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THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY
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The Executive Board of the American Society of Criminology convened at 10:50 a.m. in Vanderbilt Hall, New York University School of Law on July 1, 1972. The following members were present: Newman (chairman), Ball, Hartung, MacNamara, Sagarin, Price, Amos, Mueller, Adler, Cooper, Kirtie, Vega-Delgado.

The minutes of the previous executive meeting were accepted. The treasurer's report was given indicating the following assets:

2 year certificate of deposit	6%	\$5000.00
2 year certificate of deposit	6%	1112.01
savings account	5%	4414.93
checking account	--	427.40

TOTAL ASSETS \$10954.34

Newman began the meeting by offering certain observations on the meeting in Caracas, and reading a letter from the travel agency (copies of which will be sent later in the summer). He encouraged the Board members to pre-register early.

Price indicated that there are at present 23 paid pre-registrations. She stated that the price of air travel from J. F. K. Airport will be \$168 round trip. People north of Atlanta are encouraged to come to New York. A KLM jet, 747, leaves New York at 10:00 a.m., November 19. Travel arrangements are being taken care of by a State College travel agency who will send information on air fare and hotel accommodations to all participants. There will be a \$50 deposit on travel.

There was general discussion of the means and extent of notification of prospective participants. Mueller indicated that Venezuela has a list of such prospects but it is not as complete as the "Mendoza" list. Cooper stated that Buroz has the "Mendoza" list and Cooper will ask to use it. Sagarin stated that, so far, only three Latins are on his list of participants and that if others have agreed to participate, he must know their names to prepare the program.

Ball said that we should engage in as wide publicity as possible, and should perhaps send out our own literature.

Newman agreed but suggested we determine what the Latins have done before any such mailing. He said that concurrent sessions at the meeting will allow late papers to be included.

Cooper said it was his understanding that Venezuela would issue a call for papers on its own. However, Amos indicated that from talking to South American visitors many people seemed not to know about the program. Cooper asked whether we ought to invite specific people, especially Latin American scholars.

Mueller suggested that general information should be sent out widely. Secondly, some people should be specifically invited. Thirdly, a few people might have their expenses paid--except that there are no funds.

Amos said he had explored funding possibilities and agreed there were no funds. Cooper said that the matters of invitations had been left to the Venezuelans. Newman suggested that the matter be arranged by himself, Mueller, and Cooper. There was general agreement.

Newman stated that student papers are being received and evaluated by Morris, Wolfgang, and Cormier. Canals in Puerto Rico asked if he might arrange a similar competition for Spanish-American students. Hall moved that the Board endorse the proposal to let Canals handle the Latin-American competition. The motion carried.

Amos indicated there was considerable interest in the meeting on the part of judges, and suggested a mailing to all Federal and state judges describing the Society. Newman agreed and stated that, as another recruitment effort, he is at present circularizing those who have recently published in criminological journals. He has also been circularizing upper-level administration in police departments. He said there was no funding for graduate students or junior faculty to attend the meeting, though N. S. F. funds are being sought.

Mueller for the Awards Committee reported that the Volmer Award has been accepted by Jerome Skolnick and Skolnick will be at the meeting to accept. For the Sutherland Award, Burger has declined. Warren is the next choice--and this is still pending--; Leslie Wilkins is the next choice.

Newman reported that Adler had arranged for training sessions in criminal justice in Jamaica, and MacNamara reported that the system there, though still rigorous and punitive, is one which the Jamaicans are eager to change. He said that the training sessions were quite successful.

Newman asked MacNamara to write a report of his experiences for the Presidential Newsletter. He also indicated that he believed the Society should become partly a research organization and obtain funds to have members of the Society engage in such research.

Hall agreed that the long-term goals of the Society should be research, training, and evaluation. He further stated that the Executive Board itself should find more opportunities to discuss substantive issues in criminology--more than simply the Annual Meeting.

Amos suggested that the Society could be better represented in such things as committee hearings in Washington.

There was a general discussion of the advisability of the Society taking a public stand on issues related to criminal justice.

Kitrie indicated that anything more than a simple resolution would require considerable work to obtain a representative gleaning of opinion from the membership.

Sagarin suggested that resolutions have little potential for good and some potential for harm.

Amos suggested the Society publish a "Statement of Principles." Mueller stated that the Society should be wary of stating "principles" which would in any way tend to limit freedom of inquiry.

Sagarin suggested that the Society should publish for its membership a research letter where members could state their work-in progress. This would create a collegial relationship among people engaged in similar research and writing. Kitrie agreed and said that such a procedure has worked well in the I. A. D. P. He also announced that the A. A. A. S. program in December would include two sessions for the A. S. C. on the subject "Crime Prevention: Heredity and Environment Revisited."

(The meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed.)

Newman suggested another Executive Board meeting September 16th at Temple University and announced that the next annual meeting will be held in New York City. There has been an invitation for 1974 in Chicago. In 1975 we are to have an annual meeting in connection with the International Society for Criminology in Toronto.

Sagarin moved to accept Chicago as the site for 1974. The motion was seconded. Ball moved to table the motion. The motion to table was seconded and carried. ✓

Newman announced that circumstances at Penn State are such that he will be able to devote his full time and that of his staff to the Society for the remainder of the year.

Sagarin reported on the program for the Annual Meeting. He said the response to the call for papers has been extraordinarily successful. There are good titles coming from both prestigious and obscure places. He said that the format required a large number of participants of which at present we have 107. (As some papers have been co-authored, there are actually nearer to 125 participants.) There are to be 10 workshops. Sagarin indicated there had been great interest in the teaching of criminology and next in interest appears to be the subject of victimology.

The papers are strong on sociology but not too strong on psychiatry. There are some papers from Blacks and Spanish-speaking North Americans but there seems to be some problem in obtaining Latin-American participants. Papers are limited to a total of 15 pages and are due by August 15. 100 copies should be brought to Caracas by the author.

Kitrie asked whether we can accommodate more legalistic papers.

Sagarin said we could but we need an early commitment and any person writing a paper must agree to be in Caracas to present it.

Cooper said we should encourage such papers since South American colleagues are primarily lawyers.

Sagarin remarked that some of our own criminologists have degrees both in law and sociology. He indicated we have a large number of participants from Canada but practically no Europeans. He indicated that there will be simultaneous sessions of 15 to 20 people, each with a chairman to direct discussion.

Newman pointed out that at registration a person will designate the workshops in which he plans to participate and will receive copies of the papers to be discussed each day. He further indicated that the facilities of the hotel for printing and simultaneous translation are excellent.

Sagarin reminded the Board that one copy of each participant's paper must be sent to him for translation, though the other 100 copies are to be taken to Caracas by the author.

Newman indicated there is to be only one session of round-table luncheons but the flexibility of the program would allow for more if desired.

Sagarin, Cooper, and Adler were appointed to a committee to schedule the program.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary-Treasurer