

The Western Division of the American Society of Criminology was created subsequent to a meeting held on May 19, 1973 on the campus of California State University - San Diego. The principles at that meeting were June Morrison, Dave Wexler, and Tom Gitchoff. The first meeting of the Western Division of the American Society of Criminology was held on May 3 - 4, 1974 at the Hyatt House, in San Jose, California. The theme of the meeting was Corruption in Criminal Justice. The second meeting of the Western Division was held from February 14 -15, 1975 at the Westin St. Francis Hotel, in San Francisco, California. The theme of that meeting was Implementing Change. The third and last meeting of the Western Division of the American Society of Criminology was held from February 12 -14, 1976 at the Hanalei Hotel, in San Diego, California. The theme was, Two Hundred Years of Criminal Justice: Challenges for the Future. At that meeting, the Western Division leadership decided to establish a separate Western Society of Criminology. The American Society of Criminology held its Board Meeting in conjunction with this meeting of the Western Division, and the principle parties were able to meet together and work out an amicable separation arrangement. The first meeting of the newly created Western Society of Criminology was held the following year, February 16 - 18, 1977, in Las Vegas.