

## ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Nashville Renaissance Hotel  
November 16, 2004  
3:00 pm, Belmont 1, Renaissance Hotel

Attending: Frank Cullen, Denise Gottfredson, Gary Lafree, John Laub, Dan Nagin, Henry Pontell, Ray Paternoster, Finn Esbenson, Todd Clear, Jim Lynch, John Wright, Michael Tonry, Alan Lizotte, Donna Bishop, Julie Horney, Chris Uggen, Chris Eskridge, Rosemary Gartner

Also: Melissa Moon, Bonnie Fisher

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm.

Welcome

### 1. Annual Meeting Report

Meeting co-chairs Bonnie Fisher and Melissa Moon distributed the program committee report on the 2004 meetings. There are 1,936 submissions, 166 posters, 517 panels, and a closing brunch scheduled for Saturday. The Board thanked the co-chairs for their great efforts.

### 2. Publication Agreement

Frank Cullen, Henry Pontell, and Chris Eskridge explained their work in negotiating a publication agreement for the Society's two journals, *Criminology*, and *Criminology & Public Policy*. The choice of Blackwell as publisher over Sage, Oxford, and Springer was discussed. The seven-year contract will have positive financial implications for the Society, particularly relative to the costs of self-publishing. ASC members will receive both print and online access and both hard copy and online versions of journals will be available individually to libraries (rather than bundled with a set of other journals). As a result of the agreement, ASC journals will not be included in the Sage online platform, though they will be included in the broader Synergy platform. A motion to accept the recommendation to enter into a contract with Blackwell for the publication of *Criminology* and *Criminology & Public Policy* was passed by unanimous vote of the Board. Frank Cullen recognized Henry Pontell and Chris Eskridge for their many efforts in this matter.

### 3. Criminology Editor

The Board discussed a successor to Ray Paternoster as editor of *Criminology*. For the past several editorships, the journal has remained in one institution for six years or two three-year terms. Denise Gottfredson submitted a proposal to assume the editorship for the second of Ray Paternoster's three-year terms, keeping the journal at the University of Maryland. Several Board members spoke in favor of this particular arrangement, but did not wish to establish a precedent that a new editor would be appointed at the same University as the previous editor. According to the ASC Policy and Procedures Manual, a contract is established between the Society and the institution, in this case, the University of Maryland for a three-year term. The Society does not typically invite new bids after a single term, renewing for a second term if the editor agrees to continue. The Board discussed whether a successor editor can be named by the institution, agreeing to decide on this case and refer the matter to Bob Meier and the publication committee to develop a policy governing future instances in which either the institution or the editor changes after serving less than two three-year terms. The Board accepted a motion to affirm the Maryland proposal (detailed in the letter of October 24, 2004) by a vote of 7 to 3, with 3 abstaining.

### 4. Sellin-Glueck Award

The Board voted unanimously to affirm the new Sellin-Glueck Award criteria, passed at the April 2004 meeting.

### 5. Executive Director's Report

Chris Eskridge characterized the financial condition of the ASC as good. All of the divisions are now in sound financial condition as well. The Board unanimously approved a three percent raise for ASC staff as proposed in the Director's report. Chris Eskridge discussed a potential role for ASC in partnering with academic institutions to sponsor occasional forums or colloquia. The Board raised issues of quality control and the use of the Society's name in promoting policy positions. A motion that the Board consider co-sponsoring conferences on a case-by-case basis was tabled, with discussion postponed until the April meeting. The international initiatives budget and activities of the Division of International Criminology were discussed, as well as the need for written reports on

such activities. Dan Nagin suggested developing a plan to draw down the ASC endowment after identifying and articulating the membership's priorities.

6. The following Committee Reports were discussed:

- Award Committees
- Constitution and By-Laws
- Development
- Ethics
- Fellows
- Local Arrangements
- Membership
- Minority Affairs
- Minority Scholar/Mentor
- National Policy
- Nominations (chaired by Joan Peterselia, with slate approved by email).
- Liaisons (Update from Christy Visher on COSSA, presentations to Congress)
- Student Affairs
- Student Awards

Publications

Criminology. Editor Ray Paternoster reported receiving 18 papers per month. The e-submission and review system has been functioning well, saving about \$8 per manuscript in costs and reducing the turnaround time to 60 days. Each issue is appearing on schedule.

Criminology & Public Policy. Editor Todd Clear explained how acceptance rates have dropped at Criminology & Public Policy, which publishes four issues per year on the same schedule as Criminology. The journal is developing strategies to generate greater media attention for its articles, for example, by providing embargoed news releases.

ASC Paper Award Committee

Chris Uggen discussed work on an ASC paper award to recognize outstanding contributions to criminology in article form. The Board considered whether to limit eligibility for the award to articles published in Criminology and in Criminology & Public Policy. A proposal to consider all articles published in these journals as well as any article specifically nominated from other peer-reviewed journals was discussed. Some Board members favored lagging the article award by three years (e.g., the 2005 award would honor an article published in 2002) to determine impact, others to give the award for the previous year, consistent with the Hindelang book award (e.g., the 2005 award would honor an article published in 2004). The nomination process was discussed as well as possible names for the award.

7. Division Reports

Two division reports were discussed

8. New Business

John Laub relayed news from Charles Wellford that an ad hoc committee would meet this summer with Attorney General Gonzalez about crime research as part of the ASC National Policy Committee discussion. A motion to designate Charles Wellford as ASC liaison to the Justice Research Statistics Association was accepted unanimously.

Todd Clear announced that US News is now ranking doctoral programs in criminal justice.

The Sellin-Glueck award winner declined an invitation to contribute an essay to an ASC journal this year. Ed Latessa, the 2004 Vollmer award winner will be writing a piece for the November issue of Criminology & Public Policy. The Board considered the appropriateness of the award winning article appearing in Society journals in light of the practical difficulties in obtaining the essays. After discussion, a motion to repeal the policy of inviting the Sellin-Glueck award winner to publish an essay to appear in ASC publications was passed (9 favor, 4 oppose, 1 abstain).

The Board thanked Michael Tonry, Dan Nagin, Henry Pontell, and John Laub for their service. The next meeting is scheduled for November 5 at 1:00 pm.