ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

November 1, 1986 - Atlanta, Georgia

Members Present:  Don Gottfredson  Lloyd Ohlin  Charles Wellford
                   J. Robert Lilly  Edith Flynn  Joan McCord
                   Marc Riedel  Neal Shover  Terence Thornberry
                   John Hagan  Nicole Rafter  Barbara Raffel Price
                   John Goldkamp  Andre Normandeau  Gerhard O.W. Mueller
                   Carl Klockars  M. Kay Harris

President Gottfredson called the Executive Board Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A motion was made by Charles Wellford and seconded by Edith Flynn to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried. President Gottfredson introduced the new members of the Executive BoardNeal Shover, Carl Klockars and Marc Riedel.

President Gottfredson noted that at the mid year Board meeting there was the discussion of his committee appointments for Board approval. At the time he reported he asked J. Robert Lilly to continue to serve as treasurer of the Society but did not feel he could make the appointment official until he became president. He now asked the Board's approval for J. Robert Lilly to continue to serve as treasurer of the Society. A motion was made by Charles Wellford and seconded by Edith Flynn that J. Robert Lilly be appointed to a three year term as treasurer of the Society. Motion carried.

ASC REPRESENTATIVES

A motion was made by Charles Wellford and seconded by Terence Thornberry to approve the appointment of Chris Eskridge to continue as the Society's advertising and exhibits representation. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Charles Wellford and seconded by Joan McCord for Joseph Scott to continue to serve as the Society's 3 year AAAS representative with the understanding that when the next three year appointment is to be made an open announcement will be made to see if there is any interest among the membership to serve as the representative. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded that Charles Wellford serve as the Society's representative to COSSA (Consortium of Social Science Associations) for the 1986-1987 membership year. Motion carried.

Barbara Raffel Price reported that she has been the official Society representative to UNGNO on an observation status and would be willing to continue in that capacity. A motion was made by Don Gottfredson and seconded by Edith Flynn to have Barbara Raffel Price continue to serve as an observer for the Society to the UNGNO. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer J. Robert Lilly distributed copies of the 1987 budget for the Board's consideration projecting an income figure of $147,000 and $151,000 in terms of expenses. He reported that the Finance Committee overrode his recommendations for
the proposed budget and increased the projected budget deficit. The proposed changes to the budget would increase the expenses to $167,000 projecting an even larger deficit.

J. Robert Lilly moved acceptance of the proposed budget; seconded by Charles Wellford. Motion carried unanimously.

Nicole Rafter noted that CRIMINAL JUSTICE HISTORY is being sued $1,000,000 because the author didn't like the review. She suggested that the Society might want to reconsider placing a line item in the budget for liability insurance. Lilly stated it was a very appropriate question to consider with the treasurer's report and that the cost to the Society could be somewhere around $2,000 a year. He noted that the Committee did not discuss the issue of liability insurance at the time of the budget preparation as they did not have the information given by Rafter.

Edith Flynn strongly endorsed the increase for the administrator and for the assistant and stated she was willing to go along with the budget even though a deficit was projected but would strongly favor the conversion to an accrual accounting system for the Society. A motion was made by Carl Klockars and seconded by Nicole Hahn Rafter that an ad hoc committee or person familiar with liability insurance be appointed to investigate the matter seriously for presentation at the mid year Board meeting. Friendly amendment proposed for Bob to do any further investigation into the matter of liability insurance and to monitor the situation. Charles Wellford suggested that he could have Bart Ingraham look at the matter of liability insurance and prepare a report for the Board. Ingraham and Lilly could serve as an ad hoc committee for liability insurance.

ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

President Gottfredson said he had asked Sarah to give some thought and a brief memo to the Board listing materials, equipment, etc. that would help her in the executive office and to have this report ready for the mid year Board meeting. Gottfredson asked for the Board's approval on this plan. No objections were raised to this request.

