

ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 22-23, 2005
Mid-Year Meeting
Toronto Royal York Hotel

MINUTES

Attending: Donna Bishop, Finn Esbensen, Chris Eskridge, Rosemary Gartner, Denise Gottfredson, Julie Horney, Gary LaFree, Janet Lauritsen, Alan Lizotte, Jim Lynch, Bob Meier, Chris Uggen, Ashley Olson

Meeting called to order at 3:15, April 22

Introductions

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted unanimously by the Board. After some discussion, the Board requested receiving committee reports in a single mailing, rather than having many mailings arrive individually.

1. Toronto Meeting Report -- Julie Horney

Julie Horney discussed implementation of the online submission system, which has saved a great deal of work for the program committee. She recommended the Board consider the possibility of All-Academic managing our membership list as well. We received 1,228 individual paper submissions and 203 complete panel submissions, which will be advertised as "thematic" sessions. The meetings will again feature roundtables in 2005 and a number of poster submissions and roundtables will be available for those who did not meet the panel submission deadline. The Canadian National Crime Prevention Center group will participate in the meetings to facilitate interaction between academics and practitioners. The Board discussed ways to alert the membership that attendees will require either a current passport or both an original birth certificate and driver's license. The ASC website and *The Criminologist* will be used to disseminate the information. The program committees for 2005 and 2006 made plans to meet and coordinate activities. In sites in which the number of meeting rooms is limited, the Board discussed ways to accommodate a greater number of sessions without extending the length of the meetings. Scheduling during the lunch period would permit approximately 75 additional sessions to be scheduled (25 per day over 3 days) in such sites.

2. Executive Director's Report -- Chris Eskridge

Chris Eskridge discussed the financial health of the ASC and provided the Board with a detailed description of the Society's budget. This year the ASC realized a profit, but we anticipate a short-term loss for 2005 that should be recouped when we receive residual royalties from Blackwell in 2006. The Board considered requests from membership to provide LCD projectors at the annual meeting. The current cost of providing such projectors in all meeting rooms was estimated at approximately \$40,000 per annual meeting. A motion to make LCD projectors widely available at the meetings was accepted by the board (8 in favor, 3 oppose, 1 abstain). In light of the increased costs of the meeting, including the Saturday brunch and LCD projectors, the Board discussed raising dues and fees. The Board unanimously accepted a motion to increase conference registration fees to \$40 for ASC student members, \$80 for student non-members, \$120 for other ASC members and \$160 for other non-members. The late registration fees were correspondingly increased to \$50 for ASC student members, \$90 for student non-members, \$150 for other ASC members, and \$190 for other non-members.

3. ASC Committee Reports

A. Awards Committee

Sellin-Glueck Award -- Friedrich Loesel

The Sellin-Glueck award criteria were discussed. The award is given in order to call attention to criminological scholarship that considers problems of crime and justice as they are manifested outside the United States; internationally or comparatively. Preference is given for scholarship that analyzes non-U.S. data, is published predominantly outside of U.S. criminological journals, and in granting the award, brings new perspectives or approaches to the attention of the members of the Society.

Herbert Bloch Award -- Meda Chesney-Lind

The Board discussed reporting procedures and model reports, unanimously accepting the committee's nominee, Bob Bursik.

August Vollmer Award -- Doris MacKenzie

The Board accepted the committee's nominee Jackie Campbell unanimously.

Edwin H. Sutherland -- Rosemary Gartner

The nomination of John Laub was accepted unanimously, with 1 abstention. The committee report by Rosemary Gartner was praised by the Board for its clarity and suggested as a model for other committee chairs to follow

Ruth Shonle Cavan -- Wesley Skogan

The committee's work is in progress.

Fellows -- Joan Petersilia

The Board accepted the committee report unanimously with 2 abstentions.

Michael J. Hindelang -- P-O Wikstrom (In progress).

