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Last week, Kathy Daly, our representative on the ASC Program Committee for this year's annual meeting, called to suggest 2 types of presentations for the meetings in Montreal. She asked me to forward these to you for your comments. Please address your thoughts to her as soon as possible. The program will be finalized during the latter part of March.

1) I told Kathy that a few years ago I formed a workshop comprised of professional women in criminal justice to discuss how they "arrived" in their career, the obstacles they encountered, and the persons who helped them to succeed. My session was well received and could be conducted again. Kathy has found a woman, Carol Garrison, who puts on workshops on "mentoring", and who might be willing to conduct a session on this topic. Kathy said she is an interesting, thoughtful person. Ms. Garrison could provide an insightful session that would be useful particularly to students and young professionals just out of school. This could be part of our outreach program.

2) Another possible session would consist of invited editors of criminal justice journals. They would be asked to speak about what they want in journal articles, and why they have or have not included articles on gender and crime in the recent past. The thrust would be to ascertain what they are looking for in journal articles and how those interested in publishing on gender and crime can strengthen their articles so they are accepted for publication.

Please provide Kathy directly with feedback regarding these potential sessions, and any other ideas you have for the conference as quickly as possible. She needs your comments as quickly as possible.

In addition, Kathy is a member of the Division's publications committee and wants to know what the Division Board members want to know about publishing on gender and crime. You may recall that the committee suggested doing some research in this area. If they send out a questionnaire, what would we want included on it? I have indicated to Kathy that before the committee sends anything out, it must first be cleared through the Division Executive Board.

Kathy also mentioned that Brenda Miller, another member of the publications committee, has completed a survey of several publications regarding their inclusion of articles on gender and crime. It would be most appropriate for these findings to be disseminated through our newsletter, and perhaps to be
presented at the annual meeting, either at an appropriate panel or at the Division business meeting. What do you think?

Other issues and points of interest:

1) I am finally meeting with Bill Chambliss regarding his formation of committees during his tenure as ASC President. As you may recall, I sent him a letter with the names and interests of Division members last November. He’s listening so far.

2) Per a vote of the Division membership at our annual business meeting, on Monday, March 9, 1988, I drafted and mailed Sarah Hall a memo from the board reminding and encouraging Division members to vote in the upcoming ASC election. Our memo will be mailed shortly after the ballots, which go out this week.

3) I recently received a letter from a Division member seeking information to devise curricula for teaching courses. Since one of our objectives is to assist and improve teaching courses on gender and crime, we can best serve the membership by our involvement in the development of materials for this purpose. I asked Merri Morash to chair a committee to devise appropriate curricula that we can print and disseminate for a small fee. Merri was involved in the development of curricula for a committee for AG:TS a few years ago and is very knowledgeable in this area. If you have any questions or input, please contact Merri directly.

4) Ira Silverman asked me to provide a letter of support in my capacity as Chair of the Division, for a research project on women offenders incarcerated in Florida prisons. I told him that it was not appropriate for me to do so, as the Division has not yet formulated a policy regarding our support of such research. His request has opened up the issue: should the Division, when asked, provide letters of support for researchers seeking funding? or, alternatively, should we retain a neutral stance? The rationale for providing this support is, obviously, to encourage and overtly support such research efforts. The rationale against the support is that there may be several Division members competing for the same funds -- then what do we do?

In addition, I am in the process of exploring what policies ASC has on providing such letters of support; ASC may have a policy against these letters. If so, then we will, no doubt, be required to abide by this policy.

In any case, please give this issue some consideration and let me know your thoughts.
5) I spoke with John Goldkamp regarding the following issues for the annual meetings in November:

a) Marie Bertrand, at the Institute of Criminology in Montreal would be an excellent plenary session speaker; her name was given to Kathy Daly. He said he would consider her. He may have a panel of American and Canadian speakers.

b) I asked that we have nonoverlapping panels on gender and crime issues, as there as those who would like to attend only panels on gender and crime issues throughout the conference. In the past, we have successfully done this a few times, when I was on the Program Committee. He said everyone is making this request, and that it may not be possible. Nonetheless, I will continue to push for it.

c) I noted that we would be willing to sponsor the traditional no-host cocktail party with the International Division. However, since there are several international organizations that want to provide cocktail parties and only a limited number of evenings to do so, we may not be able to sponsor this event. This would be no big loss, as we do not put any money into the event, nor do we get any out. It has simply been a means to get our name in front of the membership in the past.

