

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 16-17, 1974

New York University

New York, New York

PRESENT: Allen, Cohn, Flynn, Friday, Goldabar, Hartung, Jeffery, Kittrie, Mueller, Price, Reidel, Sarri, Sylvester, Woodward, Zahn

President Sagarin opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The agenda was read and ammended to include one new item for discussion, the Western Division meeting.

Topic 1: Treasurer's Report

Sylvester gave the Treasurer's Report and announced that after the 1973 Annual Meeting, there was a surplus in the treasury of approximately \$470.00. The report was accepted as given.

Topic 2: Membership Report

Sylvester announced the membership figures for the American Society of Criminology since 1968 were as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEMBERS</u>
1968	373
1970	374
1972	529
1973-74	700
1974 (July)	794

Chairperson Cohn called for a membership drive directed at increasing student membership. He observed that he saw no reason why we cannot reach 1000 by the time of the next annual meeting. Cohn raised the question of possible differential registration rates as a membership recruiting device. Allen recommended contact with other organizations and criminal justice agencies. Sagarin expressed appreciation to Cohn, Allen, and Friday for work so far on membership.

Topic 3: Plans for the Toronto Meeting

Sagarin reported that preliminary planning for the September, 1975, meeting in Toronto has begun. The theme of the meeting will be United Nations related. Sagarin gave all information and correspondence regarding the Toronto meeting to Kittrie. Notification to specific foreign delegations of the A.S.C. meeting will be made well in advance. Sagarin said Board decision was made at the last meeting to go to Toronto.

Topic 4: Plans for the Chicago Meeting

Flynn reported that specific arrangements for the Chicago meeting are progressing well. The specific location (i.e., hotel) has not yet been decided. Patterson-Smith has been contacted.

The number of sessions to be conducted during the meeting has been reduced from 31 to 28, as follows: 12 sessions on Saturday including the Editorial Board luncheon; 8 sessions on Sunday including the Awards Luncheon; and 8 sessions on Monday (4 in the morning, 4 in the afternoon, and an Executive Council Luncheon). The pros and cons of having an Awards Banquet were discussed. The content of three of the sessions has been agreed upon and is

currently being formulated. They are: (1) Victimology; (2) Toward Radical Criminology: Theory, Method, and Practice; and (3) Conflict Resolution.

Flynn stated that she has contacted Sociological Abstracts in order to provide those working on the presentations with necessary information. Akers inquired whether all papers submitted will be included in the program. Flynn responded that only the best papers will be presented. Zahn suggested that there be several calls for papers so that non-members might also submit papers for consideration. Several persons requested to have an opportunity to suggest specific program topics that would be related to the general theme. Woodward reported that the Chicago people do not feel they are being included in the decision-making process. Sagarin suggested that Flynn take on the responsibility of forming a committee with some of the Chicago people. Based on Akers suggestion Flynn will look into the possibility of local publishers joining the joint display of Patterson-Smith. Suggestion was made that awardees speeches should be given at the plenary session. Price suggested combining the Awards Luncheon with roundtables.

Topic 5: Award's Committee Report

Award's Committee Chairperson Hartung reported that Milton Luger, Austin Turk, and Gerhard Mueller will serve on the committee. In addition to these, Conway Esselstyn has expressed a desire to join the committee. There are four awards to be presented: The Sutherland, Vollmer, Block, and the Sellin-Glueck award. Sagarin said that all award recommendations should be presented to the Executive Board at the next meeting.

Topic 6: Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were distributed and acceptance was unanimous.

Topic 7: Journal Report

The journal report which Newman sent was read to the Executive Board. He noted in the report that a new section entitled "Research Notes" will be added to the journal to improve criminological communication. To date he has received over 139 papers since July of 1973.

Topic 8: A.S.C. Stand on A.A.A.S. Equal Opportunity Statement

Sagarin read the American Association for the Advancement of Science statement on equal opportunity. An American Society of Criminology endorsement letter regarding the statement will be sent to A.A.A.S.

