

## ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, November 20, 1:30-5:00 Boardroom,

Royal Hotel, Toronto, Canada

Attending: Roland Chilton, President, David Farrington, Past President, Ronald Huff, President-Elect, Chris Eskridge, Executive Director, Ruth Peterson, Vice-President, Todd Clear, Vice-President Elect, Julie Horney, Cathy Widom, John Braithwaite, Steve Messner, Candace McCoy, Cheryl Maxson, Executive Counselors, Robert Bursik, Editor, Criminology, Sarah Hall, NancyWonders, Chair, Division on Women and Crime, Willie Edwards, reporting for Division on People of Color and Crime.

1. Welcome and introduction of new Board members Huff, Clear, Braithwaite, and Maxon (Roland Chilton).

2. Final comments on 1999 Toronto Meeting (David Farrington/Simon Singer). The Board discussed a problem with one large room holding two panel sessions, providing abstracts on the web, a room with computers where attendees could consult the abstracts, the costs of providing computer rooms and the possibility of a survey of members to find out their opinions on various issues related to Annual Meetings (needs, reason for cancellations and no shows at panels, cancellation of hotel rooms, extending the meeting through Saturday and Sunday). We could inquire what members think about extending but we may not be able to make a change until 2006 because of the current contracts. **The Board voted to refer the idea of extending the meeting through Saturday and Sunday to the Site Selection Committee to consider. The Board voted to include questions about the program in the materials sent to the membership. Members will be asked about making Saturday a more important day and about other aspects of the annual meeting.**

3. 2000 Annual Meeting, San Francisco (Debbie Baskin). There are many small rooms or large ballrooms so it will be difficult to schedule the appropriate size panels. There may be problems putting everyone in the rooms even with panels in two hotels. It was noted that the moderate size Ontario room worked well for plenaries at this meeting. The Guardsmark-Wolfgang Award was discussed. If the award is going to be given at the next Annual meeting during an ASC awards ceremony the recipient must be selected by an official ASC award committee. Any organization may ask to use one of the available rooms in the evening for a special award ceremony. **Chris Eskridge will contact the Guardsmark people to explain this policy to them.** The program committee was asked to be sure that participants are notified that they should show up for panels.

3. Division Reports

A. People of Color and Crime (report submitted by Stephanie Bush-Baskette and presented to the Board by Willie Edwards).

B. Women and Crime Report (Nancy Wonders). Nancy Wonders reported on the activities of the Division at this Annual Meeting. Two resolutions were submitted to the Board: (1) Overcrowded Jails and (2) Good Practices for Tenure and Promotion. The resolutions had been presented last year at the Board meeting and the Division did not know what had been decided. The Board had referred the resolution to the National Policy Committee but the committee had not responded. **The Board voted to refer the Resolution on Overcrowded Jails to this years National Policy Committee with a request that they respond.** The resolution on Good Practices Tenure and Promotion was referred to the Ethics Committee. It was discussed in the town meeting but the decision was that it was inappropriate for the Code of Ethics. **The Board voted to refer the Good Practices Resolution to the Ethics Committee.**

4. American Council of Learned Societies. The Interorganizational Relations Committee investigated the American Council of Learned Societies and recommended that the ASC apply for membership. **Roland Chilton will contact the American Council of Learned Societies and ask that the ASC be admitted to membership.**

5. ASC Constitution, By-Laws, and Policies (Julie Horney/ Chris Eskridge). Chris Eskridge will put the revised policies and procedures on web. This will be an item on the agenda for the Mid-winter meeting. **Roland Chilton will remind Chris Eskridge to remind Board members to review the charges to committees before the Mid-year meeting.** The job description for the Executive Director has been written.

Chris Eskridge, the current Executive Director and Treasurer, recommended that ASC keep the Treasurer position with Executive Director until the next Fall meeting at which point Ron Huff should be ready to appoint a Treasurer as specified by the ASC Constitution. The relationship between the Finance Committee, the Executive Director and the Treasurer will be clearly defined at that time.

6. By-Law Expenditure prevision. **The Board voted to approve the following change in the By-Laws:** "Payments from society funds up to a sum of \$1000 may be approved by the President, the Treasurer, the Executive Director, or the Administrator. Payments in excess of \$750 but that still fall within the Executive Board approved line-item budget may be approved by the president, The Treasurer, the Executive Director, or the Administrator. Payments that are in excess of \$1000 AND in excess of the Executive Board approved line-item budget must have the approval of both the President and the Executive Director"

7. ASC received a request from Martin Killias for assistance in helping Europeans start a European Society of Criminology. The Board suggested that Chris Eskridge continue the discussion with those interested in developing a European Society of Criminology. The Board also suggested that Chris Eskridge seek the assistance of Larry Sherman who is the current Chair of the International Society of Criminology.

