

ACS EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

November 12, 1983

Marriott Hotel - Denver, Colorado

Members Present:

Albert Reiss, Jr., President  
Roland Chilton, Executive Secretary  
Albert K. Cohen, Vice President-Elect  
Charles W. Thomas, Editor, CRIMINOLOGY  
Duncan Chappell, Executive Counselor  
Carl Klockars, Executive Counselor  
Joan Petersilia, Executive Counselor  
Margaret A. Zahn, Executive Counselor

Austin Turk, President-Elect  
J. Robert Lilly, Treasurer  
Travis Hirschi, Past President  
William Chambliss, Executive Counselor  
Malcolm W. Klein, Executive Counselor  
Harold E. Pepinsky, Executive Counselor  
Diane Vaughan, Executive Counselor  
Marc Riedel, Program Chairman

Albert Reiss, Jr. called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

The minutes of the November 9th Board meeting were approved with minor revisions.

NATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Don Gottfredson presented a brief oral report on some stands taken by the Committee. Having achieved consensus within the Committee, they urged President Travis Hirschi to oppose, on behalf of the ASC, confirmation of President Reagan's nominee for Director of the National Institute for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The Committee also discussed pending legislation which would make the directors of NIJ and BJS appointees of the Assistant Attorney General rather than the President. No advice was given on this bill because of a lack of consensus within the Committee. Don Gottfredson also reported that they had explored the idea of representation from ASC to the National Forum on Criminal Justice, and that the Committee recommended that The American Society of Criminology become a participating organization of this forum.

It was moved that the President appoint a representative of the ASC to be selected to represent our organization on the National Forum on Criminal Justice. The motion passed unanimously.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Donna Bishop commented on the Committee's written report. She pointed out that a late newsletter produced a little confusion, but that the Committee followed the usual procedures for soliciting nominations, and observed the conventional ground rules excluding members of the Nominations Committee and persons who would still be serving in one office when elected to another.

The recommendations for each office were presented in the following order: (This is the order in which potential candidates would be contacted and asked about their willingness to run.) For the Presidential offices, only the first two persons who agree to run will be listed on the ballot. For Executive Counselor, only the first four persons who agree to run will be placed on the ballot.

President-Elect

- (1) Alfred Blumstein
- (2) John Clark
- (3) Lloyd Ohlin

Vice President-Elect

- (1) Lloyd Ohlin
- (2) Malcolm Klein
- (3) Joan Petersilia

Executive Counselor

- (1) Delbert Elliott
- (2) Joan McCord
- (3) Neal Shover
- (4) Susan Martin
- (5) Michael Gottfredson
- (6) Nicole Rafter

At this point, Malcolm Klein and Joan Petersilia excused themselves until after the Board had made its decision on their nominations.

Bill Chambliss commented on the lack of minority candidates and the relatively small number of women recommended. The Committee report states that, in addition to looking for persons well known for their contributions to the field and who have been active in the service of ASC, they tried to achieve a mix of nominees which would include (1) young and old; (b) men, women, and minorities; (c) those with theoretical as well as applied interests.

After some discussion of the report, it was moved that the Board accept the recommendations of the Nominations Committee. The motion failed. Vote: Favor 2, Opposed 8.

It was moved that Lloyd Ohlin's name be moved to Position 2 and that he be contacted before John Clark who would be in Position 3. The motion carried. Vote: Favor 12, Opposed 0, Abstain 1.

It was moved that for Vice President-Elect, the order be changed so that Malcolm Klein would be the first person contacted, that Joan Petersilia would be the second, and that the names of John Clark and Joan McCord be added to the list in the order. (Lloyd Ohlin is dropped from the Vice President-Elect list.) The motion carried. Vote: Favor 12, opposed 0, Abstain 1.

It was moved to reverse the listings of Michael Gottfredson and Nicole Rafter for Executive Counselor (so that Ms. Rafter would be the fifth person contacted if one of the first four listed declined nomination). The motion carried. Favor 7, Opposed 2, Abstain 2.

It was moved to add John Hagan's name to the list, and to insert it between the names of Joan McCord and Neal Shover. The motion failed. Favor, 5, Opposed 7.

It was moved to replace Delbert Elliott's name with that of John Hagan. The motion failed. Favor 3, Opposed 9.

It was moved to replace Neal Shover's name with that of John Hagan. The motion carried. Favor 7, Opposed 3.

It was moved to add Neal Shover's name as a seventh name on the list. The motion carried. Favor 10, Opposed 0, Abstain 1.

