

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

May 18, 1974

John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
New York, N.Y.

PRESENT: Allen, Amos, Ball, Chambers, Cormier, Flynn, Jeffrey,  
MacNamara, Newman, Parsonage, Price, Riedel, Saari,  
Sagarin, Sylvester, Thornberry, Trebach, Zahn

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Sagarin.  
He welcomed all and invited the Board to dinner at his home.

Item 1: Future Board Meetings

Ball said we need to move Board meetings to other cities and stated the desirability of finishing the business on Saturday and canceling the Sunday session. Ball moved that the next meeting be held in a place other than New York; the motion carried. Ball moved that our future meetings be structured so that official business be conducted only on Saturday and not continued on Sunday. The motion passed.

Item 2: Minutes of Previous Meeting

A modification on "Topic 1: Treasurer's Report" within the minutes was necessary. The minutes of the February 16 meeting were corrected to read: "Sylvester gave the Treasurer's Report and announced that after the 1973 Annual Meeting, there was a surplus of \$470 from the previous meeting." The minutes were accepted as amended.

Item 3: Treasurer's Report

Assets as of May 17, 1974 are \$10,708.48. Membership totals 790 as of the same date. Newman moved adoption of the Treasurer's Report. It was unanimously adopted.

Item 4: Membership Committee Report

Allen reported on various groups which have been solicited with letters. Sagarin praised the efforts of the committee and suggested each group's membership forms be coded so that we can ascertain which mailings are most successful.

Item 5: Student Competition

Parsonage reported that the deadline is July 15 for student competition papers. Judges are to be: Jerome Himelhoch, Charles McCaghy, Julian Robuck, Mark Sulcov, and Marvin Wolfgang. Sagarin praised Parsonage for his efforts over the years; Parsonage responded by saying he has enjoyed the responsibility but would hope that someone else would be selected for the future. Newman noted that the August issue of CRIMINOLOGY will contain the first prize paper from the 1973 student competition. Ball recommended early identification of a new Student Competition Chairperson so that a smooth transition can occur. Sagarin proposed that Kittrie, Parsonage and the President come in with a recommendation at the next meeting. Sagarin will send out a letter soliciting the Board's recommendations.

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A suggestion came from a student, Zingraff, that ASC set up a student session at the annual meeting. Flynn said it might be well to have a representative of the Society monitor the quality. Newman moved that the Society go on record as expressing its deep appreciation to Parsonage for his marvelous work as chairman of the student competition.

Item 6: Chicago Meeting - 1974 Annual Meeting

Flynn reported that 30 sessions are planned. Of this number 17 are developed and 13 need to be done.

The Decriminalization Session seems to be drawing strongest response. A discussion was held on registration fee for 1974 with some urging a higher and some a lower fee. Flynn requested that Eon Taylor be supported for travel from London to Chicago round trip for his participation in the 1974 meeting. Newman moved that because of our limited funds we regret that the policy of ASC be not to provide support to participants for attendance at annual meetings with the exception of Annual Awards nominees who lack their own resources. Motion was carried. Sagarin noted that he will arrange for lecture engagements in the U.S. so that Taylor might be able to attend. Further discussion on the program and subtopics ensued. The conference hotel is the Sheraton, 505 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago. An issue of Sociological Abstracts will be devoted to the Annual Meeting.

Item 7: Report of Awards Committee

Hartung was absent; Price read his preliminary report (see 'A'). A discussion on the names submitted followed. Sagarin asked for an advisory vote and asked that all chairmen and ex-presidents present also vote. Recommendation was that Dinitz receive the Sutherland Award and that Geis be runner up. Patrick Murphy and Sol Rubin were recommended for receiving the Vollmer Award.

Recommendation for a joint Vollmer Award was also given. Sagarin observed that we are not bound by these recommendations and will have to vote on the committee's report at the next Board meeting.

Sawyer moved that the Society accept for the Sutherland Award, Sy Dinitz and for the Vollmer Award, Pat Murphy. The motion was carried. A motion was made that Gil Geis be a second choice if Dinitz cannot attend. The motion carried. A motion that the Society also give the Vollmer Award to Sol Rubin was made. The motion carried.

The Sellin-Glueck Award is the international award and Mittendorf and Ferricudi are the two nominees. Newman proposed that action on this award be deferred one year due to insufficient list of names. Motion defeated. Motion was made to give the award to Franco Ferricudi. Motion was carried.

Item 8: AAAS Report

Zahn reported that the February meeting was entitled "Coming Social Conflict in the 1990's." There were 250 persons in attendance at the session. A press conference was held. A videotape is available for those in educational units.

Zahn reported that the motions passed at the meeting were:

- a. Geneva protocol
- b. forest protection, management
- c. plight of Chilean scholars

Newman moved that we accept the report given by Zahn. Zahn moved that we send out to the membership in abbreviated form the resolutions of AAAS as a point of information. The motion was passed. Zahn moved that ASC establish a committee or liason person for acquiring information on women in criminal justice. The motion was carried.

The N.Y. meeting of AAAS, January 26-31, 1975, will be on "Crime and the Quality of Life" and involves ASC taking a half-day of full participation. Ball recommended notification of the membership be done as quickly as possible. Newman suggested Kittrie and Sagarin be a planning committee to identify people to participate.

Ball moved that we proceed next to item 6 on the agenda, plans for nominations and elections. The motion was carried.