Presidential Award -- Julie Horney

The Board unanimously accepted the nomination of representatives from the Fortune Society to receive the presidential award for distinguished contributions to justice.

B. Constitution & By-Laws Committee -- Kathleen Heide

The committee reported no charge or issues to consider this year.

C. 2005 Annual Meeting Program Committee -- Julie Horney

D. Membership Committee -- Roger Jarjoura

The committee's work is in progress.

E. Minority Affairs Committee -- Eric Stewart

The committee's work is in progress and a report is anticipated by August 15, 2005.

F. National Policy Committee -- Julie Horney

The committee is inactive this year.

G. Nominations Committee -- Candace Kruttschnitt

The committee's work is in progress.

H. Outstanding Article Award Committee -- Christopher Uggen

The Board discussed a proposed new article award to honor exceptional contributions made by scholars in article form. The award's timing, eligibility criteria, and the nomination process were considered. A motion to provide an annual outstanding article award for the peer-reviewed article that makes the most outstanding contribution to research in criminology was accepted unanimously. The 2005-2006 committee will consider nominations received by March 1, 2006 for articles published during the 2004 calendar year. The committee will consider all articles published during 2004 in *Criminology* and in *Criminology & Public Policy*. Articles appearing in other journals may also be nominated and considered by the committee. The Executive Board may decide not to give an Article Award in a given year.

I. Publications Committee -- Robert Meier

The Board approved Denise Gottfredson's application to serve as Editor of *Criminology* (with one abstention). Bob Meier and the publications committee were charged with developing a policy for future editorial transitions.

J. Liaisons to Related Societies -- Chris Eskridge

K. Student Awards Committee -- Bill Wells

The committee's work is in progress.

L. Minority Scholar/Mentor Awards Committee -- Todd Clear

The committee's report is expected August 15. The Board discussed eligibility criteria and strategies for increasing the number of applicants for the undergraduate award.

4. CRIMINOLOGY Report -- Raymond Paternoster

5. CRIMINOLOGY & PUBLIC POLICY Report -- Todd Clear

The Board discussed Todd Clear's report and his request to name Natasha Frost as co-editor of *Criminology & Public Policy*. More information about the specific duties, functions, and locations of the proposed arrangement was requested. The Board agreed to continue an email discussion of the matter upon receipt of this information.

6. ASC Division Reports

The Board discussed each report and accepted the reports of the following divisions:

a) Corrections and Sentencing -- Gaylene Armstrong

b) Critical Criminology -- Meda Chesney-Lind

c) International Criminology -- Rosemary Barberet

The report from the Division of International Criminology was discussed. The Division requested that the Board consider changes in the Society's membership form, acknowledgement of division journals on the Society's webpage, specification of the role of Society ambassadors and liaisons sent abroad, reducing fees for those from developing nations, and changes in Society letterhead. The Society's main webpage will now link to division journals and division webpages for more information. The Board discussed special efforts made to include international scholars in the annual meeting and the appointment of such scholars to major committees.

d) People of Color and Crime -- Vernetta Young

e) Women and Crime -- Susan Sharp

7. 2006 ASC Committee Appointments -- Gary LaFree

The Board unanimously accepted Gary LaFree's 2006 committee appointments. The Board considered whether to staff the Ethical Issues Committee and the National Policy Committee, as they do not currently have charges. A motion to suspend the ethics committee was accepted with one abstention. Gary LaFree will take the issue under advisement. If ethics issues arise, they will be returned to the university or other home institution of the members involved. Christopher Uggen was appointed for a second three-year term as Secretary.

8. 2006 ASC Program Committee Appointments -- Gary LaFree

The conference theme for 2006 will be Democracy, Crime, and Justice.

9. Los Angeles Site Visit and Report -- Chris Eskridge

Gary LaFree discussed the Biltmore Hotel, the Staples Center, and some of the strengths and weaknesses of the Los Angeles site. The meetings will feature a full movie theater that seats 350 people. "Cinema ASC," will use this opportunity to present films during the meetings. We will have very frequent bus service between the hotels and the convention center.

