ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 12, 1978

Sheraton-Dallas Hotel       Dallas, Texas

Members Present: Ronald L. Akers
             Harry E. Allen
             William E. Amos
             Paul Brantingham
             John Clark
             Edith Flynn
             James Hackler
             C. Ronald Huff
             James Inciardi
             C. Ray Jeffery
             Marvin Krohn
             Charles Newman
             Barbara R. Price
             Marc Riedel
             Frank Scarpitti
             Charles W. Thomas
             Charles Wellford

President Ronald L. Akers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Paul Brantingham gave an update on the 1978 meeting.

TASK FORCE A: FUTURE GOALS AND ORGANIZATION OF ASC (Enclosure #1)

Charles Wellford distributed copies of Task Force A's report. Task
Force A was created to consider the following issues:

1. The growth goals of The American Society of Criminology
   a. Type and composition of membership
   b. Optimal size.

2. The service goals of The American Society of Criminology regarding
   members, criminology and society.

3. Relationship beeten The American Society of Criminology and other
   organizations.

4. The desirability of establishing a permanent professionally
   staffed headquarters and the compatibility of such a move with
   the goals above in general.

Other issues currently before the Society (e.g., the accreditation activity
of ACJS and certain issues relating to the size, structure and leadership
of the Society) were also included in their considerations. The report
Relations with Other Organizations. The Task Force recommended development of closer relationships with other professional organizations, especially ACJS. Some mechanism should be developed to bring together all the groups interested in crime, criminal justice and social control. The Executive Board should consider the creation of a liaison committee made up of officers of the ASC charged with the responsibility of approaching the leadership of other organizations with an invitation to develop a mechanism for the exchange of ideas and the discussion of issues common to all. Secondly, the Task Force recommended that the idea of the merger between ASC and ACJS be considered by the Board over the next few months and decided no later than the spring meeting of the Board. The Task specifically recommended that the Board authorize the membership of Task Force A to initiate discussions with the appropriate leaders of ACJS to determine whether a merger is still an issue worth developing; what the prospects of merger are at this time; and most importantly, what the specifics of the merger might involve, and be charged with reporting this back to a meeting of the Executive Board with the goal of formulating a recommendation for consideration by the membership, if appropriate, no later than next fall. Third, the Task Force recommended that the issue of accreditation be held in abeyance pending the completion of the work of the Joint Commission on Criminology and Criminal Justice Education and Standards.

Desirability of Establishing a Permanent Professionally Staffed Headquarters. The real issue in the discussion of this area involves: (1) whether we should consider adding to the staff of the Society another professional as an executive officer; and, (2) whether given the departure of Harry Allen from the Columbus, the office should be moved from Columbus to some other location. The Task Force stated the issue of creation of a permanent office, and staffing of a permanent office, are issues that need to be decided after the others addressed in their report and after the report of Task Force B is developed and considered.

Summary of Recommendations - "The Fourteen Points"

1. Do not develop a book review journal.
2. Reevaluate THE CRIMINOLOGIST.
3. Develop reduced rates for journals in related fields.
4. Continue development of membership development seminars.
5. Consider regional meetings for ASC to the extent they do not detract from the national meetings.
6. Do not develop position papers on "timely topics".
7. Authorize the development and publication of at least one "research review" paper each year.
8. Authorize Task Force A to approach LEAA to determine if they would be willing to fund a research standards project.
9. Consider multi-year funding of ASC only if it can be demonstrated that such a change would not unduly impair the ability of the elected leadership (i.e., President and Vice President) to direct ASC.
10. Establish a committee to determine the feasibility of offering group life and retirement insurance to members of ASC.
11. Develop better liaison with other organizations by forming a committee to meet with the relevant leadership of other organizations.
12. The issue of merger with ACJS be joined and resolved. Specifically, the Board should authorize the Task Force to develop a specific proposal to resolve this issue by the May 1979 meeting.
13. No further action on accreditation be taken until the Joint Commission on Criminology and Criminal Justice Standards issues its report.
14. No steps be taken at this time on relocating the central office or appointing an executive director, except to reaffirm our intention to remain in Columbus for a reasonable period of time.
President Akers stated that during the whole time that rumors were being circulated about the move to Washington, D.C. and the personnel, he at no time took a position or made any move to that effect and had no conversations with ACJS or any other moves that would decide the issue. He wanted to make that clear if anyone still had doubts regarding the matter and hoped this could be avoided in the coming year.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

