

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
April 26-27, 2002

Palmer House Hilton Hotel - Chicago

Attending: Larry Sherman, John Braithwaite, Christy Visher, Candace Kruttschnitt, Wayne Osgood, Cheryl Maxson, Daniel Nagin, Todd Clear, Chris Eskridge, John Laub, Michael Tonry, Bob Bursik, Lynne Goodstein, Ronald Huff, Doris MacKenzie, William Laufer, Ellen Cohn, Sarah Hall, Orlando Rodriguez.

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1. Meeting called to order by President Larry Sherman.
2. November 2001 Board Minutes approved (Doris L. MacKenzie).
3. 2002 Annual Meeting Report (William Laufer and Ellen Cohn).
4. Presentaton on the use of the web for paper submissions, Annual Meeting registration, and hotel reservations. Motion accepted: A progress report on website submissions and Annual Meeting registration will be submitted to the Board by William Laufer and Ellen Cohn by September 1, 2002.
5. Development Committee (William Laufer). The Committee asked for guidance from the Board on potential use of development funds (minority fellowships, NGOs, sister criminology organizations) and funding sources (foundation, government, private donors). Motion accepted: The three presidents (past-2001, present-2002 and elect-2003) and Development Committee Chair William Laufer will propose a plan to the Board for use of development funds. This will be presented at the November Board meeting.
6. Executive Director's Report (Chris W. Eskridge).
  - A. 2001 Atlanta Meeting. The Atlanta meeting realized a profit of roughly \$42,000. Approximately \$20,000 is being carried as an expense on our books. This is actually a five-year, no-interest loan being made to the Atlanta Sheraton Hotel in exchange for their voiding the attrition clause in our contract. When we again return to Atlanta (2007) and fulfill our contractual obligations with the Sheraton, they will return the \$20,000 to us.
  - B. Chris Eskridge is in the process of working out an arrangement with Ken Adams to handle the employment exchange on a long-term basis.
  - C. Chris Eskridge has been working with representatives from the British Society of Criminology, The European Society of Criminology, the Australia/New Zealand Society of Criminology and the International Society of Criminology in an attempt to enhance ASC's level of interaction and cooperation with them.
  - D. ASC has signed contracts with both EBSCO and ProQuest to place Criminology and Criminology & Public Policy on line. ASC will receive royalty payments for all those who access our journals via these two on-line services.
7. Financial Report (Lynne Goodstein/ Chris W. Eskridge). After the first quarter of 2002 we had \$1,070,000 in total assets, and \$238,000 in liabilities, leaving us with \$833,000 in equity. The Board discussed the use and investment of funds. As of March 31, 2002, the divisions had the following: Corrections and Sentencing: \$4,787.96, 211 members; Critical: \$13,001.32, 198 members; International: \$1,617.86, 250 members; People of Color and Crime: (-\$100.33), 134 members; Women and Crime: \$8,896.79, 253 members.
8. Denver Site Visit (John H. Laub).
9. Policy Positions and OJP Reorganization (Lawrence W. Sherman). Motion accepted: The current ASC president and the president-elect will appoint members, with the Board's approval, to serve on up to two panels. The panels will be asked to write targeted papers based on scientific evidence on research on a policy relevant question. Completed papers will be submitted to the Criminology & Public Policy editor. The editor would request a minimum of two fellows in addition to other reviewers to review the papers. If the

papers pass the review process favorably they will be published in *Criminology & Public Policy* at the discretion of the editor. The motion was accepted with a unanimous vote with one abstention.

10. The following nominations from the awards committees were accepted: Candace McCoy for Bloch Award; Friedrich Losel for Sellin-Glueck Award; James Fyfe for Vollmer Award; Eric Silver and Alex Piquero for Ruth Shonle Cavan Award;; Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales Harry Woolf for the Presidential Award for Distinguished Contributions to Justice Award; David Farrington for Sutherland Award. The Michael J. Hindelang Award nominee will be sent to the Board at a later date. The Board discussed the Fellows Award Committee nominations. The Board voted to accept the three candidates nominated by the Committee, Jeff Fagan, Steve Messner and Cathy Widom, as well as Ron Huff as fellows.

Prior to the Board meeting, the Chair of the Ruth Shonle Cavan Award noted that the date in the advertisement in *The Criminologist* was wrong. The stated time frame and the articulated year did not match. An investigation indicated that this had occurred for several past years. Due to this error, the Board (in conjunction with the committee) decided that two persons would be chosen to receive the Cavan Award this year. In the future, all efforts will be undertaken to insure that the stated five year time frame will match up with the year articulated in the advertisement.

11. Award Criteria and Changes (Chris W. Eskridge).

A. The Board discussed whether changes should be made in the policy and procedures, by-laws, or constitution to reflect the fact that traditionally, ASC presidents have been made fellows of the Society during the term they are president or the following year. The Board requested Chris Eskridge to inform the Fellows Award Committee that the past-president of the ASC should be considered a nominee for election as fellow. No changes in policy and procedures, by-laws or the constitution are to be made.

B. The Board discussed two issues: there is currently nothing in our manual on how (1) to change awards or (2) to add new awards. The Board accepted a resolution that criteria for ASC awards may be set and changed as a matter of ASC by-laws (acceptance of by-law changes requires positive votes at two sequential Board meetings). Following the first vote of the Board in favor of a change, the membership will be informed of the proposed change with a full page announcement in *The Criminologist*. This procedure will permit comments from the membership prior to the second vote at the subsequent Board meeting. All of the award criteria as they now stand have the status of by-laws because they cannot be changed except under by-law procedures.

