vote of 7 to 1, with Dr. Samuel Kramer dissenting.

Topic: Social Policy and the Administration of Justice

This topic to focus primarily on the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 and its implementation by states and local jurisdictions. There will be a secondary focus on the Juvenile De-

linquency Prevention and Control Act of 1968 and its implementation by states and local jurisdictions. The President asked Lawrence Pierce to chair this session and to organize its program. Ralph Susman will assist in organizing this session.

Dr. Cormier asked for suggestions concerning the composition of the awards committee for the annual meeting. Charles Newman suggested that the Executive Councillors should establish the awards criteria and make nominations for the awards. Dr. Kramer raised a question as to whether or not the Executive Councillors were the best-suited group to undertake this important task. A motion was introduced by Ralph Susman and seconded by Charles Newman and Christine Schultz (exercising the proxy for Dr. Dinitz) that the awards committee shall be constituted by the Executive Councillors and that its chairman shall be Professor Gerhard O.W. Mueller. The vote was 7 in favor, with Dr. Kramer dissenting.

Dr. Cormier called for the establishment of a nominating committee to submit a slate of officers for 1971. The membership of the committee was set by the President as follows: C. Ray Jeffery, Chairman; with Tadeusz Grygier, Ralph Susman and Paul Weston serving as members of the committee. President Cormier asked that the committee submit a slate of officers for consideration at the April meeting of the Executive Committee.

The next Executive Committee meeting was set for April 26, 1969 at New York University School of Law at the invitation of immediate past President, Gerhard O.W. Mueller. The Fall meeting will be held in Columbus, Ohio on a date to be set at the April meeting.

The matter concerning new members and the application process was brought up for discussion. Charles Newman suggested that the Executive Secretary should have the power to make an initial screening, following which the Executive Committee would vote final action. Albert Morris suggested that we could require an application form to be countersigned by a member. Dr. Kramer questioned the process whereby the Executive Secretary would have the discretion to make judgments for or against a membership application. Ralph Susman suggested that as Executive Secretary, he was prepared to submit a duplicate list of membership applicants to the President, to G.O.W. Mueller and to Walter Reckless along with any recommendations he might have. Thus, there would be four independent points of screening and consideration. Dr. Jeffery moved that the idea of screening as set forth by Ralph Susman be accepted. Professor Charles Newman seconded this motion. The motion was carried without opposition. The President indicated that this method would continue during his term of office.

The Executive Secretary, Ralph Susman, reported on developments in organizing the 1970 charter flight to Japan for the Fourth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders. It was reported that while no final agreement has been

signed, a tentative arrangement has been made with Northwest Airlines and that including a side trip to Hong Kong on the way home, the fare comes to slightly under \$550.00, round-trip, per person. The President instructed the Executive Secretary to move ahead with getting out an application and information form to the membership and that we require a one-third down payment, with the balance due by December 1, 1969. The President further instructed that Ralph Susman and Samuel Kramer would be the two persons with authorized signatures for the special account to be set up to receive desposits for this trip.

Motion was made and accepted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph M. Susman  
Executive Secretary