

## ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 6, 2001, 3:00 PM  
Marriott Marquis Hotel  
Atlanta, Georgia

### MINUTES

Attending: Cathy Spatz-Widom, Cheryl Maxson, Chris Eskridge, Christy Visher, Doris MacKenzie, Larry Sherman, Lynne Goodstein, Bob Bursik, Ron Huff, Todd Clear, Richard Rosenfeld, Roland Chilton, John Laub, Sarah Hall, Richard Leo, Steve Messner.

I. Report on Atlanta Annual Meeting (Sarah Hall, Richard Leo).

II. Sally Hillsman has resigned from the ASC Board. Wayne Osgood will take her place because he received the next highest number of votes in the last election. (Ron Huff)

III. November Board Meeting Minutes accepted (Doris MacKenzie).

IV. Executive Director's Report (Chris Eskridge).

1. Financial Status. Despite the downturn in the economy, ASC remains a financially stable and sound organization. Our total assets have declined only marginally during this downturn of the economy.

2. 2002 Budget approved.

3. Report on the ASC Web Page

4. Criminology and Public Policy. ASC received a grant for \$206,000 from the National Institute of Justice to support the publication of the new ASC journal, Criminology and Public Policy. This is a one-year grant, with a two-year renewal option. Abstracts will be published on the ASC webpage.

5. Policies and Procedures Manual. The manual has been updated with decisions made by the Board at the mid-year meeting, with job descriptions for the President, Vice-President, Executive Counselors and program chairs. The revised manual is on the ASC website.

6. A revised ASC brochure has been completed and is available for distribution.

7. Personnel. The Board voted to contribute to Sue Beelman's retirement/pension program, to allow her 10 days of paid sick leave per year and to give both Sue Beelman and Sarah Hall pay raises.

8. Site Selection.

A. Atlanta was selected as the 2007 Annual Meeting site.

B. A contract was signed with the Adams Mark, St. Louis for the 2008 Annual Meeting. However new allegations of racial discrimination arose this summer. Chris Eskridge contacted Adams Mark corporate offices, Conferon, and the St. Louis Convention Bureau to express our deep and serious concern. He formally communicated the fact that while we have signed for now, unless progress is made we will cancel the contract. In St. Louis we are in the Marriott and the Adams Mark. The Board discussed whether ASC should cancel our 2003 and 2008 contracts with Adams Mark due to the racial discrimination allegations.

C. 2009 Annual Meeting. Three cities are being considered for the 2009 meeting: Dallas, Vancouver and Philadelphia. The Board accepted the motion that the ASC not consider Adams Mark Hotel in Dallas for 2009 for two reasons: (1) the Justice Department has currently charged the Adams Mark with racially discriminatory practices; and (2) the Texas criminal justice system is among the leaders in miscarriages of justice and in the use of the death penalty and that the Executive Director of the ASC be asked to communicate the decision and related concerns to the Adams Mark and to the Chamber of Commerce of Dallas. Chris Eskridge visited the Marriott in Philadelphia and reported on its potential as a site for the 2009 meetings. He and Ron Huff will also assess Vancouver as the second potential site for 2009.

D. The CEO of Conferon wrote to say that ASC should (1) decrease room blocks in future contracts and (2) sign contracts now while hotels are offering "fire sale" rates. The timeline for the 2009 meeting includes making a decision between Philadelphia and Vancouver in late April.

#### 9 Annual Meetings/ Chicago Meeting Budget

A. Atlanta (2001). The Board gave special recognition to the work of the local arrangements committee who developed local information on the web. There is some concern that we will not make our hotel room quota for the meeting.

B. Chicago (2002). Plans have begun for the meeting. The Board voted to accept the proposed budget for the Chicago meeting.

10. Visits to ASC Office. Chris Eskridge will continue to make periodic visits to ASC offices.

11. Travel. Chris Eskridge attended the International Society of Criminology meetings in Paris, a regional meeting of the British Society of Criminology, the European Society of Criminology meetings in Lausanne along with ASC President Ron Huff and the formal opening of the new University of Pennsylvania criminology program.