There was a discussion on public policy issues, the possibility of starting a foundation that is made up of our members but focuses on public policy, the possibility of funding from a publishing company and general public policy and the position of ASC. There is some

possibility that some funding might be available from a publishing company. **The Board voted to ask the National Policy Committee how ASC should interact with the media and political decision makers, specifically, how should they be given information about the expertise of the membership. For example, when the media and/or political decision-makers call the ASC offices how should Chris handle the calls requesting contacts with experts in the field?**

8. Pre-registration fee. A discussion ensued regarding the problems with people who do not show up for their panel sessions. **The Board voted to request President-Elect Ronald Huff to chair an ad-hoc committee to decide how to reduce the no-shows at the Annual Meeting. The Board voted to request program chairs to initiate a count of attendees at panel sessions.**

9. **CODE OF ETHICS.** The proposed Code of Ethics and the Town Meeting were discussed. The Code has been sent to the committee to review and revise in light of comments from members. There appear to be two parts to the code: (a) informational/educational and (b) sanctioning. There was a concern about how the code will be enforced and that some of the code is very vague so it will be difficult to enforce. **The Board requested Chris Eskridge to ask Lynne Goodstein to mail copies of the revised Code of Ethics to Board Members as soon as they are available so they can review the revised Code and discuss it at the next Board meeting.**

10. ASC Committee/Representative reports.

A. Hindelang Book Award. **The Board voted to change the Hindelang Book Award nomination process so books may now be nominated by individuals, institutions and publishers.**

B. The Criminology Report (report submitted and reported by Bob Bursik).

C. The Criminologist/Vice President's role. **The Board voted to ask the Vice-President to provide the lead articles for *The Criminologist* beginning with Todd Clear's term as Vice-President.**

11. Proposal to place an employment exchange on the web (Todd Clear). Todd Clear suggested that the ASC place job announcements and applicant resumes on the ASC web pages. The institutions would be charged. But there would be no cost for applicants and those seeking employment on the web. The announcements would be removed from the web after a specific period of time. Applicants and institutions would be required to send a hard copy and a disk copy. Applicants for jobs would have to be members of ASC. Todd Clear will send a written proposal to the ASC office. The staff will attempt to implement it.

12. Five-year plan (Ruth Peterson). Three Vice Presidents met and discussed areas of concern of members. These will be used as the starting points for the five-year plan. This will be a long-term process, they will deliver a statement of priorities for the Mid-Winter Board

meeting. Recommendations about strategies or actions will come later. They will begin by reviewing what is currently in place.

13. Division on Corrections and Sentencing (Doris MacKenzie). The Division on Corrections and Sentencing held their first Division meeting. They elected officers, voted on the name of the division, voted to accept the Constitution and By-Laws, voted on Division dues and formed standing committees. **The Board voted to accept the Division's Constitution and By-Laws.**

14. Site Selection (Chris Eskridge) The Site Selection committee proposed seven potential East Coast cities for the 2007 Annual Meeting. The Board asked them to consider five cities: Miami Beach (94), Baltimore(90), Philadelphia, Montreal, Boston. They will report on these sites at the Mid-Winter Board meeting.

15. Membership. **The Board voted to print a membership directory to send to members.** The membership committee proposed that everyone who completes a Ph.D. degree in Criminology be given a free membership for one year. Letters would be sent to those on our list of Criminal Justice and Criminology degree granting programs and also ASC members could recommend someone with a letter. Motion did not pass.

16. Next Board Meeting Friday and Saturday, April 28, 29 in San Francisco.

### **Decisions Made**

1. The Board approved change in By Laws that increases the payment amounts the President, the Executive Director, or the Administrator can approve.

2. The Board approved the Constitution and By Laws of the Division on Corrections and Sentencing

3. The Board reauthorized the printing and distribution of a membership directory.

4. The Board approved a change in procedures to permit publishers and others to nominate books for the Hindelang Award.

5. The Board voted to create an ad hoc committee to develop recommendations for reducing no-shows at the Annual Meeting and to ask President-Elect Ron Huff to chair it. The Committee will develop a report for the mid-year meeting.

6. The Board voted to ask the Vice President, starting with Todd Clear (2001), to provide the lead articles for the Criminologist. Each Vice President will write or solicit lead articles for the Criminologist for the year during which she or he serves.

**To be done by President**

1. Write to the American Council of Learned Societies and ask that the American Society of Criminology be invited to membership.

**To be done by the Vice President**

1. Working with the Vice President Elect and the Immediate Past Vice President, Ruth Peterson will present a report on areas of concern to members, strategies and actions now in place, and the development of a five-year plan. The report will include a discussion of possible priorities for the ASC.

**To be done by Executive Director**

1. Explain awards policy for next year to Guardsmark.
2. Remind Board members to read and review charges to committees and other changes in Practices and Procedures manual for discussion at the mid-year meeting.
3. Continue the discussions on ASC help in the creation of a European Society of Criminology, asking the International Society of Criminology for comment if they are interested.
4. Ask Todd Clear to write a proposal to present to the Board regarding how the employment exchange would be put on the Web.

**To be done by the Secretary**

1. Ask Site Selection Committee to consider extension of Annual Meeting through at least Saturday.
2. Ask the Program Chairs and the ASC Office to include questions about the Program, including a Saturday extension, in the mailings for the next meeting.
3. Ask National Policy Committee to review and make recommendations to the Board on the Overcrowded Jails resolution from Division on Women and Crime.
4. Ask the National Policy Committee to review and make recommendations to the Board on procedures for providing information and expertise to the media and political decision

makers and the creation of a tax-exempt criminological policy foundation.

5. Ask the Ethics Committee to review and make recommendations to the Board on the Good Practices in Tenure and Promotion resolution from the Division on Women and Crime.
6. Ask the Ethics Committee to send copies of the revised code of ethics to Board members
7. Notify the Hindelang Award Committee that publishers and others may nominate books for the Hindelang Award

**To be done by each Board member**

1. Review the revised Code of Ethics before the mid-year meeting and come prepared to approve, amend, or change it for distribution and a vote by ASC members to adopt or reject it.
2. Review the charges to committees and other changes in the policies and procedures manual for approval, amendment, or deletion at the mid-year Board meeting.