

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

A meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology took place on 22nd April at the University of Adelaide.

Present: Mr. D. Biles (Chair), Ms. J. Wundersitz (Hon Secretary: with proxies from Prof. P. Sallmann and Mr. S. Johnston), Dr. N. Naffine (Hon Treasurer), Dr. J. Sutton (N.S.W.),, and Dr. W. Lucas (S.A.).

Apologies: Prof. P. Sallmann (Pres.), Mr. S. Johnston (Vice-Pres), Dr. G. Wardlaw (Vice-Pres), Prof. R. Harding (W.A.), Dr. C. Alder (Vic), Dr. S. Petrie (Qld), Ms K. Warner (Tas).

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 7th December, 1987 were accepted with one amendment: Under Item 1, the date "7 December" should read "24 August".

2. MATTERS ARISING

a) Northern Territory Executive Committee Member: Mr. Biles moved that the Secretary, on behalf of the Committee, formally invite Mr. E. Owston to fill the casual vacancy of the Northern Territory representative on the Executive. (Seconded, Dr. N. Naffine). The Secretary to also informally ask him to consider ways in which the N.T. membership could be increased.

b) Proposal by B. Coe re. Media Prize: Although the Committee was sympathetic to the underlying purpose of Mr. Coe's proposal, it was felt that the Society was not in a position to undertake a thorough and fair assessment of Australian media coverage in the field of criminology. Nor was it sufficiently financial to provide an annual prize. However, it was agreed that consideration should be given to the possibility that, on occasions, the President could formally commend any individual or organisation (including any section of the media) for an outstanding contribution to criminology. A commendation for excellence in such matters would be consistent with the aims of the Society.

c) Clause 4 of the Constitution: Some concern was expressed that the criteria for membership of the Society, as stipulated in Clause 4, may be too restrictive. The Secretary was therefore requested to write to all members of the Executive to ascertain their views on the matter. Once these views were known, the advice of Mr. S. Johnston would be sought regarding possible alternative wording of Clause 4, for presentation to the Executive at the next meeting. Such rewording, however, should be consistent with the original concept of the Society as a scholarly Society.

d) Revision of Election By-Laws; Amendment of the Election By-laws to free them from specific calendar references was accepted by the Committee.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

a) Membership: Of the 266 members registered with the Society at the end of 1987, 203 had renewed their membership, 51 had failed to respond to calls for renewal and 12 had indicated their intention not to renew. In consultation with the President, it was decided that non-financial members would be sent the March issue of the Journal but would be deleted from Butterworth's mailing list for subsequent issues. One further reminder notice to be sent out.

12 applications for membership were approved:

Ms. F. Haines (Vic), Ms. W. Hunter (Vic), Ms. V. Carter (Vic), Ms. J. Baker (Vic), Mr. J. Awad (Vic), Ms. A. Thacker (Vic), Mr. A. Ralph (Vic), Dr. A. Fielding (Vic), Mr. A. Fowler (A.C.T.), Ms. J. Woodberry (S.A.), Mr. T. Sinclair (Vic), and Mr. B. Schoobert (W.A.).

New memberships for 1988 now stand at 14, bringing total membership of the Society to 219. The Secretary expressed some concern at the decrease in membership numbers. The matter to be given fuller consideration at the next meeting.

b) Advertisements in Journal: Due to staffing changes at Butterworths, advertisements were not ready for inclusion in the March issue.

c) China Trip: According to Mr. R. Cook, numbers were insufficient to mount a trip to China in May, as originally intended. A departure date in early 1989 is now planned. Mr. Cook intends to develop a new itinerary with a higher professional content which should appeal to a broader range of professionals, other than criminologists. Although the Secretary will continue to keep in contact with Mr. Cook and assist the organisation as much as possible, the matter will not henceforth be included in Committee Meeting agendas.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer reported that the Society's working funds had now been transferred to the C.P.S. Credit Union at an interest rate of 10%. A fixed term deposit, held by the State Bank of Victoria, will mature on 5th May, at which time, the treasurer will consider reinvesting it in Adelaide.

A written statement of assets and liabilities was presented. The Conference Account had been transferred to Dr. J. Sutton, as the Conference Convenor. He indicated that the Conference had been accepted as an activity within the corporate plan of the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, thus allowing it to absorb costs on behalf of the Society.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In the absence of the President, no report was made.

6. EDITOR'S REPORT

Dr. Sutton reported a harder changeover of editorial responsibility than expected, given the transfer of material from Melbourne to Sydney. To meet the deadline for the March issue, no Editorial was included. However, all articles and Editorial for the next edition are in.

The Editor expressed some concern about the number of articles which were being screened out, because they did not meet the understood academic criteria. Also expressed concern at the highly academic nature of the Journal which may be alienating potential subscribers.

It was agreed that descriptive articles should not automatically be excluded but could be subjected to the same high editorial standards as empirical articles.

Mr. Biles expressed some concern that the March issue had not yet appeared, even though Dr. Sutton indicated that the deadline for material had been met.

7. REVIEW EDITOR'S REPORT

In the absence of the Review Editor, a written report was tabled.

8. CONFERENCE REPORT

Dr. Jeff Sutton reported that 28 offers of papers had been received, covering a broad range of themes, including juveniles, Aborigines and criminal justice, sentencing, policing and rural crime. However, more papers were still

required. A draft program was being prepared. Workshops on topics of current interest such as law and order, organised crime, juvenile crime, prisons and gender, were also proposed. All workshops would be run simultaneously on the same afternoon and be specifically designed for those people who are not presenting a formal paper at the conference. Mr. D Biles suggested that the number of workshops be limited to 3 or 4. The Conference will be opened by the N.S.W. Attorney General.

10 OTHER BUSINESS

a) Barry Memorial Lecture: Mr. D. Biles reported that the 1988 lecture is to be presented by Prof. Marcia Neave. At present the Barry Memorial Fund, which was originally an initiative of the Society, operates on the interest from investments. At the last meeting of the B.M. Committee it was decided to reopen the appeal for funding. He therefore requested that a copy of a letter detailing the reopening of the appeal be sent to all current members of the Society and that all donations to the fund be acknowledged in the Journal. The aim is to raise \$20,000.

b) Dr. Sutton noted that a meeting of Police Educators was scheduled to follow the conference.

c) Dr. Sutton suggested that the Society consider holding a workshop or conference in New Zealand, in order to encourage greater interest in the Society.

Meeting closed at 10.50 a.m.



Mr. D. Biles
(Acting Chairman)

23 August 1988

TREASURER'S REPORTAustralian and New Zealand Society of CriminologyStatement of Assets and Liabilities as at 22 April 1988Current Assets

C.P.S. Credit Union (At Call, 10% p.a.)	4,739.25
State Bank of Victoria Savings Account	401.65
Conference Account (held in Sydney)	1,993.67

Plus Investments

State Bank of Victoria Term Deposit (10.75% maturing 25 May 1988)	6,000.00
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Less Current Liabilities

Accrued Expences: Butterworths Journal	4,896.00
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Members Funds as at 22 April 1988	\$8,238.57
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Statement of Income and Expenditure: 7 December 1987 - 22 April 1988Income

Members' Subscriptions	9,365.00
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Less Expenditure

Journal	5,600.00
Travel	340.00
Bank Charges	3.99

Surplus for Period

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