C. The Board voted not to make any changes in the criteria for the Sellin-Glueck award.

D. The Board voted to accept the motion: All members of the Society will be eligible for The Sutherland Award, as described in the ASC manual. A full page announcement will be placed in *The Criminologist* to describe the fact that there is no requirement that the recipient reside in North America. While the requirement that the recipient be a North American criminologist has appeared in some advertisements, this is not a criteria for the award as it is described in the ASC manual.

E. August Vollmer Award. Motion accepted to change the language of August Vollmer Award to: "The August Vollmer Award recognizes a criminologist whose research scholarship has contributed to justice or to the treatment or prevention of criminal or delinquent behavior, either through a single outstanding work, or a series of theoretical or research contributions, or on the accumulated contributions by a senior scholar. This Committee is responsible for making a nomination to the Board for the Award. The committee shall provide the Board with a list of those nominated (in order of merit) along with a single nominee for the award. It must include with its nomination, a short statement identifying the main reasons for its recommendations. The Committee is responsible for placing an announcement for nominees in the *Criminologist* and on the Society web page and may request nominators to submit the nominee's resume and a brief statement as to why the candidate should receive the award. The Committee is asked to prepare a report for the Mid-Year Board Meeting."

F. The possibility of a new award that would include \$10,000 and be named for the individual donating the money was discussed.

12. ASC Committee Reports

A. Editorial Board Committee (Christy Visser). The Committee expects 2 to 3 applications for editor of *Criminology*.

B. Site Selection Committee (Chris Eskridge). The Committee has discussed the possibility of rotating among three sites. The advantages would be that the hotels would give better rates and we would have information about the sites.

C. The National Policy Committee (Larry Sherman).

D. Student Affairs Committee (Chris Eskridge).

E. Membership Committee Report (Becky Tatum).

13. Criminology (Bob Bursik). Submissions are somewhat lower this year.

14. Criminology and Public Policy report (Todd Clear). The Board discussed the renewal of the NIJ grant.

15. ASC Division Reports

A. International Criminology Report (Rosemary Barberet). The discussion of third world country registration for Annual Meeting and membership dues was tabled until later. The DIC expressed some concern regarding DIC representation on the 2002 Program Committee but a review of the Committee make-up revealed that they are represented. The Board thanks the Division for their suggestion that representatives to international societies be DIC members. The Board asked Chris to respond to the Division that in general ASC sends representatives to international meetings who represent the total ASC not individual divisions.

B. Critical Criminology Report (Walter S. DeKeserdey).

16. Minority Affairs Committee (Orlando Rodriguez). A proposal for a "Minority Undergraduate Research Training Pilot Program" was presented to the Board. One of the major goals of this program is to bring more diversity members into the ASC. Orlando Rodriguiz will be attending the ASA Minority Opportunities Through School Transformation (MOST) program meeting in June where the program will be assessed. He invited members of the Board to attend. The Board decided to ask a representative from the Board to accompany Orlando to the MOST meeting. The representative and Orlando will report to the Board at the November Board Meeting. The Board accepted a resolution to support the idea of developing a program to increase the number of under represented minorities into doctorate programs. Motion accepted: Michael Tonry, Christy Visser and Larry Sherman will prepare an RFP for proposals to develop a program designed to recruit additional minority students at the undergraduate level with the goal of increasing the number of minorities pursuing Ph.D.s in criminology and criminal justice. This RFP will be submitted to the Board by email as soon as possible. Todd Clear Abstains from the vote.

17. Dues and Registration fees. The Board accepted a motion to raise dues from \$70 to \$80 and raise student dues to \$40 to meet increased costs. The Board accepted a motion to raise Annual Meeting registration fees to: \$90 for early member registration, \$120 for late member registration, \$120 for early non-members registration, \$150 for late non-member registration and students to 30 for early registration and \$40 for late registration.

The Board accepted a resolution that the ASC cease accepting new life memberships. The Board accepted a motion that the staff be asked to develop a proposal to restructure the dues on the basis of members income level on progressive terms, within these constraints: there would be a cap of \$99 per year for the highest income level; income would be generated to match the cost of servicing members; and other alternatives absent these constraints.

18. Code of Ethics. A motion to adopt the revised Code of Ethics prepared by Lynne Goodstein and Doris MacKenzie was not accepted. The Board voted not to adopt the Code of Ethics with a vote of seven in favor of adoption and eight against adoption.

19. Committee Nominations and program committee. President-elect John Laub's proposed ASC committee memberships was accepted. The proposed program committee membership was accepted.

20. The Board accepted the Minority Affairs Committee recommendations for minority fellowship recipients: Helen Ahn Lim; Deanna M. Perez; Alejandro A. Alonso.

21. 35,000 names have been compiled to receive C&PP. The Board tabled the motion until Editor Todd Clear could be contacted: The list compiled for C&PP be sold and incomes be used to support C&PP.

Note: Subsequent to the meeting Chris Eskridge and Todd Clear discussed the issue, Todd was favorable, and Chris will begin to work with publishers and list brokers to market/sell the list.

22. Next Board Meeting: November 12, 2002; 3:00PM

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