1986 PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Program Chair Barbara Raffel price reported that the program formally ended at 2:00 p.m. today with large roundtable sessions. Both Gottfredson and Ohlin thanked the participants for attending and asked for feedback on the sessions. She noted that very few negative comments were received. The hotel and staff worked well for the program participants. She reported that the quality of papers were better than last year. Attendance at sessions seemed good. Total registration was 1000. She reported that the roundtable breakfast sessions were very successful; over 230 at the Friday roundtable and 77 for the luncheon roundtables. The poster sessions received mixed reviews; good participation and many people were there and spent time at individual stations. She noted that if the poster sessions are held again at next year's meeting they would need more direction. The banquet had the largest
attendance in program history - 614. She commended Hugh Barlow, editor of THE CRIMINOLOGIST, for taking pictures at the meeting and major events. She suggested that a one page questionnaire could be distributed to the participants to receive feedback on the roundtable and poster sessions.

President Gottfredson asked that the Board minutes reflect the Board's appreciation to Barbara and her Committee for all their efforts in making this year's program a great success.

1987 PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

1987 Program Chair John Goldkamp reported that his Committee had met and wanted to thank everyone for the help they have received. Local Arrangements Chair Andre Normandieu met with the committee and has good ideas for the meeting. He reported that Peter Jones from Temple University will serve as co-chair for the 1987 meetings. The Committee has agreed to try poster sessions again and one person will pay special attention to the poster sessions. Normandieu had discussed African and Latin American specialized sessions for the meeting and Goldkamp reported he thought it would be possible to have people from these countries participate in the meetings. He reported that Don Gottfredson and William Chambliss may be able to help the committee secure people from these countries for the meeting. Goldkamp reported that it will be stressed that the hotel room rates will be quoted in U.S. dollars, not Canadian.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Nicole Rafter reported she was presenting the Nominations Committee Report on William Chambliss's behalf. She said the slate was prepared on gender, race, theoretical perspective and includes one representative from the non academic membership. Rafter moved the slate of candidates be approved. Marc Riedel reported that he had met with Chambliss yesterday and would like to support some of the ideas he has on the slate. Carl Klockars commented that by placing two women on the slate for president and three blacks on the slate, the Committee is assuring the election of both a woman to the presidency and a black to the Executive Board seems demeaning to both groups and regarded it as both sexist and racist to people. Rafter reported that none of the people on the slate were chosen for sex or gender, but that they stood on their own right. McCord objected to the slate. Wellford noted that the slate would be presented to the membership and if someone received 2% or more write-in nominations that person would go on the ballot. He supported the notion of the Society's two strongest women on the ballot for president next year. They have long records of working in the Society and outstanding work in criminology.

Charles Wellford suggested an amendment to the motion to accept the report by going through the report office by office with discussion held on each office separately. Rafter stated the amendment was not accepted by the Committee and moved to accept the slate as presented. Motion rejected.

A motion was made by Carl Klockars and seconded by Terence Thornberry that the Nominations Committee Report be gone through office by office. Motion carried.
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Carl Klockars opened the discussion with some observations and suggestions for alternative candidates for the office of president and moved for the Board's consideration: (1) Joan Petersilia and (2) Joan McCord, both exemplary candidates for this position. Also asked the Board to consider nomination for Barbara Raffle Price. No second to the motion.

Wellford agreed with two-thirds of the slate and suggested continuing with two candidates for president. Charles Wellford moved that Joan McCord and Barbara Raffle Price be placed on the slate for President. Seconded by Carl Klockars. Motion withdrawn. It was suggested that the names be separated and consider separately the nominations of each. Carl Klockars moved to add the name of Roland Chilton for the office of president along with Joan McCord. John Hagan moved to add Joan Petersilia and Barbara Raffle Price to the office of president. It was moved that the nominations be closed and all Board members to vote for two names only which are to be given to the executive secretary for counting. Marc Riedel inquired if the vote was to be rank order in the case that one candidate would refuse to run. Carl Klockars suggested that the vote could also express the number one and two for the position. Motion declined. Wellford stated that the Board should abide by the rules they agreed upon in speaking against the motion.

