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## CONSTITUTION FOR THE DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

### II. Purposes and Objectives:

The Division on Women and Crime <sup>is</sup> will be a constituent unit of the American Society of Criminology and will function in accordance with the Constitution, bylaws and policies of that Society.

The purposes and objectives of the Division are:

- A. To bring together members of both sexes interested in discussing issues related to women of all ages who are professionals, victims and/or offenders in the criminal justice system.
- B. To facilitate and encourage research and theory development about women of all ages as professionals, victims and/or offenders in the criminal justice system.
- C. To encourage appropriate and effective teaching techniques and practices and to stimulate the development of curricula for courses on women and crime.
- D. To serve as a resource network for and encourage interaction among academic, research, practitioner and policy-making sectors in order to further the understanding of problems faced by women of all ages who are professionals, victims and/or offenders in the criminal justice system.
- E. To organize conference sessions related to issues on women and crime.
- F. To raise awareness of issues regarding gender and crime among members of ASC, to bring these issues to the attention of the ASC Executive Board and/or appropriate ASC committees, and to recommend appropriate courses of action to resolve these issues.

### III. Membership:

Membership in this Division <sup>is</sup> will be open to all American Society of Criminology members in good standing. Members in good standing who have paid Divisional dues will be considered eligible for voting at Divisional meetings, for election of Divisional officers and eligible to hold office.

*who support the above purpose & objective*

3. **Secretary:**

- a. The Secretary will keep the records and minutes of the Division.
- b. The Secretary will maintain contact with the Treasurer of The American Society of Criminology who will maintain a separate account in The American Society of Criminology Treasury for the Division. The Secretary will make sure the Division is informed of the Division's balance, debts, credits, etc., and financial issues that may arise.
- c. The Secretary will record minutes of each meeting of the Division and will forward a copy to each of the other two officers and the Executive Board. *Minutes will be published in the Division newsletter.*
- d. The Secretary will serve as Chairperson of the Membership Committee.
- e. The Secretary will be elected by Division members in good standing.

4. **Newsletter Editor:**

- a. The Newsletter Editor will be responsible for the creation, publication, and dissemination of the Division Newsletter.
- b. The Newsletter Editor will be selected by the Executive Board and will serve for three years.
- c. The Newsletter Editor may be reappointed.
- d. The Newsletter Editor will be a voting member of the Executive

Board. →

- B. Nominees and elected officers must be members of the Division in good standing.
- C. The term of office of each incoming officer will begin with the close of the Annual Meeting following his/her election. Elected officers may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms in the same office. Upon completion of the second consecutive term of office, a person must wait for a period of at least one full term before running again for the same office.

2. A qualified proposal for amendment, determined qualified by the Executive Board, will be approved when it receives a two-thirds vote by mail ballot submitted to members in good standing. The results will be reported to the Chair of the Division and the Executive Board.
3. Approved amendments shall take effect two months after the next Annual Meeting of The American Society of Criminology. Amendments are subject to the approval of The American Society of Criminology Executive Board.