

Minutes of the American Society of Criminology Executive Board
Saturday, 18 November, 1995, Boston Park Plaza Hotel

Present: Charles Wellford, president; Jim Short, president-elect; Freda Adler, past president; John Laub, VP; Bob Bursik, VP-elect; Chris Eskridge, treasurer; Sally Simpson Ex-Sec; Charles Tittle, Ed., Criminology; David Huizinga 96; Marjorie Zatz, 97; Christy Visher, 96; Jeffrey Fagan, 97; Marcia Chaiken, 98; guests Ray Paternoster, Chris Raushe, Hans-Jergen Kerner, Larry Sherman.

1. Approval of Boston Board Minutes (Nov. 14)--Sally Simpson
Approved

2. Hans-Jergen Kerner and Larry Sherman presented to the Executive Board a proposal that the International Society of Criminology and the ASC hold joint meetings in 2003. Washington, D.C. was identified as a potential meeting site. Sherman suggested that University of Maryland would cover translation costs and other necessary expenses associated with the joint meetings. Comments and questions from Board members were entertained. No further action was taken.

3. Meeting Location for 2001 (Charles Wellford)

New York City fell through as a meeting site for 2001. Of the three cities under consideration, D.C. was eliminated because it is already the 1988 site. Both Philadelphia and Atlanta have several strengths and weaknesses as sites. Charles recommended that Ron Huff be sent back to get more information about both cities before a final decision is made.

The midwinter meeting will be scheduled for Atlanta April 26 and 27.

4. Conferon Services (Charles Wellford)

Wellford recommended letting Conferon offer site services for free in Chicago before the Board decides whether to use their services in 1997, 19898, and 1999. We would pay for the airfare for their personnel.

Approved

It was also recommended that Ron talk to other companies and find out how Conferon has worked out for other associations.

Approved

5. Division of Women and Crime (Chris Raushe)

Raushe clarified that the Division was created for and seeks to serve gender research on such topics as women and crime, women professionals in the field, women and criminal justice, and feminist research (and researchers) of any type.

She announced that the division had published a new Curriculum Guide on Women and Crime and Criminal Justice (Volume 2). She also noted that the division will be celebrating its 10th anniversary next year and would like to dovetail this anniversary with a plenary session (or two). Ray Paternoster, the 96 program chair, indicated that the idea would be encouraged and supported.

Raushe brought two items before the board for approval:

(1) the Division will create a student paper competition; Motion Approved, but the matter of dual submissions (e.g., Division and Gene Carte) will be referred to the Committee on Student Awards.

(2) the Division would like to add a home page on internet. Discussion: Marge Zahn is willing to take care of the mechanics. Wellford recommended that ASC add a home page and that divisions be encouraged to contribute.

Approved

6. Program Report (Ray Paternoster)

The 1996 ASC meeting will be in Chicago at the Downtown Marriott. The InterContinental Hotel will handle overflow. Divisions are asked to put together up to 5 panels. There are 36 area chairs who are asked to put together one "dream panel." March 15th is the deadline for paper submissions. Paternoster indicated that the area chairs and the program chair will enforce the two appearance rule. He also reported that a restructuring of the 1996 Program and Proceedings is underway.

7. Treasurers Report (Chris Eskridge)

A copy of the 1996 proposed ASC Budget was distributed. It was noted that several important items (e.g., income from dues) was left off the budget. Also, some members expressed concern that the budget report didn't contain rolling debit and income information (monthly).

Eskridge proposed that the ASC office be awarded \$20,000 to use for the purchase of new office equipment. Specifically mentioned as needed: a copier, a fax machine with appropriate programming capacity, a computer for Sue (who wants to get online at Ohio State), and a printer.

After some discussion as to whether to hire an "expert" to conduct a needs assessment for the office, the Board approved the recommendation that \$20,000 be awarded for the purchase of the items above and that Charles Wellford would provide expert assistance.

8. Editorial Committee (John Laub)

Three issues were brought before the Board: (1) Should Criminology charge for reprinted articles? The Board agreed that more information should be gathered from other Journals before a decision is reached. (2) Planning for the next editor of Criminology. Laub suggested that the old announcement of the position be placed in The Criminologist (and other relevant sources), that Tittle prepare a fact sheet that he can fax to interested parties, that the Editor of Criminology be paid a \$10,000 stipend for each year of his/her tenure, and that there be a luncheon for the Editorial Board of Criminology at next year's meeting.

The issue of the stipend launched a long discussion and a number of motions, amendments, and new motions. A motion was made to approve

in principle the idea of a stipend for editor--however, the decision to grant the stipend would be discussed more fully once applications were made. This motion was tabled for being too vague. The Board then considered the motion to provide a stipend of \$10,000 per year for three years to the editor of Criminology. A friendly amendment was added the ASC provide a \$5000.00 honorarium to the Editor for each year of service. This motion passed. (3) The name of the Editorial Committee be changed to the Publication Committee. This action was recommended by the Board and referred to the Constitution and By Laws Committee to initiate the change.

(9) Web Page, NSF Rankings, Research Support, Data systems and Research. (Charles Wellford)

Jim Thompson and Marge Zahn are willing to put together an ASC Home Page. Wellford will explore the mechanics, but the Board approved of the decision in principal.

By the next time the NSF conducts rankings of Ph.D. programs, Criminology and Criminal Justice programs should be large enough to be included in the rankings. Wellford will collect and relevant information about the ranking process and report back to the Board. Julie Horney will put together a statement of need for research funding in the criminology and criminal justice areas. She plans to take the report to other major associations and groups to spread awareness about the need for funding.

(10) Recognition of John Clark, Merry Morash, Jim Hackler, and retiring executive counselors. Wellford will write a letter expressing the appreciation of the Society to all for their dedication and contribution to the organization. He will make a special effort to get the signatures of current and past presidents in the note to John Clark.

(11) AAAS Representation (Charles Wellford)

Jeff Fagan will be the new representative to the AAAS.

(12) Future of ASC (Charles Wellford)

Marjorie Zatz, John Laub, and Chris Eskridge will form a committee (adding Division Reps.) to discuss important issues facing the Society.

(13) Resolution on Decarceration (Charles Wellford and Chris Raushe)

The resolution on decarceration has been sent to the Policy Committee. The committee will further investigate the matter and make a recommendation to the Board at the midwinter meeting.

(14) ASC/ACJS AD HOC Committee on Education (Charles Wellford)

Donna Hale will appoint a committee to explore how the ASC can get Universities to be more responsive to large Criminology and Criminal Justice programs that have a paucity of resources. She will report back at the midwinter or fall meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by Sally Simpson (Executive Secretary)