For President-Elect: Joan McCord (10 votes)
Joan Petersilia (4 votes)
Barbara Raffle Price (10 votes)
Roland Chilton (4 votes)

Carl Klockars moved that Roland Chilton be nominated for the office of Vice President-Elect. Seconded by Joan McCord. Edith Flynn nominated Joseph Scott for Vice President-Elect; seconded by J. Robert Lilly. Carl Klockars nominated Rita Simon for the office of Vice President; seconded by Neal Shover. Charles Wellford nominated Phyllis Jo Baunach for the office of Vice President-Elect; seconded by Carl Klockars. It was moved and seconded to nominate Marvin Krohn for the office of Vice President-Elect. A motion was made by Terence Thornberry and seconded by Neal Shover to close the nominations for the office of Vice President-Elect. Motion carried unanimously.

For Vice President-Elect: Roland Chilton (9 votes)
Joseph E. Scott (4 votes)
Rita Simon (3 votes)
Phyllis Jo Baunach (2 votes)
Marvin D. Krohn (4 votes)

Due to a tie vote between Joseph E. Scott and Marvin D. Krohn a second voting was held with the result of Krohn (6 votes) and Scott (5 votes). The slate for the office of vice president-elect will be Roland Chilton and Marvin D. Krohn.

seconded by Marc Riedel. Carl Klockars nominated Susan Martin; seconded by Neal Shover. John Hagan nominated Rosemary Gartner; seconded by Neal Shover. John Hagan nominated Patrick Langdon which was seconded. It was moved and seconded to close the nominations for the office of executive counselor. Motion carried unanimously.

For Executive Counselor:

Daniel Georges Abeyie (3 votes)  
Phyllis Jo Baunach (3 votes)  
Merry Morash (2 votes)  
Louise Shelley (2 votes)  
Ron Huff (5 votes)  
Jack Greene (1 vote)  
Robert Crutchfield (7 votes)  
Ruth Peterson (6 votes)  
Theodore Ferdinand (6 votes)  
Susan Martin (2 vote)  
Rosemary Gartner (6 votes)  
Patrick Langdon (2 votes)

Terence Thornberry moved that the first four names with the highest votes be the nominees for the office of executive counselor and Ron Huff be the first alternate. Seconded by Joan McCord. Motion carried. The slate for executive counselor will be: Robert Crutchfield, Ruth Peterson, Theodore Ferdinand and Rosemary Gartner.

President and Vice President contingency: Carl Klockars moved that for the office of vice president one name would be the alternate should either candidate not accept the nomination. Seconded by Charles Wellford. Carl Klockars moved that Rita Simon be designated the vice president alternate. Seconded by Neal Shover. Charles Wellford moved that Joe Scott be designated the vice president alternate. Voting was (1) for Joe Scott and (7) for Rita Simon as vice president alternate.

Joan McCord moved that Joan Petersilie become the alternate for the office of president should either candidate not accept the nomination.

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Terence Thornberry reported that an announcement had been placed in the newsletter calling for nominations for the ASC awards. A possible joint award of the Sellin–Glueck award to Wolf Middendorff, Hans Schneider, and Meagen was considered by the Committee. He noted that the Committee considered a young scholar award. There was concern among the Board about a joint award. Inquired if the Board would consider an award to William Clifford posthumously. Thornberry reported that the Committee would be recommending only one nominee for each award. They would like to have a couple of nominations for each award which could be ranked by the Committee. The Committee's report will be presented at the mid winter meeting.

