ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 8, 1978

Sheraton-Dallas Hotel  
Dallas, Texas

Members Present: Ronald L. Akers  
Harry E. Allen  
William E. Amos  
Paul J. Brantingham  
Alvin W. Cohn  
Edith E. Flynn  
Paul C. Friday  
Gilbert Geis  
Daniel Glaser  
Don M. Gottfredson  
Brian Grosman  
James Hackler  
C. Ronald Huff  
James A. Inciardi  
C. Ray Jeffery  
Sarnoff C. Mednick  
Gerhard O.W. Mueller  
Charles Newman  
Barbara R. Price  
MARC Riedel  
Frank Scarpitti  
Joseph E. Scott  
Benjamin Ward  
Charles Wellford

President C. Ray Jeffery called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The minutes of the May 6, 1978 Philadelphia Board meeting were reviewed by Joseph E. Scott, Executive Secretary. Edith Flynn brought to the Board's attention once again her concern that the minutes should reflect the Board's concern that Gerhard O.W. Mueller should definitely have been considered for the Sellin-Glueck Award. With that definitely, the minutes of the May 6 meeting were approved. After the minutes were accepted, Charles Wellford noted that more delicate care should be used in editing the minutes and they should be toned down not to reflect some of the discussion of a personal nature that went on in Executive Board meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Attachment #1)

Harry E. Allen reported that the Society's beginning cash balance on October 1, 1978 was $1,588.79 and a balance ending October 31, 1978 of $5,456.16. Current cash on hand totals $17,561.78. A summary of the Treasurer's Report entitled "Cash Summary" is enclosed as Attachment #1. A motion was made by James Inciardi that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Seconded by Edith Flynn; motion carried.

1978-79 ELECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (Attachment #2)

A general report on the 1978-79 ASC elections is found in Attachment #2. Joseph Scott reported the officers for 1978-79 are as follows:

President-Elect: Daniel Glaser  
Vice President-Elect: Harry E. Allen  
Executive Counselors: Edith E. Flynn and Marc Riedel

A motion was made by Harry Allen and seconded by Frank Scarpitti that the Elections Committee report be accepted. Motion carried.
ERA AMENDMENT REPORT

Joseph E. Scott reported that the ERA ballot attached to the election of officers ballot was counted also on October 20, 1978. Results of the ERA ballot were overwhelmingly that the Society should endorse the ERA. Voting in favor of the Society endorsing the ERA were 345 members; 50 voted that the Society should not endorse the ERA amendment, and 158 voted that the Society should not endorse such political activities. The Society therefore is on record as favoring the endorsement of the Equal Rights Amendment. Barbara Price, who originally brought the issue of the Society endorsing the ERA to the Executive Board, was asked to notify ERAmerica. A motion was made by Edith Flynn that the Society accept the ERA report and that Barbara Price should notify ERAmerica; seconded by Benjamin Ward. Motion carried.

William E. Amos pointed out that the Society should not get involved in such political issues. He related that the Society cannot even agree on any crime control policies such as gun control, capital punishment or other relevant issues. He wanted it on record that it was against good judgment and policy for the Society to get involved in Constitutional issues not directly related to crime. Edith Flynn responded that it was certainly related to crime control as to how men versus women were handled. Benjamin Ward responded that it may well be related to crime inasmuch as New York had 20,000 male inmates and only 500 women inmates. He pointed out if women were given equal rights they should be more equally represented in the prison populations.

EXECUTIVE BOARD APPOINTMENTS

President Jeffery announced to the Executive Board that he was appointing C. Ronald Huff of Purdue University to fill the remaining one year term of Duncan Chappell who had resigned from the Board effective immediately. Professor Huff will serve the 1978-79 year. Jeffery pointed out that it was the Society's policy to appoint the person who had come in third in the voting for Executive Counselor for subsequent appointments. A motion was made by Edith Flynn to accept the appointment of C. Ronald Huff as Executive Counselor for a one year appointment. Seconded by James Inciardi; motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (Attachment #3)

Harry E. Allen reported that the membership has as its major charge the recruitment of new and retention of old members. During the 12 month period ending October 31, the Committee has made several concerted efforts to achieve these objectives by:

1) Sending three billings to members in good standing and on the Society's rolls since 1976-77.
2) To bill members not in good standing from the previous years.
3) Sending approximately 4,900 letters to potential members inviting them to join in the objectives of the Society.