President Akers distributed copies of his appointments that were ratified at Wednesday's Board meeting. The new treasurer of the Society (for a two year appointment) will be Charles H. McCaghy of Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. The three one-year Executive Counselor appointments are: John P. Clark, University of Minnesota; Marvin D. Krohn, University of Iowa, and Charles W. Thomas, Bowling Green State University.

The following committees were selected for the 1978-79 period:

Nominations Committee: William E. Amos, Chair; Simon Dinitz, Marc Riedel, Brian Grosman and Austin T. Turk.

Joseph Scott called to the Board's attention the fact that Austin T. Turk, as a member of the Nominations Committee, would be precluded from being nominated to an office in the Society, by serving on the committee. Amos reported that his committee had already met and that recommendations for Society officers should be directed to his committee as soon as possible. A notice was mailed from the ASC office November 1 to the membership requesting they return their nominations to the ASC office by December 1, and a notice was also placed in the hand-out folders at the Dallas meeting. Amos stated these recommendations would be rank-ordered.

Barbara Price praised President Akers for appointing the largest amount of women on committees of the Society, but expressed a negative point that there were no women placed on the Nominations Committee.

Publications Committee: Frank R. Scarpitti, Chair; Lois DeFleur Nelson, James Hackler, Gary Jensen, W. William Minor, and Anne Pottieger.


President Akers stated that there is no provision in the Constitution that the Interim Executive Steering Committee has to be ratified by the Board. He stated that there may be some items that come up that this committee would have to take action on and he would like a motion entertained authorizing the committee to make the necessary policy decisions.

A motion was made by Joseph Scott and seconded by Charles Thomas that the Interim Executive Steering Committee be authorized to make decisions in between the Executive Board meetings. Motion carried.

Ad Hoc Committees and Other Appointments not Requiring Executive Board Ratification

Awards Committee: Elmer H. Johnson, Chair; Geoffrey P. Alpert, Robert F. Meier, and Sue Titus Reid
It was agreed by the Executive Board that there would be no need to have a Committee on Committees this year.

**REPORT ON CRIMINOLOGY**

James Inciardi reported that at the present time the journal is costing his department at the University of Delaware between $7,000 and $10,000 a year, exclusive of space and time. He stated they would probably be able to absorb the cost during his term as editor-in-chief. He suggested having a processing fee for submission of articles. Although it would not cover the cost of the operation of the journal, it would defray some costs. He said between 200 and 300 articles are received a year, and a fee of $5-10 would help out the institution that is absorbing the cost of the journal. Joseph Scott suggested a page fee or a processing fee such as ASA charges.

**SAGE VOLUMES SERIES EDITOR**

President Akers reported that he, along with Frank Scarpitti and James Inciardi had a meeting with Sara McCune of Sage Publications regarding her concern of the continuity of the editorship of the Sage Volumes Series. He reminded Board members that at the Philadelphia Board meeting, it was agreed that the Society did not expect Jim to handle both the journal and the proceedings. There is one year remaining on the contract that Inciardi signed with Sage in conjunction with the president of the Society (C. Ray Jeffery at that time). Sage has stated if the sales do not justify the continuation of the series, they would drop the contract with ASC and would not sign a new one. The co-editors of the Dallas proceedings will be C. Ray Jeffery and James Inciardi with members of the program committee editing specific volumes. Until it is known what type of editors the Society will have, there will be a postponement of signing a 1-3 year contract with Sage.

Inciardi reported that two exhibitors at the Dallas meeting suffered heavy losses while exhibiting their books. Sage Publications lost approximately $600-800 worth of books and Praeger lost between $400-500 worth of books. Both publishers indicated they would not have future exhibits with ASC unless some type of security was provided. Hackler stated this theft should be announced in the newsletter, and Inciardi said he would contact Al Cohn to handle this expression of concern in the next issue of the newsletter. President Akers suggested that the Board members contact their various university libraries to see if they would order the Sage volumes on a continuing basis. This may be one way to insure the continuation of the series with Sage.

