

ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Saturday November 19, 2005
Toronto Royal York Hotel

MINUTES

Attending: Robert Agnew, Donna Bishop, Todd Clear, Frank Cullen, Finn Esbensen, Chris Eskridge, Rosemary Gartner, Denise Gottfredson, Julie Horney, Gary Lafree, Janet Lauritsen, Alan Lizotte, Jim Lynch, Doris McKenzie, Ray Paternoster, Chris Uggen, John Wright

Also: Rosemary Barberet, Kimberly Clark, Kimberly Cook, Julius Debro, Alex Piquero, Cindy Smith, Jeffrey Walker

Meeting called to order at 3:05, November 22

1. Introductions

Michael Tonry, Doris McKenzie, Bob Agnew, and Pat Van Voorhis were welcomed as new members to the Board.

2. Toronto Report

Attendance at the 2005 meetings was 2,650, the second largest meeting ever. The success of the poster sessions and LCD presentation equipment was discussed, although handicap accessibility was an issue at the conference hotel. Any food remaining after the Saturday brunch and receptions was delivered to a local food bank.

3. Los Angeles Report – Alex Piquero and Doris McKenzie

The Board revisited the issue of identification numbers and conference planning software. The American Sociological Association now imprints a unique 4-digit identification number on every piece of mail sent to members. This number may then be used in entering materials onto the online submission system. Plenary sessions for sociology, psychology, economics, and political science are planned, as is a National Institute of Justice plenary on the Chicago neighborhoods project. March 17, 2006 is the deadline for submitting sessions for the 2006 annual meeting. There will be two online training sessions available for members of the program committee. The convention center is located a short walk from the hotels. Buses between hotels and the convention center will be available throughout the meetings.

4. Division Reports

Division on Critical Criminology – Jeff Walker. The Division on Critical Criminology reports 345 members, reflecting a large increase in recent years. The Division's new chair is Bruce Arrigo. Its journal, *Critical Criminology* is quite successful. All division members receive electronic access rather than print copies to save money.

Division on Corrections and Sentencing – Doris McKenzie. The Division reports membership of 331. The Chair is Gaylene Armstrong.

Division on International Criminology – Rosemary Barberet and Cindy Smith. The Division reports membership of over 300 persons. Its new journal, the *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, and its United Nations activities were discussed. Ineke Marshall will be the new ASC United Nations Representative and her role vis-à-vis the ASC and the DIC was discussed.

Division on People of Color and Crime – Julius Debro. The Division discussed plans toward developing a journal, perhaps beginning with a special issue.

Division on Women and Crime – Kimberly Cook. The Division reports approximately 350 members and discussed its new journal *Feminist Criminology*. The Division thanks Chris Eskridge for his help in negotiating with publishers. In addition, a special issue of *Theoretical Criminology* will be co-edited by 3 Division members.

5. Publications Committee Report

A. Out of Print Books

The Board discussed strategies for the Society to make out-of-print criminology books available to the membership. The technical tasks involved in scanning, proofreading, and securing copyright permission were considered. A motion to authorize Michael Maltz to contact potential library partners was accepted by unanimous vote of the Board.

B. *Criminologist* Obituaries

A motion to adopt a standard obituary length in *The Criminologist* was accepted by unanimous vote of the Board. *The Criminologist* will publish obituaries of one-half page (approximately 400 words) with a picture. The online version of *The Criminologist* will include supplementary links to additional or more extensive obituaries and memorials.

6. Futures Committee Report

In light of anticipated retirements, the Futures committee is examining the current structure and operations of the ASC business office. The committee is gathering information on restructuring the office to better serve the membership and to implement new information systems and technology.

7. CPP Report Timetable

Todd Clear's second term as editor of *Criminology and Public Policy* is coming to an end. The Society is soliciting proposals for the new editorial team. After some discussion, the Board accepted a motion to proceed with selection of a new editor following the established timetable (11: 2 opposed, 1 abstention).

8. *Criminology* Issue – Bob Agnew (from Charles Tittle).

The procedure to select new journal editors was discussed, including the succession between Ray Paternoster and Denise Gottfredson at the University of Maryland. Chris Uggen was volunteered to draft a description, circulate it to the Board, and post it online and in *The Criminologist*.

9. Didactic Sessions – Bob Agnew.

The Board considered making didactic sessions and workshops available to the membership at the annual meetings. Costs, scheduling, staffing, and space issues were discussed. A motion to conduct didactic sessions on an experimental basis was accepted by the Board, with Bob Agnew chairing the effort.

10. Syllabi Collection – Bob Agnew.

A proposal to gather criminology syllabi collections was considered by the Board. The issue will be taken up further at the midyear Board meeting.

11. COSSA

The Board discussed a proposal by Julie Horney to make the ASC President the Society's representative to the Consortium of Social Science Associations.

12. International Initiatives

The Society's international initiatives budget and expenditures were discussed by the Board.

13. U.N. Representative Issue

The Executive Board unanimously accepted a motion to carefully consider the input, advice, and recommendations of the Division on International Criminology leadership when selecting the ASC United Nations Coordinator.

14. Next Meeting.

The Futures committee meeting is scheduled for 12:30 pm on Friday, April 21.

The Executive Board will meet at 3 pm on Friday, April 21.

The Executive Board meeting will continue at 8 am Saturday, April 22.