

**AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY**  
**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 13TH**  
**DECEMBER 1991 AT THE CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT**  
**UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE**

Present: C. Alder, J. Braithwaite, R. Homel, S. James, S. Ross, K. Polk,  
J. Wundersitz.

Apologies: R. Broadhurst, C. Cuneen, P. Easteal, B. Murphy, J. Pratt,  
K. Warner.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the previous Executive Meeting held in October 1991 were not available from the previous Secretary.

President's Report:

Christine Alder thanked the outgoing Executive for their efforts over the last two years. The President also thanked Kathy Laster for her organisation of the 7th Annual Conference of the Society.

Conference Report:

Kathy Laster presented the Conference Statement for the 7th Annual Conference. Arrangements for the 1992 Conference were discussed. The working theme for the Conference is to be 'The Culture of Crime', and it will be held at St. Hilda's College, University of Melbourne, from Wednesday 30th September to Friday 2nd October, followed by a proposed post-conference workshop at Queenscliffe. Stan Cohen is the probable key-note speaker, while other luminaries may also be invited. Similar social events are planned: the conference dinner on the second night, a bar-b-que on the last day, a women's breakfast and the opening cocktail party. It was proposed that the workshop on teaching be scheduled as a breakfast. Publicity for the conference is in hand; letters to previous speakers will be sent, and state representatives will be asked to distribute conference material. The proposed closing date for papers is 30/4/92.

Secretary's Report:

Steve James reported that according to the final lists of the outgoing Secretary, 189 members were financial at the end of October 1991. Since then, 5 new applications have been received. The Secretary noted that a number of prominent Australian criminologists were amongst non-financial members for 1991, and it was proposed that provision be made for follow-up letters to be sent to members who remained non-financial after the 1992 renewal notices are sent out in early 1992. It was also proposed that an updated version of the

Society's brochure, prepared for the 1991 Conference, be printed and disseminated. The Secretary noted the need for an extensive membership drive during 1991. This was discussed further under 'Other Business'.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Stuart Ross reported that while current finances remain relatively healthy because of the profit made by the Conference over the years, the big decline in membership, if it continues, will place the Society in a parlous situation. Recent advice from Butterworths has been that on current membership numbers, subscription fees will have to be increased to \$75 in order to supply the \$13,500 necessary from membership fees to produce the Journal for 1992. The Treasurer tabled a number of options that might be put to Butterworths regarding the Society's contribution to the Journal. Following discussion, it was proposed, seconded and carried that the Society retain the current subscription rates at \$65, while undertaking to meet Butterworths' requirements for funds, based upon the assumption of an increased membership of at least 210 for 1992. Further discussion of the striking of a pro-rata rate of membership subscriptions above 210 members to go proportionately to the Society and Butterworths ensued. The President is to write to Butterworths with the relevant proposals.

The Treasurer reported advice obtained by him regarding the utility of incorporating the Society, on the grounds of protection from legal liability in the case of the Society incurring debts. Incorporation requires a membership vote. It was proposed, seconded and carried that the Executive recommend incorporation to the membership, and that the appropriate vote be arranged for 1992.

#### Editor's Report:

The outgoing Editor reported that the december issue is out, the March issue is in hand, and the June issue will remain within the control of Christine Alder.

The incoming Editor Ross Homel reported on discussions which had taken place with Butterworths. Butterworths is moving towards desk-top publishing, which will enable the re-vamping of a number of aspects of the present Journal publication. The present Journal is non-standard in size and recommended referencing, and new developments should enable the redesign of the cover, moving to a standard size, the introduction of standardised abstracts and key-word listings, and provision for the submission of disk-based articles. The possibility of advertising in the Journal was discussed and dismissed. The protocol of incumbent editors submitting work for publication to the Journal was discussed, and agreed to subject to normal independent refereeing procedures. Ross Homel undertook to draft a document which sets out the purposes and directions of the Journal.

The Secretary was requested to forward to the Australian Institute of Criminology details of the 1992 Conference and the new editor of the Journal for inclusion in their publication.

New Member Applications:

T. Barrett, J. Barrett, D. Ballek, H. Albrecht and J. McDonald were proposed, seconded and carried as new members, and welcomed to the Society.

Other Business:

Possible arrangements for a 1992 membership drive were discussed. It was proposed that: 1) past membership lists be examined and renewal notices be sent to ex-members; this task to be broken up by state and state representatives asked to approach ex-members and recruit new ones; 2) speakers at the 1991 Conference be written to and asked to join/recruit new members; 3) free back issues of the Journal to be offered for securing new members; 4) new schools of Criminal Justice be approached re: membership; 5) funds be made available for state representatives to host social functions which might involve guest speakers, in order to members; 6) state representatives be asked to develop their own ideas for membership increases.

A request by John Pratt for the Executive to discuss a possible New Zealand venue for the 1993 Conference was addressed. The desirability of re-establishing the Society in New Zealand, and convening the Conference there in the future was accepted, and the Secretary was asked to write to John Pratt indicating the Executive's views, and requesting his estimates of feasibility.

A proposed 'Teacher's Directory', arising from the Biennial General Meeting of October 1991, was discussed. The Secretary was requested to undertake some preliminary work on the Directory for presentation at the next Executive Meeting, including contact with the Association of Criminal Justice Educators. The Secretary was also requested to conduct preliminary work on the production of a newsletter for 1992.

The unavailability of proceedings from the annual conferences was raised, but it was argued that the cost of editing and producing proceedings was prohibitive; people interested in particular papers should approach conference convenors and obtain direct address of individual speakers for copies.

Joy Wundersitz reported that she was still receiving Journal copies from Butterworths, despite two Executive changes since her time as Secretary. The Secretary was requested to write to Butterworths to rectify this.

The next Executive Meeting was tentatively scheduled for Friday 3rd April or Monday 6th April 1992.

The Meeting closed at 5.00 pm.