Charles Newman suggested that as a measure of good faith, the Board may want to return exhibitor fees from the Dallas meeting to Sage and Praeger. A motion was made by Barbara Price that a refund fee to the publishers of Sage and Praeger be made, along with a letter of apology indicating the Society's concern. Seconded by Edith Flynn. Inciardi requested that the motion be amended to make the reimbursement to Sage Publications only. Joe Scott suggested that since the publishers indicated they would not exhibit at next year's meeting, that they be invited to exhibit at the 1979 meeting and bill it against the new budget. President Akers reported that Alvin Cohn is entering into negotiations with Harve Horowitz of Columbia, Maryland, who represents the area of working with publishers on a continuing basis.
OLD BUSINESS

At the Philadelphia Board meeting, a Constitutional amendment relating to the election of Executive Counselors was brought before the Board by James Hackler: (1) have all Board members be elected; (2) preferential voting system, and (3) at least three people running for every office, instead of two. Hackler requested the motion be placed before the Board again; seconded by John Clark. Akers stated the Board could go ahead and act on the motion, but it might be wiser to refer the motion to the Constitutional Review Committee for their consideration. Edith Flynn suggested that this motion be tabled until the next meeting as it is a complex motion and one that is difficult to consider now. Flynn stated the way that women and minorities are appointed should be considered. Flynn suggested the motion be distributed to the Executive Board and go to the Constitutional Review Committee for their thoughts, and at the next Executive Board meeting have a chance to respond. Seconded by Barbara Price. Hackler suggested this be left to the Constitutional Review Committee. To delay further on the issue, he found impossible and made a motion that the issue be referred to the Constitutional Review Committee; seconded by Barbara Price, with amendment to include distribution to the Executive Board. Motion carried.

Scott stated that the procedure by which we adopt recommendations that change the Constitution is to approve these motions at two consecutive Board meetings, instead of one.

1984 SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Akers stated that at the Wednesday Executive Board meeting a resolution was adopted by the Society that the Society would not hold future meetings in states that had not ratified the ERA. As of this date, Florida and Louisiana have not ratified the ERA and this would eliminate the Committee's choices of Miami and New Orleans for consideration for 1984. Newman suggested that it was entirely appropriate to refer the matter to the Site Selection Committee for their future consideration. The Committee will consider the cities mentioned plus the recommendation of New York City by Barbara Price through Donal E.J. MacNamara of John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

A motion was made by Frank Scarpitti that the 1984 Site Selection Committee reconsider their choice by the overwhelming vote of the ERA by the Society and come back to the next Executive Board meeting with a recommended city in a ratified ERA state. Seconded by Barbara Price; motion carried. Barbara Price stated that until the three year period is over, the Society should not go to a state that has not ratified the ERA.

Charles Wellford stated that it looked like the Dallas meeting may generate some money for the Society, but that the Board should carefully consider the possibility of using the Convention Bureau or a professional manager for Philadelphia, due to the costs it may incur.

Amos inquired why the Fellow Awards had not been presented at the banquet and wanted to make a motion that the awards not be mailed to the Fellows, but that someone at their home university or institution be selected to present the Fellow award to him/her among their group of colleagues. Amos asked that he might personally award June Morrison her Fellow Award at the Western Society of Criminology meeting in February. Askers stated that it should not be placed as a major award, but try to award it in a way that does emphasize significance.
presented today represents the Task Force's draft of a final report--one that they hope will prove useful to the Board but, more importantly, a report that will focus the Board's discussion and give further direction to the Task Force.

Growth Goals of The American Society of Criminology. The Task Force concluded that substantial growth in ASC is not a realistic goal for the near future. The Society should not expect, without substantial revisions in the attractiveness of ASC membership, to expand its membership very much. The other alternative would be to change the focus of the Society so it could target on other potential members. While the Board may wish to consider such a move, the Task Force suggested that this would not be advisable.