REAUTHORIZATION OF BJS/NIJ

President Gottfredson reported that frequently on issues involving criminology at a national level, the Society is unable to establish a position early enough. The value of having ASC review and articulate what kind of changes they might like to see to guide BJS and NIJ in the future is important. This matter could be referred to the National Policy Committee so that they might have a position by our mid year Board meeting. President Gottfredson reported he had spoken with Chip Stewart regarding this matter and Stewart recognizes the value of having a society such as ASC making recommendations to BJS and NIJ.
A motion was made by Marc Riedel and seconded by Lloyd Ohlin to refer the matter to the National Policy Committee. Motion carried.

M. Kay Harris, a member of the National Policy Committee, attended the Board meeting to see how the Committee should proceed for the coming year noting she had received copies of the previous Committee reports for information. She noted the Committee was quite willing to develop specific statements and propose procedures for the Board's consideration but guidelines are needed before they proceed. Issues considered by the Committee: (1) To take temporary action on behalf of the Society to influence national policy and promote the best interests of the Society, levels of funding reauthorized, recommending peer review processes, unsolicited proposals; how to proceed and steps necessary before positions could be taken by the Society. (2) Development of a code of ethics for criminology and/or the Society. (3) Explore the issues awarding development of standards for criminological research and practice. Talk about the types of areas where standards might be appreciated. (4) To explore development and publication of state of the art bases in areas of criminological research that could help in guiding the development of public policy and policy decisions. If there are areas of criminological research that bear on significant job policy questions then the Committee would like to encourage, develop and publish "What Do We Know About X as a Public Policy". (5) The whole area of adopting position statements, issue statements of concern, advertise certain policy or positions on significant substantive issues in the field such as death penalty, use of deadly force, what process should be followed in trying to take a position. Harris said the Committee asks for the Board's guidance in what they want the National Policy Committee to attempt to make specific recommendations on positions to be followed; clarifying procedures for taking any action or any action being take on behalf of the Society. Major task for the year would be to develop explicit policies on these areas.

Marc Riedel noted that issues #1 and #5 have been done by the National Policy Committee in the past and #3 and #4 will take a long time to discuss. Klockars suggested that the goal of the Committee is to enhance the interests of scientific criminology. The COSSA representative is also a member of the National Policy Committee. COSSA is in touch with policy issues and may be the resource person on the National Policy Committee. Harris noted the Committee will work to facilitate the process of developing policy and procedures for the Society to undertake on substantive position statements. Joan McCord suggested obtaining membership solicitation. It was agreed that item #1 suggested by Harris is the most important item to follow through at this time -- how does the Society take timely action for appropriate reauthorization -- and suggested that the Committee take timely action with respect to issues that advance the state of the art after the consensus and concurrence with the president of the Society and provide a report at the mid year Board meeting on their progress. Riedel stated he supported the proposal if the Committee comes up with a statement and confers with the president which he felt they should be able to do.
ELECTION RESULTS

Charles Wellford reported that the question was raised whether the Society should publish in the newsletter the actual vote totals for future elections. By so doing it could (1) highlight the small number of people voting in the election; (2) demonstrate the closeness of elections emphasizing the importance of each persons voting, and (3) provide full disclosure to the membership.

President Gottfredson spoke against publishing the votes noting it was important to emphasize how few members are voting in ASC elections and to encourage them to vote. The Board would be entitled to the election results.

NEW BUSINESS

Marc Riedel noted he would like to resurrect the idea of ASC publishing an annual book on criminology and crime and justice where the best articles published through the past year would be picked to be placed in a crime and justice annual publication. He said he would talk informally to publishing houses and come back to the mid winter meeting with a proposal. Gottfredson noted there was a large need for a society to select out the best research and report on it. An editorial committee could be appointed and the Publications Committee would provide a monitory role in putting the publication all together -- to gather information and come up with a proposal. The Board encouraged Riedel to proceed on the matter.

NEXT ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Following discussion it was agreed that the next Executive Board Meeting of the Society would be May 1-2, 1987, at the LeGrand Hotel, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, the site of the 1987 ASC annual meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Charles F. Wellford
Executive Secretary