

ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday April 17, 2009 and Saturday April 18, 2009
Philadelphia Marriott Hotel

Board Members Attending: Robert Agnew, Joanne Belknap, Todd Clear, Karen Heimer, Cheryl Maxson, Wayne Osgood, Alex Piquero, Richard Rosenfeld, Cassia Spohn, Pat VanVoorhis. Also in attendance: Bonnie Fisher (Treasurer) and Chris Eskridge (Executive Director).

The meeting was called to order by ASC President Todd Clear at 3:05 pm, April 17, 2009.

1. Natasha Frost and Joshua Freilich, the 2009 Program Co-Chairs, reported on their Philadelphia Meeting planning activities to date.
2. The Executive Director and Treasurer's report was presented. It is estimated that 2009 will be a revenue neutral year.
3. The Board had an extensive discussion regarding policy issues, and the following action was taken:
 - a. It was moved (by Rick Rosenfeld) and seconded (by Joanne Belknap) that the ASC Executive Board endorse Senate Bill 714 of the 1st session of the 111th Congress (to Establish a National Criminal Justice Commission). The motion passed 10 – 0.
 - b. It was moved (by Joanne Belknap) and seconded (by Cheryl Maxson) to extend the contract with the Raben Group through April 2010, up to \$2,000 per month. The motion passed 10 – 0. The Raben group is asked to provide the Board with a detailed report of their activities.
 - c. It was moved (by Cassia Spohn) and seconded (by Joanne Belknap) that Todd seek to build a coalition to pursue an agenda with the Raben that is to addresses three issues:
 1. Advancing Senate Bill 714 (regarding the establishment of a National Criminal Justice Commission).
 2. Developing and promoting a formal advising structure within NIJ, BJS and OJJDP.
 3. Establishing the groundwork for reorganizing the federal research function in crime and justice

The motion passed 10 – 0.

- d. The Board asked Todd to visit with the Acting Director of NIJ regarding NIJ reorganization and justice research issues.
 - e. The Board asked Todd to work with Howard Silver and the Raben Group to address the relationship between NIJ and the field of criminology, and to examine the role of criminology within the Department of Justice in general.
 - f. The Board asked the Ad Hoc Criminology Policy Committee to work with Todd and Rick to develop a charge for a standing ASC Policy Committee. They are asked to prepare a report for the November Board Meeting.
4. The Board made the following awards for 2009:
 - a. Bloch - Alfred Blumstein
 - b. Cavan - Kevin Beaver
 - c. Fellows - David McDowall, Sally Simpson, Richard Wright
 - d. Sellin-Glueck - David Nelken
 - e. Sutherland - Nicole Rafter
 - f. Vollmer - Elliott Currie
 - g. Outstanding Paper - Ted Chiricos., Kelle Barrick, William Bales, and Stephanie Bontrager (August 2007). "The labeling of convicted felons and its consequences for recidivism" *Criminology* 45 (3): 547-582.
 5. It was moved (by Rick Rosenfeld) and seconded (by Cheryl Maxson) that we ask the Editor of CPP to work in conjunction with COSSA to explore the possibility of establishing a regular Congressional Breakfast, based on a CPP theme. The motion passed 10 - 0.
 6. It was moved (by Wayne Osgood) and seconded (by Joanne Belknap) to adopt the following ASC/United Nations Liaison job description:

ASC/United Nations Liaison Duties

From the ASC Policy Manual, Section 6.10.4.1.3

...These individuals work with the Divisions and individual members to inform them of relevant U.N. activities, and encourage and coordinate participation in such U.N. venues as Alliance, ISPAC, Crime Commission, and Crime Congress meetings. These individuals, utilizing United Nations terminology, will serve as the Society's representatives at United Nations meetings where the Society has a presence. While the United Nations utilizes "representative" terminology, these individuals (and any other U.N.

Liaisons whom the ASC Board may designate) do not represent the Society, nor the Society leadership in the literal sense of the word. They cannot speak for the Society...

Operationally, we would ask the liaison(s) to do the following:

Get information about upcoming UN activities/meetings out to the membership via the ASC web page and newsletter, and the DIC listserv and newsletter. This may also include a table/booth at the ASC Annual Meetings to promote the UNODC activities, the United Nations Crime Congresses, and to generally increase the awareness of ASC members as to the activities and functions of the United Nations in the crime and criminology arena.

Attend the annual UNODC Crime Commission meetings (usually held in Vienna in April), as the ASC representative(s). Purpose of attending this meeting is to acquire an understanding of the most pressing policy-relevant research issues faced by the relevant UN agencies, as well as establishing and maintaining contact with UNODC and other UN-related officials as well as NGOs.

*Prepare a report of the event for the Board, write a piece in the 500 word range for *The Criminologist*, and pass this same article on to the DIC in particular and other ASC divisions who may have an interest*

Organize 2 or more sessions at the ASC Annual Meetings that have United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) activity relevance, or are of interest to the larger mission of the United Nations.

Collaborate with UNICRI (United Nations Interregional Research Institute) in the preparation of at least one annual publication (I e., UNICRI Research Series on International Crime Issues) based on the paper presentations in one or more of the UN-focused panels (see point 3). This publication will not bear the formal imprint of the ASC, but will acknowledge in the Introduction, that the papers were presented at a panel at the ASC annual meeting.