Service Goals of The American Society of Criminology. The Task Force considered the current services provided by the Society to its members and the specific areas of service that were identified in the charge of the Task Force. The general conclusion was that unless there are substantial increases in revenue from new members of other sources that expansion of services should be carefully considered. The following suggestions should be considered within this context.

1. Publications. The Task Force felt that no new publications should be developed at this time. The Task Force recommended that THE CRIMINOLOGIST be reevaluated to consider what, if any, changes should be made in its scope, frequency of publication and relationship to other means of communicating with the membership. The Task Force considered the possibility of a book review journal and decided that such a journal was not feasible at this time because of the costs. The Task Force did recommend that the Society specifically explore the possibility of providing our membership discounts for other journals. They noted that other societies are able to negotiate with journals in related areas to acquire substantial discounts for their members and felt this would be an attractive feature for ASC members and urged the Board to authorize the Task Force to consider the possibility of this being developed for ASC members.

2. Development Seminars. The Task Force concluded that professional development seminars and conferences should be an immediate and long range goal for the organization. The programs should not be viewed as sources of income for the Society, but rather as ways in which the membership can receive additional benefits from being members of the Society. The Task Force recommended that regional and special topic conferences should be encouraged on a limited basis as long as the regional or special topic meetings did not detract from or compete with the annual meetings. The Task Force felt that the Board should give specific consideration to the regionalization of the Society and, if this is feasible, to aid in the development of regional meetings.

3. Position Papers. As to the possibility of position papers, the Task Force noted the difficulty the Society has had in the past in approving resolutions on timely topics; therefore the Task Force recommends that position papers are neither feasible or practical for the Society.

4. Multi-year Budget Planning. The Task Force could reach no consensus at this time. Could not see either the advantages or disadvantages of such procedures.

5. Insurance. The Task Force recommended that the Board establish a committee to explore the possibility of one new service for members -- group life and retirement insurance.

6. Outside Funding. The Task Force found no objection to seeking outside funds but did feel that such founds should be limited to educational, training or career development and not for research activities normally conducted by individual researchers
Jim Inciardi reported that Sara McCune of Sage Publications is losing or breaking even on the newsletter. She could make other arrangements for the Society involving the same printer, and she would provide some of the mailing mechanisms.

William E. Amos proposed that the Board take action at this meeting regarding the specified time that the ASC office will remain in Columbus, Ohio. Edith Flynn commended Task Force A for their report and suggested that a copy be sent to Daniel Glaser as he had expressed interest in interagency relationships and improving the Society's relationships with other organizations. A motion was made by Harry Allen and seconded by Edith Flynn to accept Task Force A's report. Motion carried.

A motion was made by James Hackler and seconded by Edith Flynn to retain the ASC headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, for the next three years, from date of this meeting. Motion carried.

**TASK FORCE B: FUTURE GOALS AND ORGANIZATION OF ASC**

Harry Allen, Chair, Task Force B, reported that members of this task force, Alvin Cohn, William E. Amos, Barbara Price, and Robert Lilly had been in contact by mail regarding the duties of their task force -- establishing a permanent staff and headquarters of the Society. Three alternatives were considered:

1. It would take double the amount of money than the Society presently has to undertake a move to Washington, D.C.

2. Space-sharing with another organization in Washington, D.C. in establishing ASC headquarters. The best possibility at this time was the ACA who will be building a new building in two or three years and is looking for other organizations to move in with them, but wanted a letter at this time committing the Society.

3. Continue present arrangements we have with OSU at the present time.

The Task Force met on November 5 without any real changes to their previous report, Allen reported. Items #1 and #2 above proved mute and left them with item #3. The Task Force pointed out the deliberations they considered:

1. Degree of support the Society might receive from OSU, and the hidden assets that are not there any longer. In the absence of the resources, the $15,000 Society balance is not likely to be there next year.

2. If the grant is approved, the Executive Board travel expenses will be removed from the cost of ASC, which totals about $1,700 that is spent on travel for the Board. Allen stated the Society is 99.4% sure of receiving the grant.

