

# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, November 16, 2002, 12:00 PM  
The Palmer House Hilton Hotel  
Chicago, Illinois

## MINUTES

Attending: Rosemary Barberet, [Joanne Belknap](#), [Stephanie Bush-Baskette](#), Bob Bursik, Todd Clear, Frank Cullen, Walter DeKeseredy, Finn-Aage Esbensen, David Friedrichs, Rosemary Gartner, Candace Kruttschnitt, John Laub, Dan Nagin, Wayne Osgood, Henry Pontell, Rick Rosenfeld, Larry Sherman, Michael Tonry, Chris Uggen

Meeting called to order at 12:05 by President John Laub.

1. Report on Chicago Meeting.
2. Division Reports.
  - a. Division on Critical Criminology (Walter DeKeseredy reporting)
  - b. Division on Corrections and Sentencing (prepared by Patricia Van Voorhis)
  - c. Division on International Criminology (Rosemary Barberet reporting)
  - d. Division on People of Color and Crime ([Stephanie Bush-Baskette](#) reporting)
  - e. Division on Women and Crime (Joanne Belknap reporting)
  - f. Discussion of 2002 program and submission guidelines. Several division representatives expressed concern about the submission guidelines and the presidential plenary sessions, reporting that some members perceive the panel system to be biased against people of color, women, and critical criminologists. Some representatives requested formal participation of the divisions in the development of the conference program. In addition, they requested a systematic evaluation of the operation of the presidential panel system in place for the 2003 meeting.
3. Hindelang Award Criteria.
  - a. The motion passed at the Tuesday meeting (11/12/02), specifying that only ASC members may nominate books for the Hindelang Award, was put to a second vote. Changes to award criteria are bylaws, requiring two votes by the Board.
  - b. The Board accepted the motion, affirming the policy that books must be nominated by individuals who are members of the American Society of Criminology.
4. BJS/NIJ Resolution.
  - a. The Board discussed Rick Rosenfeld's draft statement on competitive outsourcing in the Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Institute of Justice, and U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs.
  - b. The Board accepted two motions (with Dan Nagin abstaining), resulting in the following two "Statements on the Statistical and Research Functions of the Office of Justice Programs, US Department of Justice."
    - i. Statement I:

Maintaining the integrity, quality, and long-term continuity of crime and justice statistics and research is essential for sound and effective criminal justice policy and practice in the United States; and

the production and dissemination of the nation's crime and justice statistics and research must be free of political bias and control; and

current procedures for the analysis, interpretation, and reporting of crime and justice statistics and research in the USDOJ Office of Justice Programs are widely recognized as exemplary and are emulated throughout the world; and

maintaining the integrity, quality, and independence of national crime and justice statistics and research is the responsibility of the government of the United States,

Therefore the Executive Board of the American Society of Criminology (ASC) views the compilation, analysis, interpretation, reporting, monitoring, and management of crime and justice statistics and research in the Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Institute of Justice, and related USDOJ Office of Justice Programs agencies and departments are inherently governmental functions and should not be subject to competitive outsourcing to the private sector.

- ii. Statement II

The Consortium of Social Science Associations, of which the ASC is a member, may publicly identify the ASC as supportive of its effort to exempt the statistical and research functions of the USDOJ Office of Justice Programs from current and future competitive outsourcing of USDOJ positions. ASC endorsement and support of such efforts do not extend beyond the provisions of this resolution.

- c. The Board broke while these statements were faxed to Howard Silver, Executive Director of the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) and Sally Hillsman, Executive Officer of the American Sociological Association (ASA).
5. Minority Initiative.
    - a. The Board discussed a proposed undergraduate minority fellowship program, designed to increase the pool of people of color who enter into and successfully complete doctoral programs focusing on criminology and criminal justice.
    - b. Program details discussed included the number of awards per year, the desirability of requiring matching funds from the host institution, timelines for RFPs and awards, and strategies for securing commitment from faculty mentors.
    - c. An ad-hoc committee was appointed (Frank Cullen, Todd Clear, Ron Huff, Lynn Goodstein, and Stephanie Bush-Baskette) to bring forward a proposal by January 2003.
  6. NPC – National Policy Committee.
    - a. The Board discussed the National Policy Committee proposal from John Laub and Jeffrey Fagan on the role of criminological research in policy process. The committee will identify case studies and examine how criminological research has been used for policy purposes.
  7. Joint Meeting.
    - a. The Board passed a motion brought forward by Larry Sherman regarding a joint 2004 American Society of Criminology – European Society of Criminology Conference in Paris, titled "What Works? Evaluating Crime Prevention Strategies." David Farrington is to serve as program chair, and the program committee will consist of leadership from the ASC, ESC, FSC, and the Campbell Collaboration. The Jerry Lee Center of the University of Pennsylvania agrees to provide a grant to the ASC of up to \$50,000 to cover any financial loss the ASC may incur in organizing the conference.
    - b. The Board discussed adding a provision that "No ASC member who submits a qualified proposal for a paper on a relevant topic will be denied a place on the program," but deleted this provision after some discussion. Instead, the provision was amended to specify only that "Qualified proposals shall consist of a 5-page preview of a paper on the conference topic."
    - c. ASC Executive Director Chris Eskridge was charged with communicating details of the meeting to the division heads.
  8. Other Business
    - a. The Board discussed the Editorial Board Committee's work in considering proposals from Blackwell to publish Criminology and Criminology and Public Policy and proposals from Hein and Company to put all issues of criminology online. With regard to the former issue, several Board members expressed a strong preference for the ASC to continue publishing the journals ourselves.
    - b. Todd Clear was excused from the meeting. The Board then voted to reappoint Todd to a three-year term as editor of Criminology and Public Policy.
    - c. The spring meeting will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Denver. Meetings are scheduled to begin Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM and Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM and conclude by 6:00 PM.
    - d. Frank Cullen proposed Bonnie Fisher and Melissa Moon as program co-chairs for the 2004 annual meeting in Nashville and by acclamation, the Board approved these appointments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45.