Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

Neil House Motor Hotel

September 20, 1969

PRESENT:

G. O. W. Mueller
Albert Morris
Samuel A. Kramer
Franco Ferracuti
Edward Sagarin
Walter Reckless
G. Ray Jeffery
Simon Dinitz
Christine Schultz

Past-President
President-elect
Treasurer
Executive Councillor
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Past-President
Editor Criminologica
Vice President
Local Arrangements Co-Chairman

PRESIDING: Bruno Cormier, President
SECRETARY: Mrs. Ellen Sanders
AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 - Program for Annual Meeting

The Program Committee reported that the preliminary program is ready for mailing as soon as the mailing labels are received. The final program will be at the hotel for distribution at the time of registration. It was decided that the final program and tickets will be offset printed at the Ohio State University. Suggestions for changes and additions to the program were made and approved. Missing information will be supplied by no later than October 10. The cost of the entire program (banquet, hospitality, and cocktail party) will be maximally $15.00 of the $25.00 registration fee. The balance will go into the Society's treasury. Students will be charged a flat fee for registration and the wine party at the Faculty Club at Ohio State. Dr. Reckless said that students and wives of convention registered members are to be charged $5.00 for the banquet, cocktail party and wine party. Reimbursement will be made to the Society by the Youth Development Project at Ohio State.

After discussion it was agreed that rapporteurs and discussants would be present at every session. Rapporteurs will come from M.A. and Ph.D. students from various universities. The practice of the organization of having these individuals report the procedures of each session directly to the President will be continued. The rapporteurs will prepare a brief summary of the session to which they are assigned. Discussants will be selected by the local arrangements committee. Stephen Schafer was suggested and approved as the discussant for Session II.

The inclusion in the program of the meeting and speaker for the American League to Abolish Capital Punishment was discussed. It was agreed that this organization would be listed separately in the program.

The Board expressed their thanks and appreciation to Miss Christine Schultz and to Dr. Dinitz for the excellent arrangements being made for the Annual Meeting.

Miss Meeker of the hotel staff took the Committee on a tour of facilities for the Annual Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 - Nomination of Officers

The following slate of officers were presented by Dr. C. Ray Jeffery on behalf of the Nominating Committee: Simon Dinitz, President-elect; Franco Ferracuti and Joseph Satten, Vice-Presidents; (the two other Vice-Presidents, Dr. Sagarin and Dr. Chwast, will complete their two year terms). The President asked for nomination from the floor. No new nominations were received. Discussions of other proposed nominees ensued. Charles Newman moved that the nominations be closed, and Dr. Morris seconded. The vote was unanimous. President Cormier thanked the Nominating Committee. The Executive Councillors are changed every year, and may be reappointed by the President-elect. The appointments to this position will be announced by Dr. Albert Morris at the Annual Business Meeting, October 31. The Constitution permits the President to appoint a Secretary and Treasurer for the tenure of his appointment.
AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - Criminologica

Dr. C. Ray Jeffery, the editor of Criminologica, reported on the status of Criminologica. One of the major problems is updating the mailing list. He said that he would mail mailing labels when available to the Arrangements Committee, as well as to the President, and to the Treasurer in November for billing purposes. Shipment of back issues from OSU has been received with a discrepant count on some issues. He informed the Executive Committee of Rothman's offer to compile and bind volumes one through the present issue for sale to membership and to libraries.

Dr. Jeffery reported he had talked to the publisher of Sage Publications who would like to take over the printing of Criminologica and would build up the subscription list. They would handle everything but the editorial work. At present they offer 20% royalties on the publication. The minimum term of the publication agreement would be either five or ten years.

The editor of Criminologica was authorized to explore and bring back to the next meeting the possibility of turning the publication of Criminologica over to Sage Publications.

Dr. Reckless referred to the possibility of investigating a composite publication of presented papers (similar to that issued by the Society in 1963), editors - Dr. Reckless and Professor Newman. There was general agreement with this suggestion. Professor Newman expressed the view that a combination monograph with a special number would sell for years and years. President Cormier suggested that papers presented at a session such as that chaired by Edward Sagarin might be suitable for such a publication.