10. CRIMINOLOGY Editor Selection Discussion -- Janet Lauritsen

The Board discussed the transition from Ray Paternoster to Denise Gottfredson as editor of *Criminology*. A motion for Denise Gottfredson to assume the editorship for a three-year term was passed unanimously with one abstention. She will serve a three-year term and a solicitation for competitive bids for the next editor will be advertised in *The Criminologist* in fall 2006. The publications committee will continue work on a succession policy that specifies the roles of both the institution and the individual editors.

11. Graduate and Undergraduate Minority Fellowship Criteria -- Janet Lauritsen

The Board discussed the criteria used to select ASC Minority Fellowship recipients. The Minority Affairs Committee awards fellowships based on merit, financial need, interests, and existing disproportionalities in the Society's membership. Committee members consider evidence of applicants' motivation for pursuing their degrees, their educational achievement and recommendations, their research topics, financial need, and professional association activity. Application materials should include curriculum vitae, transcripts, and letters of recommendation.

12. Roles and Responsibilities of ASC Liaisons and Representatives -- Chris Eskridge

The Executive Director discussed the proliferation of liaisons between the Society and other associations and societies. With the exception of a statement on the death penalty, the Society has not issued formal statements of policy. A motion to eliminate all official representative positions other than those to COSSA and AAAS was passed by unanimous vote of the Board.

The Board considered the role of the Society and the Executive Board in the United Nations. The Division of International Criminology successfully attained NGO status for the Society within the United Nations. The Division's Chair, Rosemary Barberet, is our listed representative to the United Nations. The Board discussed materials from Nancy Grosselfinger regarding our United Nations involvement. The ASC has been allocating \$4000 annually to the DIC to supplement some of their travel and mailing costs. These funds have come from our international initiatives budget since 2001. The Board discussed the equity of providing funds to DIC but not to other divisions. The mission statement of the Board was considered (Section II of Constitution) and greater involvement in these activities was considered as part of the charge to disseminate scientific knowledge. The Board unanimously accepted a motion to designate a lead representative to the United Nations. This ASC-United Nations coordinator is charged with advising the Board on the nature and extent of UN activities. Ineke Marshall was nominated to serve as ASC-United Nations coordinator and this nomination was accepted unanimously by the Board (with one abstention).

13. Proposals

A. Membership survey -- Gary LaFree

Gary LaFree proposed conducting a survey of the ASC membership in 2005, reporting to the Board for the Toronto meetings. The Board discussed the specific questionnaire items, sample size (of 400), plans for disclosure, dissemination, and confidentiality. After discussing the content of the proposed questionnaire, some members were concerned that the survey would be unlikely to yield directives for action.

B. Book repository -- Gary LaFree

Gary LaFree proposed that ASC obtain copyright to out-of-print criminology and criminal justice books. Issues of selection would need to be considered, as would costs of scanning or entering. The publications committee was charged with developing a specific proposal to help the ASC become an online depository for works in criminology.

C. Meeting partnerships -- Chris Eskridge

The Board discussed a proposal by Jeremy Travis and John Jay to co-sponsor a one-day symposium for developing a criminological agenda on terrorism. These activities will be announced on ASC webpages.

14. National Research Council Ratings of Doctoral Programs -- Todd Clear

President Julie Horney proposed an ad-hoc ASC committee to address the NRC ratings issue.

15. Sponsorship of Campbell Collaboration -- Julie Horney

A request to sponsor a Campbell Collaboration meeting was discussed and Board members expressed resistance to official Society or Board sponsorship of meetings and conferences.

16. Next Meeting of the ASC Board

- a) Tuesday, November 15, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Toronto
- b) Saturday, November 19, Noon - 6:00 pm, Toronto

17. New Business

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45, April 23.