d) Once before the Division's activities at ASC were highlighted in the program. I asked if we could include a page in the program that lists the Division activities. He saw no reason not to do so. However, this informal commitment requires monitoring, as it may be inadvertently forgotten in the final rush to complete preparations for the conference.

e) Based upon discussions at the annual Division meeting, I asked about having a table at the registration desk or in the book exhibit (free, of course) for the Division to place newsletters, brochures, and whatever else we have. He saw no reason not to do so, but said he would have to ask Sarah. It may be that the ASC Board must approve such a privilege.

f) The Division voted to ask that students' name tags be of a different color or have a red dot on them so that these persons would be easily identifiable. I explained that the Division wants to go out of its way to be friendly to these often neglected persons. He concurred that this was a good idea, but said that he would have to consult Sarah on the protocol for this project.

That's about all for now.

I would appreciate knowing what your committees are doing. Please let me know if you need any assistance from the Chair.

Take care and stay in touch.

cc: Kathy Daly
MEMO TO: Members of the Division on Women and Crime  
FROM: The Executive Board of the Division  
SUBJECT: Meeting with Bill Chambliss  
DATE: March 15, 1987

The ink isn't even dry on the last memo I sent you, and here I am, again writing another. I wanted to share with you the discussions I had with Bill Chambliss last week. He is very receptive to working with the Division during his tenure as President of ASC. The following are topics we discussed.

If you have any thoughts on any of these or any other ideas you would like to see ASC tackle while Bill is President, please let me know as soon as possible. He is in the process of putting together ideas of what ought to be accomplished while he is in office, and is very interested in what we have to say. As you will see from these notes, we chatted a great deal about the involvement of students in ASC.

1) Living arrangements for students while at the ASC conference: he wants to have student housing in Chicago to cut the costs and encourage students to come to the ASC conference in 1988.

2) Student voting rights: he doesn't understand why students are disenfranchised in ASC; as you know they cannot vote in the elections. He would like ASC to enable the students to vote and suggested that the Division might make such a proposal to ASC. Should we?

3) Student member of the executive Board: he would like a student to be on the ASC executive board to get the students' input. What do you think? The only drawback is how would the students elect such a person? They hardly know students from other universities. Should a student be appointed? Comments?

4) Re. our table in Montreal at the registration desk: Bill noted that ASC changed the rules so that a group such as the Division can "rent" space in the book exhibit for $25 for the entire conference. I am in the process of checking this out to make sure it is currently effective. Sometimes when ASC makes a decision it has to be voted on twice. If it is effective for the meetings in Montreal, we should have little trouble securing space and a good location for our newsletters, brochure, etc.

5) Bill was in favor of a means of identifying students and our thoughts on having a "take-a-student-to-lunch/dinner" program.
6) He is also interested in getting more minorities involved in ASC. This raises the question of how we can get more minorities involved in the Division. As you may have noted at the business meeting in Atlanta, most of the attendees were white and women. Any ideas to stimulate the interest of males and other races/ethnic groups?

7) I mentioned Ira's request to have the Division send a letter of support for his research (without mentioning Ira's name), and he agreed that it was a good idea not to have sent a letter of support absent a policy on the issue. He did not know if ASC had a policy but thought there should be one.

8) What are ways to improve the program for the ASC conference in Chicago? Were poster sessions worthwhile? Should they be continued? What are other innovative ideas for the program? How about debates on hot topics? Can you think of topics and women who might be asked to debate? Are there key issues in the area of gender and crime that should be considered?

9) He also told me that he included all the names of persons I submitted on committees for the coming year and welcomed the input from the Division.

As you can see, this meeting was very productive. It appears that we will have an ally in the President during Bill's tenure. He really wants our input. So please give these issues and anything else that you would like to see done in ASC some thought over the next few weeks and get back to me. I want to stay in regular contact with Bill to ensure a strong linkage with him once he takes over the reins of power in November.

