

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on Thursday, 30 September 1993
at the Women's College, University of Sydney

Present: Christine Alder, John Pratt, Joy Wundersitz, Patricia Easteal, Rod Broadhurst, Ross Homel, Allison Morris (invited), Mark Finnane (invited), Rob White (invited).

Apologies Ken Polk, Marg D'Arcy, Stuart Ross, John Braithwaite, Barbara Etter

Minutes of Previous Meeting Confirmed

Business Arising

1. Exchange of articles with German Alternative Criminology Journal. The cost of translation is the main problem. Also, given the current build-up of articles for the Journal, inclusion of a German article may be "robbing" local articles of space. May need to increase the size of the Journal. Decided to delay the decision until the next meeting of the Executive in January 1994.
2. Membership drive: A mail-out to Universities and relevant Departments has been undertaken. New membership forms have been printed up. Participants at the 1992 conference who were not members of the Society have been contacted. These strategies have been successful in recruiting new members.

President's Report

C. Alder noted the need for a constant change-over in the Executive, in order to involve new people.

Nominations for Executive positions for 1993/94 are as follows:

President: Ms. Joy Wundersitz, Dept. of Family and Community Services Adelaide.

Vice-presidents: Prof. John Braithwaite, Research School of Social Sciences, ANU
Mr. Chris Cunneen, University of Sydney, New South Wales

Hon. Secretary: Dr. Rob White, Criminology Department, University of Melbourne

Hon. Treasurer: Ms. Marg D'Arcy, Victorian Community Council Against Violence.

Executive Members: Dr. Christine Alder, University of Melbourne, Victoria
Ms. Cheryl Simpson, Flinders University, South Australia
Dr. Rod Broadhurst, University of Western Australia, Western Australia
Dr. Mark Finnane, Griffith University, Queensland
Lisa Maher, New South Wales
Barbara Etter, N.T. Police, Northern Territory
Dr. Kate Warner, University of Tasmania, Tasmania
Dr. Patricia Easteal, Australian Institute of Criminology, ACT.
Dr. Allison Morris, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Executive approved the nominations

The President moved a formal vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary, Marg D'Arcy, who will not be continuing in that capacity, and to Stuart Ross, for his work as Hon. Treasurer. Thanks were also extended to John Pratt and Ian O' Connor, who are leaving the Executive. Mark Finnane and Allison Morris were welcomed as the new representatives from Queensland and New Zealand respectively.

Secretary's Report

As tabled (see attached). The current membership stands at approximately 200.

Treasurer's Report

As tabled (see attached). There was a net surplus of \$1425.85. The Conference made a profit of \$2634. It was noted that of the \$75 membership fee, \$70 went to Butterworths, leaving the Society with \$5.00 per full membership. This means that the reduced membership fee for students (\$50) has to be supplemented by the Society. Given that the Society has made a small profit, the Executive agreed to retain the discounted rate for students.

After some discussion re the Conference account, Ross Homel moved that the Conference conveners be required to have an account available for auditing for the first Executive meeting after the Conference. Seconded, Rod Broadhurst. Passed.

The Treasurer's Report raised the issue of timing of membership renewals. He noted that by sending out membership renewals in early Jan/February, with a cut-off date in June, those who fail to renew get free copies of the March issue which the Society has to pay for. Marg D'Arcy met with Butterworths to discuss the current system.

Membership card; in lieu of receipt, it was suggested that members be issued with a membership card. May be able to obtain discounts at relevant bookshops and other venues for members with current membership cards. Executive supported the idea.

Distribution of publicity material by ASTAM Books as part of the membership renewal mailout: Astam books originally contacted the Society, requesting that the fliers for forthcoming publications be included in the Journal. Butterworths were not agreeable. Then considered sending out material with Society membership notices. ASTAM initially offered members 10-15% discount, but then changed this to a flat payment for each flier sent out. The Executive agreed that, subject to members receiving 10-15% discount, and on condition that the material will be of interest to members, the Society will include fliers in our mail out. However, before any material is sent out, it must be approved by the Executive.

The Conference

1. 1993 Conference

Chris Cunneen reported that the 1993 conference had 165-170 registrations. However, he noted that it was difficult to keep costs down, and that the next conference may need to consider increasing the registration fee. Having an overseas speaker adds considerably to the cost. Two issues were identified: the need to ensure that the Conference is affordable and therefore accessible to graduate students and the need to make a profit for the Society to supplement the small income derived from membership fees.

The issue of having an overseas speaker was discussed, and despite the additional cost, received general support. It was noted however that the decision re whether to have such a speaker should be left to the conference conveners and it was not to be regarded as mandatory. But if the conveners decided on an overseas speaker, his/her name should be included as part of the conference proposal that goes to the Executive for their approval.

2. 1995 Conference

Location of 1995 conference was discussed. Agreed to consider the possibility of holding it in New Zealand. Some concern that, because of the additional travel costs/distance involved for participants, subscriptions may fall. Christine Alder moved that the New Zealand representatives be asked to prepare a submission on its feasibility. Seconded Rod Broadhurst: passed. Allison Morris and John Pratt agreed to investigate and report back to the Executive at the next meeting.

3. 1994 Conference

Plan to keep the conference in Sydney for 1994. It was agreed that the Executive ask the conference organisers to encourage the participation of women and that consideration be given to having a woman as the key note speaker.

It was agreed that the Conference convener be formally part of the Executive. This proposal to be put to the Annual General Meeting for member endorsement.

Constitution of ANZSOC

After some discussion it was agreed that the incoming Executive would review the constitution of the Society. That this review would include the addition of the conference convener as a member of the Executive (if so agreed by the AGM) and the notion that Senior Executive should be appointed for a limited term, to encourage turnover.

Editor's Report

Ross Homel pointed to some complaints that the Journal looks outdated. It is the only one of the Butterworth Journals which has not been updated. The cost of such an update would be a loss of 13% in printed text but to compensate, Butterworths have offered to increase the number of pages. A change would have a positive impact on the image of the Journal. Butterworths would also redesign the cover, to make it snappier. After some discussion, Chris Cunneen moved that the Journal change to the Royal Octavo size (see attachment). Seconded Rod Broadhurst. Passed. Ross Homel to write to Butterworths confirming this.

The Editor noted that it may not be necessary at this stage to increase the number of pages per issue. However, this may be necessary in the future. At this stage, next year's issues are almost full. If the delay becomes longer than one year, then could increase the size to avoid a long time lag before people get their article's published. The other option is to have special issues and pay for them on a one-off basis. This however would mean an extra cost.

The Editor reported that a lot of articles have come in from the Conference; 10-15 at this stage. The next issue will have a major focus on youth crime.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 2.00 p.m.