Zahn suggested that A.S.C. endorse the A.A.A.S. stand on the treatment of Russian scientists. Zahn moved that A.S.C. support an A.A.A.S. statement which censures all societies that curtail freedom of research. The motion was seconded and passed. As a result of the passage of this motion, Zahn was authorized to vote on A.S.C.'s behalf on any motion made by A.A.A.S. which does not censure any particular nation.

Topic 9: University of California

Sagarin reported that a letter of regret at the abandonment of the School of Criminology was sent. A return acknowledgement was received.

Topic 10: Student Award Committee

Sagarin stated that Himmelhoch, Wolfgang, McCaghy, and others will serve as readers on the Student Awards Committee. A letter containing all details relating to the student competition will soon be distributed to the membership.

Topic 11: Constitution Committee Report

Price recapitulated the history of the committee's work on constitutional revisions and stated that the present draft is a rewriting of one which was originally developed by the committee.

Several motions regarding the selection process of executive councilors were made and subsequently defeated. Sagarin then moved that six executive councilors be elected for three-year terms, and three be appointed by the president for one-year terms only. The motion was carried eight to two.

The complete draft was read and suggestions were made from the floor. Another draft will be drawn up by Price with the committee of Amos and Kittrie. The meeting was adjourned for Saturday.

Sunday, February 17, 1974 (meeting continued)

Topic 12: Western Division

Allen reported that the Western Division would hold a meeting on May 3-4, 1974. The theme of the meeting is "Corruption and Criminal Justice."

Topic 13: 1976 Meeting

Sagarin has written letters opening up the possibility of Tucson as the 1976 site.

Topic 14: International Affiliation

Friday reported he is getting a list of organizations. He is getting a clarification on A.S.C.'s relationship to I.A.C. The matter is also to be pursued by Sagarin and Lejins. The conclusion of the discussion was that we will co-sponsor meetings, panels, and discussion groups; but this will not replace the annual meetings.

There have been two formal invitations; one from Munster with Hans Schneider, the other at Freiberg, the latter is a workshop and research, tied in with the annual meeting of the German Criminology Society. The person in charge is G. Kaiser.

The suggestion was made that A.S.C. publish the dates and times of international conferences in CRIMINOLOGY or NEWSLETTERS. Kittrie said he wants to have two pages devoted to international affairs. Because of time limitations, the NEWSLETTER might better serve this purpose. Sagarin will write Newman to say that announcements of other meetings will be made through NEWSLETTER and also should appear in the Journal.

Topic 15: Publications

Two of the Caracas proceedings books are out. One is in page proof; the 4th is coming out by mid-summer. Mueller is putting out a volume of papers on education with Charles C. Thomas as publishers. Kittrie raised publications board possibility. Sagarin suggested it could take a CRIMINOLOGY TODAY project. Kittrie said we need guidelines for the editing committee. Sagarin said we should set up a Study Committee on Publications to study the entire questions of policies surrounding publications other than the journal. He will take names suggested by Board and establish a committee.

Topic 16: Grants

Akers and Allen will explore grant possibilities and other sources of funds for conventions. It was recalled that \$2,000 was awarded for travel grants by the National Science Foundation to the 1973 meeting in Caracas.

Topic 17: Future Executive Board Meetings

Next meeting will be in New York. A tentative date was set as May 18-19. At the next meeting Kittrie and Sagarin will make a presentation on the attempts to submit the constitution for votes approval.

Topic 18: Proceedings of 1973 Annual Meeting

Riedel reported on the progress of publications from the New York meetings. The reading and selection of papers for the police volume are complete. Co-editors have received the papers for the other volumes and are due to report on them by March 1. We are still attempting to meet the April 1st deadline for all volumes. Sagarin suggested that the titles of the books be turned into him as soon as possible. He also suggested that we have the authors of papers sign release forms.