Organize one or more sessions at the United Nations Crime Congresses (held every 5 years). These will not be noted as ASC organized sessions, but the ASC representative(s) will organize them as a service to our members, and as a service to the UNODC.

*As occasion may arise, attend other United Nations meetings of interest as the ASC representatives, such as the Alliance meetings in New York City, the ISPAC meetings in Courmayeur, and other UNODC and ECOSOC meetings relevant to our field. Prepare a report of the events for the Board, write a short article for *The Criminologist* when appropriate, and pass this same article on to the DIC in particular and other ASC division who may have an interest.*

7. The Undergraduate Minority Fellowship Committee is asked to consider the viability of the present Undergraduate Minority Fellowship program, and to explore other undergraduate minority scholarship program options.

8. The Board awarded the Graduate Minority Fellowships to the following individuals for 2009:
 - a. Amanda Gendon
 - b. David Glisch-Sanchez
 - c. Yvonne Isom
 - d. Xavier Perez
 - e. LaTosha Traylor
 - f. Morghan Velez-Young

The Board usually awards three Minority Fellowships per year, but awarded three additional scholarships this year on a one-time basis.

9. The Board received and accepted reports from:
 - a. AAAS Liaison
 - b. United Nations Liaison
 - c. Membership Committee
 - d. Minority Affairs Committee
 - e. Nominations Committee
 - f. Publications Committee
 - g. Student Affairs Committee
 - h. Mentoring Sub-Committee
 - i. Teaching Committee
 - j. Criminology Editor
 - k. CPP Editor
 - l. Division on Corrections and Sentencing
 - m. Division of Critical Criminology

10. It was moved (by Joanne Belknap) and seconded (by Cheryl Maxson) that the budget for the Mentoring Subcommittee/Mentoring Program be increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per year. The motion passed 10 - 0.

11. The Board will ask Bonnie Berry to write up an RFP regarding a non-student mentoring program. The RFP will be placed on the web and published in an upcoming issue of *The Criminologist*. Bonnie, Todd and Chris will review proposals and make a recommendation to the Board at the Board Meeting in November.

12. The Board will await the final report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Educational Standards.
13. The Ad Hoc Fiscal Committee will report to the Board at the November meeting.
14. It was moved (by Rick Rosenfeld) and seconded (by Karen Heimer) that the following call for editors be announced to the members in the Fall:

New Editor Sought for *Criminology*

The American Society of Criminology (ASC) invites applications for the position of Editor of *Criminology*, one of its official journals. The new Editor will be responsible for three volumes beginning with the February 2012 issue. It is anticipated that new manuscript submissions will transfer to the new Editor around November 2010. ASC is considering an integrated system of electronic manuscript submission and review for its journals and the new Editor is expected to benefit from this process.

The Editor is responsible for the timely and substantive output of the journal, including the solicitation of manuscripts, supervision of the peer review process and the final selection of articles for publication. The American Society of Criminology pays for copy-editing and final proof-reading, typesetting, providing PDF files, and up to \$35,000 per year toward full-time equivalent Managing Editor/graduate student assistance. The Editor's supporting institution might propose to provide office space, file storage, equipment, and funds to cover office expenses such as postage, phone, copying, additional graduate student assistance, and release time for the Editor. ASC will provide a \$5,000 honorarium to the Editor each year. Supporting institutions may propose to assume some of the expenses now provided by the ASC.

Interested applicants may contact the current Editor, Denise Gottfredson (dgottfredson@crim.umd.edu; 301-405-4717) for additional information regarding the logistics or operational details of editing and producing the journal. Applicants are welcome to contact Cheryl Maxson, Chair, ASC Publications Committee (cmaxson@uci.edu; 949/824-5150), to discuss their applications before submission.

Application materials should include (1) a statement of editorial philosophy, (2) resumes of all proposed personnel, including the Editor and Associate Editors, and (3) assurances and details of institutional support. **Eight CD's** containing application materials should be sent to:

Cheryl Maxson
Chair, ASC Publications Committee
Dept. of Criminology, Law and Society
University of California, Irvine
2309 Social Ecology II
Irvine, CA 92697-7080

Applications must be received by March 1, 2010.

15. It was moved (by Alex Piquero) and seconded (by Cheryl Maxson) to accept the 2010 Program Committee and the 2009-2010 ASC Committees and Liaisons as proposed by President-Elect Rick Rosenfeld (links below). The motion passed 10 - 0.
 - a. [2010 Program Committee](#)
 - b. [2009-2010 ASC Committees and Liaisons](#)

16. Rick Rosenfeld gave a report of the San Francisco site visit.

17. An Ad Hoc Award Committee was establish to examine the ASC award process. The committee is asked to:
 - a. Consider award committee membership make-up.
 - b. Establish standard guidelines for choosing award winners.
 - c. Establish standard guidelines for the various award committee reports.
 - d. Review conflict of interest issues.

This Ad Hoc Committee will be chaired by Joanne Belknap.

18. With permission from appropriate parties, ASC will now videotape the Presidential and Sutherland presentations, and post them on the ASC web site.

19. It was moved (by Pat Vanvoorhis) and seconded (by Bob Agnew) that the Board approve the establishment of the Division of Experimental Criminology. The motion passed 9 – 0 with one abstention. The Division of Experimental Criminology will officially become a division once it holds its first business meeting in conjunction with the ASC meetings in November.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm on Saturday, April 18, 2009.

Chris Eskridge, Recorder