Take care and stay in touch.

cc: Nicki Rafter
    Kathy Daly
TO: Phyllis Jo Baunach, Chair
   Women’s Division of the American Society of Criminology

FROM: Donna C. Hale, Executive Counselor
         Student Outreach Committee
         Women’s Division of the American Society of Criminology

DATE: May 20, 1987

RE: Recommendations of the Women’s Division Board on the
    Involvement of Students in the Women and Crime Division
    of the American Society of Criminology

Over the past two weeks I have contacted the Women’s Division Board Members
(Feinman, Goodstein, Morash and Rasche) regarding their recommendations for
involving students in the Women and Crime Division. As you will recall from my
earlier memo (April 9, 1987) the results of the survey I conducted were:

- Informal meal ranked third (tied with ASC table)
- Mailing ranked fourth
- Take-a-grad to dinner ranked second
- Red dot on tag ranked first; and
- ASC table was tied for third with informal meal

The Board members individually expressed that both the red dot on tag and the
ASC table seem to be the best routes to pursue at this time. It was believed
that the red dot (or other identifier; perhaps the woman’s sign--my suggestion)
would assist members of the Women’s Division in recognizing students. In this
way, members could approach the students and acclimate/”befriend” them and make
the students feel welcomed to the American Society of Criminology.

Regarding the Division Table, Board members indicated that it would be best to
locate it in the “Book Exhibit Room” where volunteers would each spend
approximately 2-3 hours shifts. At the table we would have sign-up sheets for
students/faculty to indicate their research interests and attempts to match
faculty/students could be facilitated this way. It was also suggested that
students/faculty could post their research interests on a bulletin board that
would be set up near the Division Table. Finally, it was recommended that
during registration, Sarah Hall may be able to request that those members not
using their banquet tickets leave them with her so that students could attend
the banquet. This would permit students to meet with faculty at the banquet
dinner.

I am sending a copy of this to each of the Board Members as well as Nicole Hahn
Rafter. Phyllis Jo, I would appreciate it very much, if you could contact her
with your comments regarding these recommended approaches to involving students
in the Women’s Division. If the decision is made to go with the ASC Women’s
Division Table, please let me know and I will coordinate the “staffing” of the
table with volunteers. I spoke with Chris Rasche regarding this, and she
suggested that I may decide to recruit volunteers by an article in the Women’s
Division Newsletter.
I spoke with Chris Eskridge today regarding the ASC Women's Division Table. The table will be set up outside the Exhibit Room on Wednesday afternoon. Chris informed me that the Exhibit Room is also being set up on Wednesday afternoon, but that he will see that the Women's Division table is put up as soon as he possibly can in the afternoon.

Nanci has agreed to bring copies, or make copies of the old newsletter; I spoke with Anna who agreed to bring copies of the new newsletter. Clarice is bringing copies of the Constitution and other forms describing the Division. Sarah is bringing brochures and application forms. Nanci believes she still may have the Division's poster and will bring it with her. She is calling me next week to confirm that she has located the poster. (I think it is much easier to have individuals bring the materials rather than mailing to me. This guarantees that things won't get lost in the mail.)

I telephoned Sarah Hall. She agrees that it is best for one person to be responsible for giving her the new applications and checks at the end of each day. I will pick these up on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from the person who is last scheduled at the table. Anna agreed to pick these up on Friday evening, since I am leaving that night.

If anyone has anything that they believe should be displayed on the Table, please let me know by November 5. Anna suggested that we have one list for those individuals who join and pay their fees immediately, and another name and address list for those who are interested in joining the division, pick up the application materials, and plan to sent the money in later.
Below is a list of those who have agreed to help out at the table. If you know of others who would be interested, please get back to me. Kathy Daly and I both agreed that having two people on at the same time is a good idea. So, if you like, ask someone to join you!

**Wednesday, November 11**

1:30 - 3:30  Donna Hale  
Betsy Stanko  
3:30 - 5:00  Anna Kuhl

**Thursday, November 12**

9:45 - 11:45  Merry Morash  
1:15  ASC WOMEN’S DIVISION MEETING

**Friday, November 13**

10:00 - 12 Noon  Nanci Koser Wilson  
1:00 - 3:00  P.J. Baunach

If you have any questions, please call me as soon as possible. I can be reached at 301-625-3242 (Tuesday at noon through Friday at 2 p.m.) and at 717-776-3867 (Friday evening through Tuesday morning at 8 a.m.).

cc:  Chris Eskridge
As my tenure as Chair of the Division winds down, I look back over many exciting changes that have occurred since we were first formally approved as a Division by the ASC Executive Board in 1983. We drafted a constitution, and held our first formal election successfully in 1984. Our ranks have swelled to nearly 100 members.