12. Marketing Matters. Chris Eskridge explored the possibility of using a marketing firm to increase our membership but recommended against it.

13. United Nations Initiative. Materials were submitted. It will take approximately 18 months for the application to be processed.

14. British Society of Criminology (BSC). ASC will have a special session and a coffee at the BSC meeting. ASC purchased BSC's membership list and will mail BSC members a copy of Criminology & Public Policy.

15. International Society of Criminology (ISC). The ISC Board approved two ASC Board initiatives: (1) The ISC North American Vice-President will also function as the ASC liaison/representative on the ISC Board, and (2) ASC will be responsible for organizing 13 sessions at the next bi-annual ISC meeting (August 10-15, 2003, Rio de Janeiro). The Division on International Criminology will organize four sessions; other Divisions, 2 sessions and Paul Friday will organize an at-large session on victimology. ASC will also sponsor a coffee at the meetings.

16. ASC Participation in International Criminology Meetings. The Board accepted Chris Eskridge's recommendations for the following people to act as ASC representatives at the following international meetings:

a. French Society of Criminology, Rosemary Barbaret, Chair of International Division.

b. Campbell Collaboration and the International Society of Criminology Board meetings. David Farrington, Chair of Campbell Collaboration

c. British Society of Criminology, Bob Bursik, Editor of Criminology and Todd Clear, Editor of Criminology and Public Policy.

d. European Society of Criminology, Larry Sherman, ASC president.

e. Australia/New Zealand Society of Criminology, Christy Visser, ASC vice-president.

The Board passed a resolution that the ASC Board support ways to promote the global representation of ASC.

#### 17. Committees

A. The Board gave the Ad Hoc committee on student travel the following charges: (1) Identifying foundations that would support student travel to professional meetings, and, in coordination with the executive office, submit applications for such funding, and (2) begin to develop criteria and a procedure for awarding those funds to our student members.

B. Due to redundancy in committee structure (ASC designates ASC representatives to other professional organizations and also has an Interorganizational Relations Committee), the Board voted to abolish the Interorganizational Relations Committee.

18. Critical Criminology contract for journal. Critical Division has been publishing a journal, Critical Criminology, for some years. They want to transfer ownership of the journal to Kluwer. Members of the Division will receive the journal at a cost of \$25/member. The journal will be identified as the official journal of the Division but not an official journal of ASC. The Division will appoint the Editor and have responsibility for the content of the journal. The arrangement will have minimal financial impact on ASC. The Board authorized Chris Eskridge to sign a contract with Kluwer for the journal for the period of January 2003-December 2007.

19. Marvin E. Wolfgang Award. Guardsmark wants to give the award during the ASC award ceremony. This has been controversial because it is not an official ASC award. They may be willing to give ASC the responsibility for the award and selection of the winner.

The cash prize is \$10,000. The discussion focused on procedures for selecting winners, cash prizes, whether ASC could take the Guardsmark award and make the award an official ASC award, and ASC awards (numbers, decisions, etc.). The topic was tabled until the Saturday Board meeting.

20. Statement on Principles of Academic Freedom and Tenure. The Board voted to endorse the AAUP statement on Principles of Academic Freedom and Tenure.

21. Decade of Behavior. The group would like ASC to develop lesson materials for a 45 minute presentation on criminology/criminal justice for a high school class (20 page instruction booklet and a few overheads). The topic was tabled until the Saturday Board meeting. Chris Eskridge will call the people to find out more about what they expect and how the materials will be used.

22. The Executive Director reported on the MacNamara gift and continuing efforts to define an appropriate use of the funds.

23. COSSA dues for 2002 are \$6,200.

24. The Board voted in favor of the three following proposed By-Law changes:

A. Article 5, Section 3. Term. The Editor is normally appointed for a three (3) year term by the President upon the recommendation of the Editorial Board and upon ratification by the Executive Board...

B. Addition to Article 5, Section 4. The Editor of Criminology & Public Policy shall be a voting member of the Executive Board.

C. Addition to Article 5, Section 5. The Editor of Criminology & Public Policy shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of the Editorial Board.