#### Item 9: Nominations and Elections

Peter Lejins is chairman of the committee, Sagarin reported. Lejins was not present. Newman moved we discharge the nomination committee and constitute ourselves as a committee of a whole to take on its tasks. The motion was seconded. Sagarin said he hoped as a committee as of the whole, we would open up suggestions to members of the committee. The motion by Newman was carried. The committee was discharged. Ball moved that we develop a single slate of nominees. Ball suggested William Amos as president-elect; Sagarin placed in nomination Paul Friday for president-elect. Sylvester moved nominations be closed. The vote was Amos 11; Friday 4. Amos was nominated as president-elect.

Newman suggested that we recall that vice-presidents are in a position in which people win their spurs by demonstrating willingness to work for the organization. The names of Sawyer Sylvester, Leonard Savitz, Edith Flynn, Richard Myron and Simon Dinitz were placed in nomination. The vote was: Sylvester 9; Savitz 7; Flynn 6; Myron 5; Dinitz 1. The nominees for vice-president are Sylvester and Savitz. No further offices will be voted on at the annual meeting.

#### Item 10: Constitutional Revision

Price gave her report (see 'B'); Sagarin said Price should send a memo of requests to the Board for advice. Newman moved that we accept the Constitutional Committee's report. Sagarin urged that a Committee Report of recommendations be ready for the next Board meeting. The report of the Constitutional Committee was accepted.

#### Item 11: Caracas Proceedings

Sagarin said the Caracas proceedings will all be out this month. Praeger is doing the 1973 N.Y. meetings. The first volumn, "Police Problems: Prospects and Perspectives" will be out in the fall. Three more will follow.

Robert Falcier, a guest, talked to the Board and described his editing of Caracas papers rejected for the Praeger series. The Center for the Human Services will examine papers rejected for publication in the initial proceedings of both Caracas and New York meetings.

Item 12: Publications Committee

Arnold Trebach is chairman. A committee has not yet been formed and the committee requires a mandate, Trebach said.

Item 13: Criminology Report

Sagarin observed that Newman has circulated a very detailed report to all of the membership. Newman said we need a policy statement that royalty income (sale of journals to non-ASC members) be held for journal funds and designated for issue expansion. Sagarin asked for a memo so that members of the Board can vote on the request. Newman noted the quality articles seem to be coming from the police area. Newman said his tenure is three years and he requested that the Board appoint the next new editor to join one year in advance.

Item 14: Western Division

A May meeting was held in San Jose. Allen reported that communication is essential with this unit. As a firmly established separate group we have potential problems of a corporate nature. Allen said they have not thought through the issues related to raising money, making statements, etc. on behalf of the organization. Sawyer will bring a statement of all the problems to the next Board meeting.

Item 15: Toronto Meeting

Sagarin summarized his meeting on the Toronto Meeting. Kittrie was concerned about basic problems of holding our annual meeting in Toronto and expressed concern for the main thrust of the meeting. Comparative Aspects of Criminology ought to be the overall theme, he said. A timetable and hotel accommodations need to be worked out.

Item 16: Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Washington D.C. on September 21, 1974.

Item 17: History

Ball noted that Albert Morris is moving on the history which is greatly needed. An honorarium and expenses were voted by the Society for Morris.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45.

ADDENDUM: Attached is a letter which arrived after the meeting. The letter is for the information of all concerned, but the enclosure mentioned in the letter was not the correct one, and Sagarin has written to the Chancellor asking for that enclosure.

ATTACHMENT "A"

Preliminary Report of Frank Hartung, Awards Committee Chairperson

Nominees for Annual Awards

Sutherland

Sy Dinitz  
Gil Geis  
Henry D. McKay  
Anthony Platt  
Richard Quinney  
Don Gottfredson

Vollmer

Robert McKay  
Pat Murphy  
William Nagel  
Sol Rubin

International

Franco Ferricudi  
Wolf Mittendorf

ATTACHMENT "B"

Report from Constitutional Revision Committee

It is the judgment of the committee that we have not carefully enough considered some of the issues involved in the Constitution and its revision.

After the last Board meeting I took back all of the comments and recommendations from the last time and tried to fit them in with the earlier draft. Then I contacted the other members of the committee and serious questions arose on many of the decisions, particularly as to a rationale for some of these changes. We started asking why and how some of these changes are going to accomplish the goals of the Society as we understand them.

The committee feels it needs more time to consider these changes. We tried to consult on the phone in terms of getting it all together but we honestly feel we need more thinking.

We would like your assistance.

We're asking you to help us develop a rationale for some of these major changes being considered. How will this change effect, help or impede the organization? After we've received your thinking today on the rationale for the charges, then the committee will get together and hammer out some of these issues. We want to proceed logically with careful deliberation and unhurried thinking because we don't want a committee to have to again go through revision in another year.

Just prior to the next executive meeting we will try to circulate our report or bring in the report at the meeting and that report will represent our best judgment as to:

- (1) Yes, we think the constitution needs revising and here are our recommendations.
- (2) No, we think there is no need for revision at this time.

The committee wants to come up with a good report and then we will put it to a vote to approve or disapprove that report.

Issues for rationale development:

1. Preamble
2. No. of vice-presidents
3. Program chairperson - elected, appointed
4. No. of counselors and length of term
5. Standing committees and ad hoc committees

Submitted by  
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