

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

Executive Board Minutes

November 11, 1987

Le Grand Hotel, Montreal, Quebec

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don M. Gottfredson, William J. Chambliss, Charles F. Wellford, J. Robert Lilly, John S. Goldkamp, Terence P. Thornberry, John Hagan, Neal Shover, Joan McCord, Carl Klockars, Edith E. Flynn, Nicole H. Rafter, Marc Riedel, Lloyd E. Ohlin, Joseph Weis

GUESTS PRESENT: Roland Chilton, Andre Normandeau, Marvin Wolfgang, Bruno Cormier

President Gottfredson made a motion to approve the Board agenda. It was seconded by Charles Wellford, and approved unanimously. The minutes of the May Board meeting were approved with two amendments. On page 3 of these minutes, in the second full paragraph, strike "both Reno and" and on page 6 of these minutes, strike "item B" in the fourth paragraph of the Publications Committee Report.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

John Goldkamp reported that the program that was being distributed had been produced at the ASC offices using the new computer equipment that had been purchased by Sarah Hall. He further reported that preregistration for the meetings was approximately 840, and that the hotel had been sold out with a peak of 700 hotel rooms occupied on Thursday evening. Of the 840 preregistered, Dr. Goldkamp reported that 560 were members, 205 were non-members, and 73 were students. It was reported that there may be a problem with the banquet in that the capacity of the room where the banquet would be held is 500. If more than 500 attend, this could present obvious problems. **It was moved by John Goldkamp and seconded by Charles Wellford that during the on-site registration there would be a survey of the registrants to determine who was planning to attend the banquet. When the capacity of 500 was reached, on-site registrants would be given a registration fee reduced by US \$20 and would be told they would not be able to attend the banquet. At the banquet, if more than 500 show up, those who are turned away will also be given a voucher for US \$20. This motion was approved unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Bob Lilly, distributed cash and accrual reports and moved that the Society move to an accrual accounting system. The motion was passed unanimously. The Treasurer moved that, given current fluctuations in financial markets, the Society not invest its funds in long-term investments. This was passed unanimously.

Bob Lilly reported on actions that had been previously requested of the Treasurer. First, he reported that he had checked into the possibility of using University of California Press for the journal. On finding that the University of California Press used Christensen Publishing he decided that there would be no need to consider a change at this time. He also reported that in response to Board questions, he had checked recent year budgets to determine if the Society had at any time suffered a deficit. It has not. The Society continues to be in

good financial condition. There was a general discussion of the planning for this year's budget. It was observed that it is likely that a half-time position will be requested in the upcoming year budget to provide assistance to Sarah Hall. It was also noted that the Finance Committee appointed by President Chambliss will be meeting this week and that their recommendations will be brought to the Board meeting simultaneous with the recommendations of the outgoing Finance Committee.

LIQUOR HOST LIABILITY

Charles Wellford moved that the Treasurer be requested to study the need for and cost of securing liquor host liability for ASC. The motion was seconded by Joan McCord and passed unanimously.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Charles Wellford noted that in 1991 ASC will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. In recognition of that fact, he moved that a committee consisting of Don Gottfredson, Lloyd Ohlin, Bill Chambliss and Joan McCord be appointed, with the chair of that committee rotating to reflect who was president at any particular time and that this committee begin preliminary planning for the fiftieth anniversary meeting. This motion was seconded by Terence Thornberry and passed unanimously.

NON-PROFIT JOURNAL EXHIBIT

Charles Wellford observed that in recent years we have had requests from non-profit journals to provide them with free exhibit space. After considerable discussion, Wellford moved to provide on a space available basis and, at the discretion of the Program Chair, exhibit space for non-profit, nongovernmental journals, and that this policy be reviewed after two years of experience on which the Program Chairs would report to the Board as to how this develops. This motion was seconded by William Chambliss. There was an amendment to the motion made by Carl Klockars and seconded by Joan McCord that the space that would be provided to these journals would be provided at whatever cost the Society incurred from the hotel for any space or setup charges. It was defeated on a vote of six to seven. The main motion was then unanimously approved.

