ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 8, 1988
Chicago Marriott Hotel - Chicago, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

All members of the Board were present.

RECORDING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that effective this date, all meetings of the Executive Board would be fully recorded. The recordings will be kept by the Administrator for future reference.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the mid-winter Board meeting in New York were approved with substantial modification.

RETIREMENT PLAN FOR ADMINISTRATOR

There was consideration of an item carried over from the mid-winter meeting concerning the establishment of a retirement plan for the administrator of ASC. It had been recommended that a plan should be established so that the Administrator could retire at age 60 with twenty years’ payment. This was a recommendation of the Finance Committee. It was estimated that to establish such a plan at this time it would cost a minimum of $96,000. Numerous questions ensued concerning the plan and the Treasurer was requested to gather additional information on this item. It was then moved by Charles Wellford and seconded by Joan McCord that a retirement fund of 10% of current salary with an option for contributions by the employee should be established effective November 1 for the Administrator. This motion was unanimously approved. While no particular retirement plan was agreed upon the possibility of a 402 plan and variable ages for the retirement to begin were discussed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer provided information concerning the financial status of the Society. In reviewing these materials, the Board raised questions about the interpretation of various expense and income items. It was moved by Nicole Rafter and seconded by Neal Shover that in the future the Treasurer should use summary sheets with general categories and that any decision with regards to the use of the accrual method would be at the discretion of the Treasurer. This motion passed unanimously. Marc Riedel moved acceptance of the Treasurer’s report. The motion was seconded by Neal Shover and passed unanimously.
DUES INCREASE

There was considerable discussion of recommendations that the dues be increased. In particular, the discussion focused on how any income generated from a dues increase would be utilized. It was moved by Marc Reidel and seconded by Carl Klockars that the Finance Committee should give further consideration to the issue of a dues increase. The motion passed unanimously.

1988 PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chicago Program Chair, Ray Michalowski, presented a report on the meetings. He reported that there were 923 pre-registrations, that all facilities seemed to be available and appropriate for the meetings.

SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

There was considerable discussion of concerns (cost, number of complimentary rooms, and scheduling) raised by Carl Klockars about the contract with the Westin Hotel for the San Francisco meeting in 1991. The Board decided that it was unable at this time to address all of the concerns and appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of P. J. Baunach, Carl Klockars and Roland Chilton to review the contract and to draw upon whatever resources they could over the next few days and report to the Board at the November 12 meeting.

CRIMINOLOGY REPORT

The editor of Criminology, Doug Smith, presented a report on the operation of the journal. He reported that submissions had increased by 32%, that the time to review manuscripts was still below 60 days on average, and that the journal seemed to be gaining increased recognition in the field.

POLICY FOR REIMBURSING MEETING ATTENDEES

A question was raised about under what conditions the President may waive registration fees for meetings. After discussion it was moved by P. J. Baunach and seconded by Julius Debro that the President may waive registration fees but must report such waivers and their reasons at the next Board meeting. This motion passed 12 to 1. There followed a discussion of the distribution of complimentary rooms. After considerable discussion it was moved by Carl Klockars and seconded by Terence Thornberry that the distribution of complimentary rooms should be in the following order: 1) the Administrator of ASC; 2) the Sellin-Glueck Award Winner; 3) the Student Award Winner; 4) the Book Exhibit Administrator; and, 5) the remainder at the discretion of the President with a report on to the next Board meeting. This passed by a vote of 9 to 2.
In addition it was moved by Julius Debro and seconded by P. J. Baunach that the Site Selection Committee should be instructed in all negotiations with potential sites for annual meetings, that contracts should include a suite for the President and the President-elect and a room for the program chair. This motion passed unanimously. It was made clear through a motion by Julius Debro seconded by Marc Reidel that in addition to inclusion on the distribution list for complimentary rooms, student award winners would also receive air fare. This motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

It was moved by Charles Wellford that the Finance Committee report be received by the Board and referred to the new Finance Committee for further consideration. This was seconded by Julius Debro. Nicole Rafter amended the motion to thank Merry Morash, the chair of the Finance Committee, for her outstanding work with regards to dues and the retirement plan and that this thanks should be conveyed in a letter from the President of ASC to Merry Morash and any appropriate official at the Michigan State University. This motion passed unanimously.

FELLOWS SELECTION

It was reported that the Fellows Committee had recommended Barbara Price for a Fellows Award for this year. The Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Board, had approved this recommendation. President Chambliss then left the room while there was a discussion of his nomination for receipt of a Fellow. It was moved by Charles Wellford and seconded by Julius Debro that William Chambliss be awarded a Fellow of the American Society of Criminology. This passed unanimously.

JOURNALS TO THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES

There was again discussion of the criteria to be used in the distribution of journals to third world countries. A list still has not been prepared. It was requested that this be prepared by the mid-winter meeting and that criteria be established to explain how the list was constructed. President Chambliss said that he would have this done by the mid-winter meeting.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Drew Humphries presented the report of the ASC Nominating Committee. After considerable discussion of the Committee's report and notice of the effort that the Committee had made, the following nominations were approved by the Board for the 1989 election:

President: John Hagan and Harold Pepinsky

Vice President: Roland Chilton and Alfred Blumstein
(Margaret Zahn as an alternate)
Executive Counselors: Ruth Peterson, Marjorie Zatz, Robert Bursik, Kathleen Daly (Robert Sampson as alternate)

Subsequent to the action of the Board, Professor Blumstein reported that he would be unable to accept the nomination. All others nominated indicated their acceptance so the slate to be distributed to the membership consists of: John Hagan and Harold Pepinsky for President; Roland Chilton and Margaret Zahn for Vice President; Ruth Peterson, Marjorie Zatz, Bob Bursik, and Kathleen Daly for Executive Counselor.

CORPORATE CRIME REPORTER

There was a request from the Corporate Crime Reporter that we make available to them our membership mailing list. It was moved by Charles Wellford and seconded by Joan McCord that the request be denied. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles F. Wellford
Executive Secretary