On October 31, 1978 there were 1,727 members in good standing of which 1,306 are Active and 421 are Student members. Of these, 358 were newly recruited this year. A motion was made by Charles Wellford that the Membership Committee Report be accepted. Seconded by Barbara Price; motion carried.
STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION REPORT

Edith Flynn reported that there were 34 papers submitted in the ASC Student Paper Competition this year. The Committee, in evaluating the papers, consisted of herself, Nicholas Hahn and Jamie Fox. Because of the difference in quality of graduate and undergraduate student papers, a decision was reached to give one award for the best undergraduate award paper and first, second and third prize awards for the graduate student papers. Professor Flynn donated $50.00 for additional prize money. The winners of the awards were:

1st Graduate Prize  Susan Christopher, New York University, Department of Sociology, for "The Era of Unrest: Collective Violence in America: 1830-1930".

2nd Graduate Prize  Paul J. Lane, Psychology Department, Florida State University, for "The Validation and Usefulness of the Overcontrolled-Hostility (O-H) Scale of the MMPI and the Overcontrolled-Undercontrolled Typology with Violent Psychiatric Offender Patients".

3rd Graduate Prize  Mary E. Vogel, Sociology/Criminology Department, University of Pennsylvania, for "The Negotiated Guilty Plea: A Review of the Empirical Literature".

1st Undergraduate Prize  Richard F. Schwartz, majoring in criminology, University of Tennessee, for "Gambling".

Professor Flynn indicated that all winners and losers were notified and thanked for having submitted their papers and for the fine work they had done. The Executive Board expressed appreciation to Professor Flynn and her colleagues at Northeastern University for their diligent work and coordination of the Student Paper Competition Awards. A motion was made by Charles Wellford that the Student Paper Competition Awards report be accepted. Seconded by Barbara Price; motion carried.

1978 ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Paul Brantingham reported that the meeting appeared to be well organized and no extraordinary surprises were in store. He reported that 800 registrants were anticipated, and as of the beginning of the Executive Board meeting in excess of 440 people had registered for the meeting. He had no financial information as to whether the meeting was going to generate money for the Society or break even, but he reported that he was fairly certain it would not cost the Society money this year.

1979 ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Ronald Akers reported that Alvin Cohn was the Program Chair for the 1979 Annual Meeting to be held at the Philadelphia Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 7-10. Cohn in turn has asked three individuals to work with him in coordinating the meeting. They have divided up topical areas in order to arrange sessions and coordinate chairpersons and participants. The associate chairpersons and their topic areas are:

Travis Hirschi - Criminological Theory and Construction
Barbara R. Price - Evaluation and Operation Research
Benjamin Ward - Practical Applications and Applied Issues in Criminal Justice
Alvin W. Cohn - Criminology and Criminal Justice Education and will receive
dapers for other areas that do not fit under any of the four topical areas.

Cohn then reported that a number of additional people have been asked to help arrange
the program. A Local Arrangements Committee will be chaired by Marilyn Slivka with
Peter Buffum, C. Donald Engle, and Terence Thornberry. Cohn reported that the overall
topic of the meeting will be "CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE: CONVERGENCES AND
DIVERGENCES". He reported that the winners of the various awards the Society gives
yearly, Edwin Sutherland Award, August Vollmer Award, Sellin-Clueck Award, and the
Herbert Bloch Award, will be the plenary speakers for the 1979 meeting. The Program
Committee will be meeting during the 1978 meeting in Dallas, and they hope to have
the program completed by the summer of 1979.

Cohn indicated that a number of Call for Papers had gone out in the newsletter
and in the packets at the ASC Dallas meeting. He encouraged all Board members, as
well as Society members, to contact one of the four people directly if they are
interested in being on the 1979 meeting.