William Amos suggested that the Society take action in the immediate future regarding student registration fees at the annual meeting or a $3 or $4 increase in dues.

Harry Allen suggested that a Finance Committee be appointed and these items referred to that committee for their consideration.

A motion was made by Charles Thomas and seconded by James Inciardi to accept the report of Task Force B. Motion carried.
Membership Committee:  Harry E. Allen, Chair; Thomas Barker, Patricia A. Juvik, Michael Hindelang, Alice Propper, and Joseph G. Weiss

Grants and Contracts Committee:  Charles Wellford, Chair; Alvin W. Cohn, William Throckmorton, and Marvin D. Krohn

International Liaison Committee:  Paul C. Friday, Chair; Gerald R. Garrett, Jaime Toro-Calder, Margaret Zahn, and Louise Shelley

ASC Fellows Committee:  John P. Conrad, Chair; Edward Sagarin, William Parsonage, and Charles W. Thomas

Interorganizational Relationships Committee:  John P. Clark, Chair; John Stratton, and Richard Quinney
(two additional members to be named after consultation with Chair)

Editor, THE CRIMINOLOGIST:  Alvin W. Cohn

Program Committee for 1979 Philadelphia Meeting
Alvin W. Cohn, Chair; Travis Hirschi, Barbara R. Price, and Benjamin Ward

Associate Committee Members:  Barbara Price - Phyllis Jo Baunach, Karen Blomquist, and Michael R. Gottfredson
Travis Hirschi - Alfred Blumstein, John Hagan, and Joseph Weis
Benjamin Ward - Timothy Murphy, Patrick Murphy, and Allan Breed
Alvin W. Cohn - Frank Jasmin, Arnold Hopkins and Peter Maida

Local Arrangements Committee:  Marilyn C. Slivka, Chair; Peter C. Buffum, C. Donald Engle, and Terence P. Thornberry

Student Paper Competition:  Victoria Swigert, Chair; Linda S. Anderson, John R. Hepburn, and Charles E. Reasons

Employment Exchange Service:  William Parsonage and Jill Rosenbaum, Co-Directors

PENDING APPOINTMENTS

President Akers pointed out that the Editorial Advisory Board reviews the policy of the journal and makes recommendations to the Editor-in-Chief. The Chair of this committee is approved by the Executive Board and the chair then appoints his/her advisory board. James Inciardi reported that he has essentially the same arrangement that Sagarin and MacNamara had with the journal -- an assistant to the editor and an Editorial Advisory Board, but there is no chair of this committee. President Akers stated the Publications Committee should assume responsibility for everything except the journal and in anticipating that, he appointed Frank Scarpitti to assume the role of Chair of the Editorial Advisory Board.

Charles Wellford moved approval of the appointment of Frank Scarpitti as chair of the Editorial Advisory Board; seconded by James Inciardi. Motion carried.
STUDENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President Akers reported that he had suggested to the various chairs that he appointed that it might be well to have a student member on their committee as an observer for input and inquired from the Board if they thought it was a good idea to have student members serving on the various committees. The Board was in agreement and it was suggested by Edith Flynn that it would be worthwhile to pursue the various ideas that might attract students to come to Society meetings. Some consideration for students with a regard to a meeting area where students could exchange information was suggested. This could be coordinated with student papers and might lead to a session where student papers could be presented. The Student Affairs Committee could consider ways of increasing services to students in connection with the meeting and in other areas. President Akers will appoint a Student Affairs Committee shortly.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

President Akers stated that there are technical adjustments that need to be made which was confirmed by the Board members present. Task Forces A and B will continue to resolve issues. Charles Newman suggested that Task Forces A and B merge into one on "the future of the Society" or long range planning committee. James Hackler suggested the continuation of Task Force A and if it required help from Task Force B, they could recruit help. Hackler suggested if Task Force A continues, it should solicit help from Joseph Scott and Sarah Hall for input.