V. Editorial Board Report (submitted by Todd Clear). As Vice President of ASC, Todd Clear was responsible for soliciting lead articles for The Criminologist this year. The first edition of Criminology & Public Policy will be published under the existing editorial policy. The ASC Executive Board was asked by the Editorial Board to review the editorial policy of the Criminology & Public Policy journal. Discussion was tabled until the Saturday Board meeting so the Board would have time to review the policy.

VI. As requested by Todd Clear, Chair of the Editorial Board, the Board voted to waive the fees and give permission for Criminology articles to appear in a book edited by John Laub on "The Craft of Criminology: Papers by Travis Hirschi."

VII. Criminology & Public Policy Report (Todd Clear). Discussion on news releases.

VIII. Criminology Report (Bob Bursik).

IX. Proposed Committee Appointments (Larry Sherman). A new committee will work toward raising money for a Nobel Prize in Criminology and to consider what are the long term development/funding needs of ASC (voted in last spring). Motion accepted to amend the composition of the Development Committee to include 5 more people to be added by the 2003 president and an additional 5 people to be added by the 2004 president.

X. Committee Reports

1. Nominations Committee Report (submitted by Terence Thornberry, Chair). The Board voted to accept the slate of candidates recommended by the committee: President-Elect, Robert Crutchfield, Francis Cullen; Vice President-Elect, Adele Harrell, Henry Pontell; Executive Counselor, Finn Esbensen, Rosemary Gartner, David Greenberg, Robert Langworthy.

2. Minority Affairs Committee Report (submitted by Orlando Rodriguez, Chair). The committee submitted a proposal for a "Minority Undergraduate Research Training Proposal" modeled after ASA's "Minority Opportunities Through School Transformation (MOST)" program. The Board requested President Ron Huff to write a letter to Orlando Rodriguez to ask him to attend the mid-winter Board meeting in Chicago to discuss the proposal.

3. Ethical Issues Committee Report (submitted by Matthew Zingraff). A revised draft of the "American Society of Criminology Code of Ethics" was submitted by the committee. The Board discussed the report.

4. Membership Committee Report (submitted by Bonnie Berry).

5. National Policy Committee (NPC) Report (submitted by James Austin). A finalized policy statement on "The Use of the Death Penalty" was presented by the National Policy Committee to ASC. The statement will be presented at the Annual Meeting and will be released to the press. The committee asked that ASC post the report on the ASC website. Within the death penalty policy paper the NPC asked ASC to poll its membership on views held by the NPC. The committee is working on a second policy statement on the topic of juveniles in adult court. The committee considered whether the ASC should take a position related to persons nominated to take governmental position in the U.S. There was no consensus and therefore the committee recommends that the ASC not become involved in such matters. The NPC requests yearly funding of \$6,500 for (1) modest honorariums for three papers to be commissioned by the NPC (\$500/paper), (2) travel costs for the NPC to meet at least once outside the ASC Annual Meeting to review the commissioned papers and to discuss the NPC recommendations and/or positions (two day meeting - \$5,000) and (3) costs associated with the editing and production of the NPC policy paper (\$1,000).

The Board accepted a motion to encourage the Public Policy Committee to submit the paper on "The Use of the Death Penalty" to Criminology & Public Policy for consideration for publication using the stated editorial review process but without the final section of the report (without section #7 with recommendations to ASC). The Board accepted the motion to tell the Public Policy Committee the Board applauded the good work of the committee. The Board voted to decline to poll the membership as requested by the committee because the board does not want to poll the membership on research findings and response rates to such polls would not insure a representative sample and (2) the Board declined to offer the annual funding requested at this time.

6. Student Affairs Committee Report (submitted by Lanette Dalley, Chair).

#### XI. Division Reports

A. Corrections and Sentencing Report (submitted by Doris MacKenzie, Chair).

XII. Atlanta Meeting Report (Valerie Jenness and Richard Leo, Co-chairs).

XIII. Chicago Meeting Report (William Laufer and Ellen Cohn, Co-chairs).

XIV. New Business

XV. Next ASC Executive Board Meeting , Saturday November 10, 2001, 12:00 PM and Adjournment