

To: ASC Board
From: Chris Eskridge
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Re: Executive Director's Report

This has again been a very busy six months since we last met. The bottom line is that we are financially sound, and remain a vibrant, active professional society. There is much going on in many spheres in our organization. We are now as large as we have ever been, we have ten divisions and one more are in the works, we have begun to move into the policy arena, our committees are active...we are a very lively entity! The San Francisco meetings are turning out to be larger than expected, with probably 3,800-4,000 coming from roughly 40 countries. We also have a host of external groups meeting with us, which is wonderful of course.

In sum, over the last six months we have engaged in the normal flow of business, as normal as anything is with this very dynamic and active organization of ours. A few detailed thoughts:

1. *Divisions*

As usual, I try to stay in touch with the Divisions, especially at this time of the year as they make their annual meeting plans. I have been working very closely with two divisions in particular of late as they work to develop a division publication (Division of Corrections and Sentencing; Division of Life Course Criminology). It appears as if we might be getting yet another division soon, a white collar crime division. As noted in the financial report, all the divisions are doing well, with solid membership and positive account balances.

2. *Committees*

Our more than 30 committees and liaison representatives have been active of course, and I have stayed in touch with the various chairs and liaison reps when needed. The Joint Policy Committee (now called the Crime and Justice Policy Alliance - CJPA) has been particularly lively, holding phone meetings on a regular basis. I have participated in many of those meetings as an ex officio member. As of this writing, the next meeting of the CJPA Committee is set for this coming Monday. The main agenda item is a phone interview of a candidate who is a finalist for the policy specialist position we have been talking about for some time.

3. *Policy and Procedures Manual*

We made all of the updates to the Policy and Procedures manual subsequent to the Spring Board Meeting, and posted it on the web.

4. *Columbus Office Update*

As I reported last year, the Columbus staff continues to perform above and beyond, handling the elections, getting the annual meeting program together, dealing with the newsletter, keeping the membership list and database up to date, and handling our funds in an orderly fashion. Susan Case has again done a remarkable amount of work updating and preparing the app ready for the meeting. Nicole Coldiron has also again

spent a significant amount of time going through our financial records, re-examining our financial protocols, and updating things to streamline our operations. Kelly Vanhorn has been working closely with Susan Sharp on the newsletter, and has spent a large amount of time and effort of course keeping our rather large webpage up to date. She has also been heavily involved in meeting registration logistics. We have an extremely professional, dedicated, and committed staff who are focused on the health and well-being of ASC, who regularly go the extra mile, and who are always looking for ways to save ASC money. We are very fortunate.

5. *Sequent Report*

I was asked to contact Sequent, (the Human Resource firm based in Columbus, Ohio) and to hire them to develop a list of qualifications solid job applicants should possess if they were to fulfill any one of our three staff positions. I will include their report with other materials that I send to you.

6. *Annual Meeting Preparations*

- A. San Francisco (2014) - We did our site visit last Spring in conjunction with the Mid-year Board Meeting and lined things up. We have worked with the hotel staff since of course. The hotel is full, things are organized, the program book is printed, the app program is up and running, bags and badges have been ordered....we are ready to go!

- B. Washington, D.C. (2015) – I went to Washington, D.C. last Spring and took another good look at the hotel (Washington Hilton - we were there in 2011). There have been some minor renovations since we were there, but unfortunately no new breakout rooms have been added. This is going to be a challenging year, as meeting space will be very tight. We picked up some meeting space across the street, but we will still need to be creative in a variety of ways to get everything to fit.

7. *Ice Cream Social*

I saved the best until last as always...you are all invited to participate in the Ice Cream Social which will take place from 1:30 to 2:45 on Thursday in the Exhibit Hall (Salon 9). The event will again be sponsored by Wiley. All Board members, please get ready to do some scooping!