The final list of persons to be contacted now reads as follows:

President-Elect

- (1) Alfred Blumstein
- (2) Lloyd Ohlin
- (3) John Clark

Vice President-Elect

- (1) Malcolm Klein
- (2) Joan Petersilia
- (3) John Clark
- (4) Joan McCord

Executive Counselor

- (1) Delbert Elliott
- (2) Joan McCord
- (3) John Hagan
- (4) Susan Martin
- (5) Nicole Rafter
- (6) Michael Gottfredson
- (7) Neal Shover

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Malcolm Klein moved to delete Section III-A, 3A from the ASC Constitution which provides for appointment of Executive Counselors and to make the appropriate changes in the Constitution. (This motion had been passed at a previous Board meeting on November 9th. Passage at a second Board meeting would permit it to be submitted to the membership.)

Hal Pepinsky argued in favor of keeping the presidential appointments as a way to achieve diversity and as a way to give more members some knowledge of the Board and its operation. Bill Chambliss spoke in favor of the change, and suggested that we work out other ways to achieve diversity. Duncan Chappell said that he found the appointment a good way to become familiar with the Board's operation. Margaret Zahn said she found the appointment to be a good way to get involved in the organization and to meet people. She argued that it has been a useful channel for women. Joan Petersilia argued that the appointing procedure could be an important mechanism for bringing non-academic criminologists onto the Board. Albert Cohen said that in light of the nominating procedure, he would like to keep the provision, but that he would accept some alternate way of achieving the same ends. Harold Pepinsky pointed out that at this time there is no option in the motion. He argued against eliminating this provision without an alternative. Carl Klockars saw the recent history of the Society as a positive argument for keeping the clause. Others argued that an earlier history of the organization suggested that the appointment provision was a compromise made to gain acceptance of a reformation of the election process. Hal Pepinsky saw name recognition as an anti-democratic force in ASC elections.

The motion carried. Favor 8, Opposed 6.

NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

President Albert Reiss, Jr. announced that the Board would meet in New Orleans on a Friday and Saturday after Mardi Gras (March 9 and 10 or March 16 and 17, depending on the availability of hotel space).

SITE SELECTION

Albert Reiss, Jr. announced that next year's annual meeting will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, from Wednesday, November 7, through Sunday, November 11.

He then moved to cancel all other existing agreements and memoranda of understanding regarding future meeting sites and to instruct the Site Selection Committee that ASC would not commit the organization to a site more than two years prior to an annual meeting. He pointed out that by previous action of the Board, the Site Selection Committee was not to explore future sites without prior approval from the Board of its Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Travis Hirschi moved to reconsider the approval of the Committee appointments passed by the Board at its last meeting. The motion carried unanimously. He then moved to delete the name of Edward Latessa from the list of members of the Local Arrangements Committee. The motion carried. Favor 11, Opposed 0, Abstain 1.

1984 PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Marc Riedel announced that he has met with his Committee and has sent out a Call for Papers. He said he is working with the hotel to increase the number of meeting rooms, has met with the Local Arrangements Committee, and is enthusiastic about Cincinnati. He then asked for comments on the budget he has submitted to the Board for next year's meeting.

It was moved that the Board accept the Program Committee report and its proposed budget with the understanding that possibilities for child care would be explored. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Austin Turk reported that the Committee had nothing to propose to the Board, but that the Committee would welcome comments and suggestions from Board members on the search for publishers for CRIMINOLOGY and the Research Progress Series.

It was moved to authorize the President and the Treasurer to provide the Publications Committee with whatever they think is needed. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Lilly amended his previous estimate of next year's deficit from \$2,000 to \$9,000. The proposed budget was approved without objection.

President Reiss announced the appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee on Treasury Balance and Investment and Expenditures. The four members appointed to the Committee are J. Robert Lilly, Harold Pepinsky (Chair), Margaret Zahn and Roland Chilton. This Committee was asked to consider issues related to the use of cash on hand, including consideration of what is a reasonable amount for such a reserve fund and the Society's investment policy. William Chambliss asked the Committee to consider a number of other possibilities, such as the possible use of part of the reserve fund to bring Third World criminologists to the annual meetings. The Committee is expected to work through the mail, and to meet in New Orleans one day prior to the March meeting of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

President Reiss asked the Constitution and By-Laws Committee to review the entire Constitution and to bring in recommendations for revisions which would make the document clearer and more explicit with regard to, but not limited to, such issues as terms of office, succession, nominations, write-in nominations, and procedures for responding to resolutions. The Committee is expected to ask the membership for comments and recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland Chilton  
Executive Secretary