It was agreed that papers presented at the Annual Meeting will become the property of the Society unless the author specifically refuses to release his paper. Dr. Mueller will draft the release proposal and it will be presented to the membership for approval at the Annual Meeting.

The committee discussed changing the publication of Criminologica to the calendar year instead of from May of one year to February of the following year. President Cormier summed up the discussion by saying the place of publication should be changed first and then in a year or two we might discuss changing to a calendar year. Agreement was unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - Relationship With Other Organizations

Professor Newman, representative of the ASC to the Manpower Commission, brought up our representation and relationship to the Joint Commission, and explained that to his knowledge nothing has been done or accomplished by this Commission. He asked the Committee's opinion of continued affiliation with this Commission and this led to a lengthy discussion concerning the work of the Joint Commission.

Dr. Reckless stated that he is on the Board of this Commission and explained the work that has been done, the findings and reports that have been prepared, and the financial condition of the Commission. The title of the final report is "A Time for Action." When and if financial aid is secured by the
Commission, the report will be printed and distributed. Professor Newman was instructed to continue representing the ASC.

It was agreed that the subject "Affiliation of the ASC with Associations of Criminology and Corrections Programs" would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - Awards to be Presented at Annual Meeting

Gerhard Mueller reporting for the Awards Committee suggested the following persons:

August Vollmer Award - Senator Joseph D. Tydings for his work on the machinery of crime legislation.

Edwin Sutherland Award - Dr. Lloyd E. Ohler of the Harvard Law School.

Dr. Dinitz suggested that a special award be presented to Dr. Karl Menninger.

Dr. Kramer asked for the list of proposed nominees for the Awards.

The nominees for the Awards were unanimously approved.

Dr. Mueller was asked to present the Awards at the Annual banquet and each recipient will be permitted ten minutes for acknowledgement. It was agreed that the Awards would be presented even though the recipient may not be in attendance. After discussion of the type of Award to be presented, the Committee agreed to a small bronze plaque to be purchased in Columbus and a citation to be read before the plaque is presented.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

Dr. Jeffery moved the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. The motion was seconded by Professor Newman and passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - Unpaid Member

The National Science Foundation has reported that they don't have the financial means at present to pay dues. Dr. Mueller stated he has been in touch with the New York Foundation and that there is hope of membership.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - Charter Flights to Kyoto

It was reported that reservations are slow in coming in for the United Nations Congress. Dr. Mueller suggested, and it was agreed, that notices be placed in other Journals advertising the ASC sponsored flight.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - Membership

After discussion it was again agreed that membership to this Society
must be by sponsorship of another member. All membership applications will be screened. Two suggestions for increasing membership were offered. One, President Cormier suggested that he write a letter to each present member to ask them to recruit colleagues, asking them to contribute $25.00 as a sustaining membership; and second, Dr. Sagarin suggested that many members were authors of books and that their publishers be approached regarding placing ads in Criminologica and take half the cost from royalties. The problem of the ASC tax exempt status was again brought up.

A letter to all members from the President was approved.

After further discussion Dr. Ferracuti offered to provide the Society with an European mailing list. The President's letter to the membership, as well as the front page of an issue of Criminologica will be sent to Dr. Ferracuti for mailing in Europe.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - New Membership

This subject was tabled until next meeting. The Treasurer was instructed to continue to bill those applicants for membership whose names were provided him by the Executive Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - Treasurer's Report

Dr. Kramer reported a balance of $1542 in the treasury. However, he has not received a statement for the last issue of Criminologica. Any profit from the Annual Meeting (approximately $10.00 per registrant) will go into the treasury. The $1,000 bond has not been cashed. The Treasurer was instructed to pay minor bills and any question on payments should be discussed with the President.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 - Michael Fooner Case

After discussion of all the details of misrepresentation of credit and title, it was agreed that Dr. Sagarin will express the feelings of the Committee to the party involved.

Meeting adjourned.