

SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY

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News Notes

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Your newly elected officers for 1957 are President, John P. Kenney, Coordinator, Police Administration Program, University of Southern California, Los Angeles 7, California; Western Vice President, Clyde B. Vedder, Department of Sociology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona; Central Vice President, A.C. Germann, School of Police Administration and Public Safety, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan; Eastern Vice President, P. Lejins, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland; Secretary-treasurer, William Dienstein, Fresno State College, Fresno 26, California; Member-at-large, Marcel Frym, Hacker Foundation and U.S.C., Beverly Hills, California.

The annual meeting was held Friday, 28 December 1956 at the Hotel Californian in Fresno, California. There was not a quiet moment during the sessions which began at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

| Name | Institution |
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| Richard Hankey | College of Sequoias |
| Mel H. Miller | San Jose State College |
| F.M. Fabian | Washington State College |
| Donald F. McCall | Washington State College |
| John P. Kenney | University of Southern California |
| C. Robert Guthrie | Fresno State College |
| Marcel Frym | U.S.C., Hacker Clinic |
| Samuel H. Jameson | U.S.C. |
| Julius H. Klinger | Lundborg College (S.F., Calif.) |
| Frank M. Boolsen | Fresno State College |
| Allen Z. Gammege | Sacramento State College |
| William B. Melnicoe | Sacramento State College |
| Peter M. Kristovich | Sears Roebuck |
| Gary E. Cooper | Shasta College (Redding, Calif.) |
| O.W. Wilson | University of California |
| Clyde Vedder | University of Arizona |
| Don J. Bennett | Los Angeles Police Department |
| James M. Reinhardt | University of Nebraska |
| William Dienstein | Fresno State College |

Guests:

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| Wm. McCampbell | City of Fresno, Mayor's office |
| Ray Galvin | University of Southern California |
| Jack W. Croughan | Sears, Roebuck |
| W.J. Mortland, Jr. | City of Fresno, Police Department |

Frank Boolsen (FSC) chaired the morning panel discussion on standardization. Wilson (UC) pointed out that in California there is police training in universities, colleges, junior colleges, adult classes, state department of education, and at local police department academies. He suggested that the problem was one of integration rather than standardization.

Fabian (WSC), Kristovich (Sears), Kenney (USC), Cooper (Shasta) introduced problems confronting any system for standardization. Cooper pointed out that the local institutions were subject to much pressure regarding type of program.

It was moved by Jameson (USC), seconded, and passed that in view of the problem and the necessity of looking at it realistically, the chair appoint an active, dynamic, and enthusiastic committee including representatives from the four levels of training, representatives of the peace officers associations, the attorney-general's office, and the state department of education to get together with as many sessions as necessary and report in writing to the Society upon their deliberations; that the Society analyze the report and come out with conclusions that will provide a coordinated program to present to institutions engaged in the offering of programs in criminology.

During the discussion Melnicoe (SSC) suggested specific definition of terms; that a permanent committee continually review the situation; that minimum standards be set up for any program. Miller (SJSC) suggested that this committee could consider problems submitted by members regarding programs. Wilson (UC) stated that he was authorized by the peace officers association to investigate the possibility POA making a survey of training programs with funds provided by a foundation. This was followed by some discussion of a foundation grant to help SAC with its problem.

Frym (USC) recommended the position of a state supervisor of correctional officers as is now the case in the position of supervisor of peace officers training (State Department of Education). No action was taken.

McCall (WSC) suggested that SAC consider setting up an accrediting body within the Society. No action was taken.

The morning session adjourned for luncheon at 12:00. The afternoon session heard Dr. James M. Reinhardt present his paper, "The Uses of Psychographology in Handwriting Examination". Reinhardt's thesis was that writing is a form of personality expression and as such is an identifying factor of an individual. The paper will be presented to POLICE for publication. Dr. Reinhardt was given local newspaper headlines - not on his paper - but rather on an interview about delinquency. Dr. Frym also gained fleeting notoriety by being interviewed regarding his hypotheses about "doodling" as character expressions.

Ray Galvin (USC) discussed "Applied Research in the Field of Law Enforcement". The presentation centered around the "critical incident technique" as a research method to find deficiencies and strong points of police departments thru interviews at all levels.

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution presented a draft of a revised Constitution. It was decided that the old and revised draft be reproduced and submitted to the membership for comments. The chairman of the committee (Kenney) will prepare a letter to accompany the distribution.

It was moved by Frym, seconded by Reinhardt, and carried that consideration be given to changing the name of the Society at the time of adopting a revision of the Constitution. A name suggested for consideration was American Criminological Society. (Can you suggest a better one?) (Your secretary received recently a communication from ADVANCE REVIEWER addressed: Society for the Advancement of Crime.)

It was moved by Wilson, seconded by Kenney, and passed that SAC adopt POLICE as an official publication.

MacNamara's meeting in New York with the AAAS on 29 December 1956 attracted some 300. All of you received an announcement of the seminar "Science versus Crime" and were impressed with the listing of outstanding participants. Congratulations are due to Mac. It is hoped that a summary of the presentations will be made available to the membership.

"The Second Annual Southern Conference on Corrections will be held in Tallahassee on Feb. 28-29, 1957. Mr. Philip G. Green, Director of the Division of Juvenile Delinquency Service of the Children's Bureau will be one of the featured speakers. While final arrangements have not yet been concluded, we believe that Mr. James V. Bennett, Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, will be the second major speaker on the evening of Feb. 28. We offer a cordial invitation to all members of SAC to attend this conference which promises to be a most exciting one. ... " Individuals interested in obtaining information about the program should write to Dean Coyle E. Moore, School of Social Welfare, Florida State University.

Police-Community Relations Institute, June 2-7, 1957, Michigan State University. Write A.F. Brandstatter, School of Police Administration and Public Safety, Michigan State University, East Lansing Michigan, for details.

C.Gordon Martin Of Martin Laboratories and Baylor University writes that member Daniel G. Reynolds, formerly managing director of the Dallas Crime Commission, has accepted a position with the National Safety Council in Chicago. Best wishes to Reynolds in his new position. With Reynolds gone, Martin and McRae are the solid SAC members in Texas.

The second annual Institute of Insurance Fraud Detection under the direction of Martin was held in Dallas, Nov. 26-30, 1956.

1957 dues are now payable. Please use the enclosed envelope and indicate any change of address or corrections thereon.

With the adoption of POLICE as an official journal, it is hoped that SAC members will submit papers for publication. Specific arrangements have not as yet been made with the editor as to the procedure to be followed. However, if you have any papers, send them to V.A. Leonard, Editor, POLICE, P.O.Bx. 837, College Station, Pullman, Washington.