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Joseph Scott reported that he had been contacted by AAAS to see if ASC would like to offer guidance and suggestions in handling research and what research topics should be approached and dealt with. During the last 3-4 months they have been setting up a committee in the area of criminology and criminal justice and would like ASC's help in developing guidelines. Scott reminded the Board that Edith Flynn has been involved as the Society's representative to AAAS, and the Society should determine if it wants to work with AAAS. Flynn strongly urged the Board to participate with AAAS in this endeavor and suggested that a committee be formed to develop a position statement that can be shared with AAAS. Akers stated he would name a Ethics Committee and would ask Jose Scott to serve as Chair and Edith Flynn to serve as a member of the committee.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

Charles Wellford reported that conditions had been worked out with San Jose State University to run the proposal through their institution. The status of the proposal is that it is in its 30th day of a 90 day review cycle. He reported that J. Price Foster does not foresee any problems with the Society receiving the proposal. A needs assessment was requested, and Wellford reported that this had been submitted, but that it may come up again and some type of amendment may need to be filed. He reported that by January the Society should know definitely if it will receive the grant. The Executive Board is written into the proposal as the policy maker of the project, and Harry Allen will be the Project Director. If the grant proves successful, Wellford stated that the Society may be able to continue with OCJET's assistance of a process where it would continue such activities with a slightly larger charge. Akers expressed his thanks to Wellford, Allen and Cohn for their help.
NEW BUSINESS

The matter of charging students a nominal registration fee to help subsidize their registration costs at the Philadelphia meeting was discussed. Akers reported that Cohn was considering instituting a fee for students, and it had been placed in his proposed budget which was approved at the May Executive Board meeting. Marvin Krohn expressed his objection to charging students a nominal fee as they were already spending a substantial amount in travel and meals to attend the annual meetings. Ronald Huff stated that the anticipated increased revenues should off-set the need for charging students at the annual meeting. It was suggested that a proposal be presented to the Steering Committee regarding the reasons for charging a nominal fee to the students and have the Committee make a determination regarding the matter.

Akers stated that another item of business was the Philadelphia budget that was previously submitted and approved by the Board. Cohn will be submitting a revised budget increasing the amount of temporary help and changes in anticipated income.

Wellford stated that the Steering Committee should only deal with issues that come up between Board meetings and therefore the matter of charging nominal fees to the student members to attend the annual meetings should be submitted to the Steering Committee for consultation, but a final decision not be made until the February Board meeting.

President Akers announced that the next Executive Board meeting will be held February 3 or 4 in Washington, D.C. as there would be a Police Foundation meeting and some Board members would receive a subsidy to attend, and also that there could be meetings with the Joint Commission. Allen called the Board's attention to the fact that the Board generally met in conjunction with the meeting of the Western Society of Criminology which is scheduled for February 28-March 3, Sacramento, California. Newman reported there has been two sets of tradition for the Board: (1) the President chooses the site of the Board meeting and (2) the Board traditionally met in conjunction with Western's meeting. Akers stated that the justification of meeting with Western, mainly the support of ASC in boosting their meeting, no longer existed and other considerations needed to be taken into account. Amos replied that one of the reasons was because of the conflict of semi-divisional status with ASC and caused a great deal of concern, and it was felt if the Executive Board met there it would give support and would blend the organizations closer together and give an opportunity for members of ASC to be members of Western. Amos stated he perceived the day that if the Society went to division status that Western would be the first affiliated division of the Society, and he would hate to see the Society move from Western. He also stated that Western's meeting in 1980 will be held in Hawaii.

A motion was made by Harry Allen that the Executive Board meeting of the Society be held in conjunction with the meeting of the Western Society of Criminology. Seconded by Edith Flynn. (5-5 tie vote). On a second vote count, the votes cast were 6 for Sacramento; 5 for Washington, D.C. Motion carries.

Charles Newman stated that over the years a rocky existence of presenting resolutions ended up as being resolutions. The ERA endorsement represented a sound approach on major approaches facing the future of the Society. He stated he would like to offer a resolution as a past president of this Board for the process of having it presented to the membership for a vote -- a resolution on human rights (copy attached)

The resolution as presented by Charles Newman will be placed on the agenda for the February Executive Board meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Joseph E. Scott, Executive Secretary