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ASC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 1978

Sheraton-Dallas Hotel

Dallas, Texas

The Business Meeting was called to order by the Executive Secretary, Joseph E. Scott, at 4:30 p.m.

Harry E. Allen gave an updated report on the ASC Membership Committee and announced that the Membership report will be transmitted to THE CRIMINOLOGIST for the January issue.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Harry Allen, involving the period March 1, 1978 through October 31, 1978. Total income received was \$52,931.03 and total expenditures were \$48,965.95, leaving in excess of \$4,000 in terms of income. The current cash on hand totals \$17,561.78.

A report on Task Force A was given by Charles Wellford. Wellford stated that at the May meeting of the Executive Board, there was considerable discussion that a number of items had been discussed from time to time in the Society but never decided upon. It was recommended by Ronald Akers and accepted by the Board that two task forces be developed regarding issues of importance to the Society and for these task forces to give some thought and develop some positions on these issues. Task Force A was directed to look at the potential growth and activities of the Society, specifically to four items:

1. Membership goals -- realistic for membership growth and what implications does it have for the character and nature of the Society.
2. Evaluation of existing services that are offered to the membership and consideration of new services.
3. Relationships between ASC and other organizations in the crime control field and criminal justice.
4. Issue of the possibility of a full-time executive director for the Society and with that some consideration of whether relocation of the headquarters of the Society would be advisable.

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Task Force A is comprised of Frank Scarpitti, Edward Sagarin, Paul Friday, Gilbert Geis, Don Gottfredson, and chair, Charles Wellford. The task force met twice over the past few months to exchange ideas on each of the topics and sub-topics and will present a draft of their report to the Executive Board at the Sunday meeting. Wellford requested suggestions from members present at the Business Meeting in the area of services, activities, etc.

A report on Task Force B was given by Harry Allen. Allen reported his Task Force was charged to consider the feasibility of establishing a fuller, permanent staff to administer the Society affairs -- new programs which ASC might wish to undertake, how the office would be staffed, where it would be located, budget and funding. Task Force B is comprised of Alvin Cohn, William E. Amos, Barbara Raffel Price, Robert Lilly, and Harry Allen, Chair. Primary responsibilities of Task Force B will begin when Task Force A comes in with their full recommendations. Allen reported Task Force B had explored three options -- the most expensive to the least expensive, considering expanding the office in another metropolitan area, cost-sharing of space with other professional organizations, and space available in the Research Foundation at The Ohio State University. Allen reported his task force would welcome any input from the members.

Joseph E. Scott reported on the 1978-79 election of officers. Scott reported that the ballots were sent to Active members in July with the deadline of October 17 to have ballots returned to the ASC executive Office. Ballots were counted and in the President-Elect position between Don Gottfredson and Daniel Glaser, Daniel Glaser will become officially president of the Society at the 1979 annual meeting. In the Vice President-Elect position between Freda Adler and Harry E. Allen, Harry E. Allen will become Vice President-Elect. For the position of Executive Counselor, two each year are selected for three-year terms. There were four people running for the office of Executive Counselor: Benjamin Ward, C. Ronald Huff, Marc Riedel, and Edith Flynn. Edith Flynn and Marc Riedel were elected to serve 3 year terms on the Executive Board.

Scott also reported on the ERA Amendment. The Executive Board decided that the ERA Amendment should be submitted to the membership for their consideration. The proposition, as stated, passed overwhelmingly with approximately 85 percent endorsing the concept of ERA, and the Executive Board approved on the Society's position on the ERA. Barbara Raffel Price will be in charge of notifying the membership of the ERA endorsement.