CRIMINOLOGY REPORT

Joe Weiss reported that Volume 25:3 would be out by the end of November and that 25:4 would be distributed in one month after that. Weis reported that the transition to the journal to the University of Maryland was complete and had worked very smoothly. It was moved to commend Joe Weis for his performance as editor of the journal. The motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION RESULTS

Charles Wellford reported the election results as follows:

President-Elect: Joan McCord

Vice President-Elect: Marvin D. Krohn

Executive Counselors: Phyllis Jo Baunach, Julius Debro

SITE SELECTION

Carl Klockars reviewed the extensive report that he had prepared on the site selection for Chicago in 1988 and his recommendations for the 1990 site. **Klockars moved and Flynn seconded a motion that the 1990 site be the city of Miami.** After considerable discussions, **this motion was defeated on a vote of 2-8-1.** **Klockars then moved that Baltimore be the 1990 site.** **This was seconded by Shover and was passed on a vote of 10-0 with one abstention.** The Omni International Hotel was approved by the board as the site for the 1990 meetings. The Board also authorized the President to enter into contract with the Omni for the meetings and also to enter into contract with the Best Western, Holiday Inn and Richmond hotels in Chicago as overflow sites for the 1988 meetings.

ADVERTISING AND EXHIBITS

Wellford moved to accept the report prepared by Chris Eskridge. That motion was seconded by William Chambliss and passed unanimously.

STUDENT SUPPORT FOR 1989 PROGRAM CHAIR

Joan McCord explained that the program chair she has selected for the 1989 meetings (Susan White) is in a department that does not have a criminal justice program, therefore she will be requesting in her program budget approximately \$2,000 for student assistance. Wellford noted that this is consistent with past practice and should be presented in the total budget for the program. Action on this item was deferred until the program budget for the 1989 meetings is presented to the Board.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

John Hagan reported that the committee would be meeting during the next few days and would deliver its report to the Board at the November 14 meeting.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Edith Flynn reported that the transition to the University of Maryland had proceeded quite well and was now complete. **She then moved that gender-neutral language be utilized in the publications of the Society in the future.** **This was passed unanimously.**

Flynn also moved to change the name of the journal from **Criminology: An Interdisciplinary Journal** to **The American Journal of Criminology.** After considerable discussion of this motion, **the motion was withdrawn and a motion was offered by Charles**

Wellford that a survey of the membership be undertaken to determine whether the membership would be interested in such a name change and, if so, what name would be considered most appropriate by the membership. This was passed unanimously.

Edith Flynn then reported that she would recommend, after researching this issue, that the Board approve providing journals to third-world countries and other institutions and individuals in need. Dr. Flynn felt that such an undertaking was within the fiscal capabilities of the Society and was something that was very important for the coming year. The discussion that ensued raised considerable questions about the criteria that would be used for determining which individuals or organizations would receive this as a benefit, and after considerable discussion of the ambiguity of the proposal, it was moved that the Society distribute up to 500 copies of the journal to needy institutions and individuals such as third-world countries, using guidelines developed by the Editorial Board after consultation with the Division on International Criminology that are subsequently approved by the Board. It was hoped that these guidelines could be presented to the Board at the November 14 meeting. This motion was offered by Charles Wellford and seconded by Neal Shover. It was approved unanimously. Edith Flynn also reported that after a discussion of the notion of special issues of the journal, there was no recommendation to be made on this and it was felt that this should not be considered for a few years. Since this had previously been moved as an item, the motion was made to table this issue and the motion passed unanimously. The Board expressed considerable appreciation to Edith Flynn, not only for her role as chair of the Editorial Board, but also for her considerable service to the Society as Vice-President.

ASC PROCEDURES AND POLICY

Charles Wellford distributed a draft of an ASC Procedures and Policy Manual. He requested that members of the Board review the items in this manual and be prepared for discussion of it at the November 14 meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Charles Wellford and seconded by Terence Thornberry. It was passed unanimously. President Gottfredson expressed his appreciation for everyone's assistance both in this meeting and throughout his year as president.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles F. Wellford
Executive Secretary