1984 SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT (Attachment #4)

Harry E. Allen reported that the Site Selection Committee had met to formulate
recommendations for a city in which to hold the Society’s 1984 meeting. The criteria
utilized were prior regional patterns of meeting sites, current membership, number of
LEEP schools in the state, availability of sufficiently large hotel facilities, travel
costs, possible weather conditions, and the recentness with which ASC had met in
various areas. The initial list of potential cities included:

5. El Paso               13. Tampa
6. Houston              14. Toronto
7. Mexico City           15. Montreal
8. Miami

The Committee finally selected Miami unanimously as the 1984 site. The second site
recommendation was New Orleans with Houston being third. The Site Selection Committee
consisted of Allen, J. Robert Lilly and Richard H. Bennett.

Akers raised the question concerning Florida’s not having approved the ERA. He
asked whether the Board felt it appropriate to select Miami as the 1984 meeting site
given our Society’s overwhelming endorsement of the Society going on record endorsing
this amendment. Daniel Glaser raised the issue of a site that was on one of the
extreme sides of the country. He suggested attendance would be better if a site were
selected that was more centrally located. Don Gottfredson pointed out that in addition
to Miami, Louisiana, the second site selected by the Committee, had not approved the
ERA. Allen responded that the Committee had taken the ERA issue into account but had
nevertheless selected Miami. He pointed out by 1984 that the ERA would have passed
or failed and that ASC cannot wait until 1982, the deadline for ERA to pass, before
signing a contract for the 1984 site.

Frank Scarpitti moved to table the motion of the 1984 site until the Sunday Board
meeting. Seconded by Edith Flynn; motion passed (19-2).
Barbara Price responded that she would like to present New York City as an alternative site for the Sunday Board meeting.

CRIMINOLOGY EDITOR'S REPORT

James Inciardi reported that the next issue of CRIMINOLOGY was in the mail and should be in respective offices or homes following the Dallas meetings. He reported that the February issue of the journal was a special edition focussing on Critical Criminology.

Inciardi raised the question of the costs that the Society is incurring for having book reviews in the journal. He noted that it is costing approximately $100-200 per issue for the book reviews which averages out approximately $15.00 per page extra. He asked for guidelines and direction as to whether this should be continued or whether a maximum number of pages and costs the Society would incur for the book reviews be set. After considerable discussion the Executive Board agreed that $105 per issue for book reviews should be the target amount that the editor would incur. This would average out to 7 pages of book review per issue.

THE CRIMINOLOGIST EDITOR'S REPORT

Alvin Cohn reported that THE CRIMINOLOGIST was proceeding nicely. He has been giving some consideration as to whether we as a Society should seek ads to supplement some of the costs of preparation, printing and distribution of costs. He also raised the issue of whether THE CRIMINOLOGIST should be published 6 or 8 times a year to eliminate mailings from the executive office. The Executive Board recommended that the Task Forces looking at the future of the Society should look at this matter.

ASC PROCEEDINGS

James Inciardi reported that five volumes from the 1977 Annual Meeting are in print and on exhibit at the meeting. Sage Publications is offering these volumes at 25% the list price to ASC members. Inciardi also reported that the February issue of the journal will be expanded into a book on Radical Criminology. A number of additional articles have been included, and the Society will be compensated with the royalties from the production of this volume.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

Don Gottfredson reported that Denis Szabo has been elected president for a three-year term of the International Society of Criminology. Szabo is concerned at the lack of involvement of Americans in the ISC and suggested that ASC might want to jointly sponsor meetings with the ISC or involve itself in common objectives.

President Jeffery expressed appreciation to the Executive Board for their time and efforts during the past year. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph E. Scott, Executive Secretary
TABLE 2
SCHOOLS RECEIVING LEEP FUNDS

Alabama : 23
Florida : 39
Georgia : 28
Illinois : 54
Louisiana : 15
Mississippi: 11
Texas : 80

TABLE 3
ANNUAL MEETING SITES: 1972-1983

1983 - Denver
1982 - San Juan, Puerto Rico
1981 - Washington, D.C.
1980 - San Francisco
1979 - Philadelphia
1978 - Dallas
1977 - Atlanta
1976 - Tucson
1975 - Toronto, Canada
1974 - Chicago
1973 - New York City
1972 - Caracas, Venezuela