Scott reported on the events leading to the participation of foreign criminologists at the Dallas meeting. Several organizations, including IREX, were contacted in the hope that they would be able to pick up the expenses of the foreign criminologists. A number of people were invited to come at their own expense. Last February a memo was sent to the ASC membership inquiring how many institutions would be willing to sponsor these visitors. A number of foreign criminologists were lined up, but some cancelled at the last minute. Scott stated that four criminologists were giving lectures throughout the United States. Stanislaw Frankowski and Jerzy Jasinski of Poland are giving lectures at a number of universities, as are Josine Junger-Tas and Willem Nagel of The Netherlands. An effort was made to have Russian criminologists at the meeting, but they cancelled at the last minute. There are representatives from 14 countries registered at the annual meeting, which is the highest participation the Society has ever had.

Alvin W. Cohn reported that the ASC newsletter, THE CRIMINOLOGIST, is commencing its third year of publication. November 15 is the deadline for the January issue. He stated that he is always looking for information from the members to include in the newsletter and to please feel free to transmit materials to him which would be relative to people in the field of criminology and criminal justice. He reported he was quite willing to publicize any meetings or programs of any of the institutions or agencies sponsoring regional or national meetings. He stated he was interested in receiving announcements of new journals, programs, activities or events which would be of interest, awards, honors, publications of the members of the Society. Send all information, along with letters to the editor, to Alvin W. Cohn, 15005 Westbury Road, Rockville, MD 20853. Cohn stated there is a six weeks deadline before each issue of the newsletter in which to forward him information for inclusion.

Harry Allen reported on the activities of the Joint Commission on Criminology and Criminal Justice Education and Standards. He noted that these activities had been carried in the last three editions of THE CRIMINOLOGIST. This is a project funded by the Office of Criminal Justice Education and Training, and the initial funding will expire March 1, 1979. The project speaks to gathering information about the levels of faculty, staff, students affiliated with criminology and criminal justice programs; primarily on the undergraduate level. A permanent office has been established in Washington, D.C. with Julius Debro as the principal investigator. There are five members from ACJS and four members from ASC serving on the Commission's Board. They are undertaking a survey of the existing criminal justice and criminology programs in the United States and are beginning to find the number that exists far exceeds what they had anticipated. Eventually they will survey a sample of these and ask basic questions on such items as number of books in the library, number of faculty offices, full-time persons, number of staff, etc. He reported the Commission has asked two noted persons, John Conrad and Richard Myren, to write position papers on criminology and criminal justice. In the next few months the commentary will be aggregated and will more widely distribute the papers. The Commission is also in the process of preparing a proposal for the third year of funding effort.

Paul Brantingham gave a report on the 1978 Annual Meeting. He stated that as of today, there were 561 registrations -- 432 fully paid registrations and 129 student registrations. A block of 500 rooms at the hotel were taken for the meeting, but he reported that the overflow arrangements had not moved as smoothly as anticipated. The meeting began with 87 panels and 7 workshops in addition to plenary sessions.

Ronald Akers reported on the 1979 Annual Meeting scheduled for November 7-10 at the Philadelphia Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He reported that he had assembled a very capable body of people who are willing to do an outstanding job for the Society. Alvin W. Cohn has been selected as the Program Chair and the theme of the 1979 meeting will be CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE: CONVERGENCES AND DIVERGENCES. He noted that a listing of the 1979 program committee is listed on the back of this year's program. Alvin Cohn will handle the topic area of "Criminology and Criminal Justice Education"; Travis Hirschi will handle "Criminological Theory, Construction Testing and Application"; Barbara Price will handle "Evaluation and Operational Research", and Benjamin Ward will handle "Criminal Justice Policy and Practice". Members of the Local Arrangements Committee are: Marilyn Slivka, Chair, Peter Buffum, C. Donald Engle, and Terence Thornberry. Any questions or suggestions regarding local arrangements should be directed to Marilyn Slivka. The deadline for receiving the Call for Papers is February 1, 1979. David Shichor suggested that papers be accepted on the basis of papers and not abstracts.

New Business: James Hackler introduced a motion that in the future the Program Chair ask the session chairs if they would ask that smoking be done on one side of the meeting session; seconded by Barbara Raffel Price. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the Business Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph E. Scott
Executive Secretary