Initially, I served on the ASC Program Committee and devised several panels devoted to gender and crime issues. Subsequently, thanks to the organizational efforts of Donna Hale and Martha Myers last year, and of Kathy Daly this year, there have been several informative panel, and poster, sessions at ASC conferences surrounding issues on gender and crime. A few years ago Lois Herrington spoke at a plenary session, and this year, Marie Bertrand will do so.

Each year, our Division Executive Board has included many faithful active members who have devoted countless hours to the development of committees in several areas. At the present time, we have standing committees on membership, awards, nominations, student outreach, and fellows. Because of the efforts of our fellows committee members, Rita Simon has become an ASC Fellow.

Our Division newsletter began through the diligent efforts of Nanci Koser Wilson, and has been painstakingly reformatted and expanded through the careful endeavors of Chris Rasche and Anna Kuhl. Chris Rasche also thoughtfully prepared an attractive brochure briefly describing the historical development of the Division.

The Division is further indebted to the conscientious and continuing assistance of Sarah Hall, ASC Executive Administrator, without whose skills and cooperation, the bookkeeping, ballots, letters, and other details required to maintain the Division would never be accomplished.
In addition, I am firmly convinced that my election to the ASC Executive Board this past year stems in part from the letter of support generated by Nicky Rafter and Merry Morash to you, and from your gratefully appreciated vote of confidence. This result suggests to me that our networking efforts are paying off, and that the Division can serve as a powerful voting bloc in ASC. We should consider strategies to capitalize on this strength in the future.

If you have not already received it, you will shortly receive a ballot for the position of Division Chairperson. I strongly urge you to vote for the candidate whom you believe will best carry out the functions of this important leadership position in the Division. Your vote is a significant contribution to the continued success of the Division.

Finally, and most importantly, I want to thank you for your support throughout my tenure as Division Chair. Without your support, it would be impossible to carry on the business of the Division effectively. Please continue your support for the incoming Chairperson, so that we may enhance and expand our networking efforts still further in the coming years.

It has been a pleasure to serve you in this capacity, and I look forward to continued service as a member of the ASC Executive Board. I view one of my primary functions on the ASC Executive Board as directly reflecting the interests of the Division, to further enhance our credibility within ASC. During the 1987-88 year, I will chair the ASC Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

I would very much appreciate learning of your concerns about ASC. Please feel free to contact me at the above address or to call me at any time (phone: 301/292-2037--home; 202/944-4300--office).

There is much to discuss at this year's annual business meeting at the ASC conference in Montreal. We need your input to shape the direction of the Division for the coming year. Please plan to join us on Thursday, November 12, 1987, at 1:15 pm.

Again, thank you for your continued interest in the Division and for your support.

Warm Regards,

Phyllis Jo Baunach, Chairperson,
Division on Women and Crime
Just a short note to update you on the activities of the Division thus far. But first I want to wish all of you "Happy Holidays and Peace and Goodwill to all"! As I gaze out of my window, the skies are grey (but it's 55 degrees), rain is falling on the mountains, my portable CD is playing (I have stereo headphones) Christmas music (I'm humming - not in tune but who cares) and I'm happy to be alive and well. It is a time of year to especially appreciate friends and I am privileged to be friends with you all.

Now to business:

1. I met with William Chambliss and he suggested that the ASC Board would support an Award from the Division for "Best research, book, etc. on Women and Crime". It sounds to me like an opportune time to get the Award we've so longed for - but I need immediate feedback as how you think we should proceed.

2. I sent the list of names for ASC Committees to Joan but she wants vitae so have sent out an immediate request that those people immediately send their vita to Joan with a copy to me.

3. I've put in a request to Sarah and Ray Michalowski to have the Division meeting the second day at about 9:00 - 11:00 with round tables, and to have Danish and coffee, tea and juice served. Both said no problems. I also asked Ray to try to not schedule panels specific to our area at that time especially with us on them!

4. When I reviewed the committee structure and focus, it seemed we needed a few more committees. I would like to suggest the following committees:
   a. membership (chaired by Secretary)
   b. newsletter (chaired by Vice-Chair)
   c. nominations (chaired by executive counselor)
   d. awards (chaired by executive counselor)
   e. student outreach (chaired by executive counselor)
   f. fellows committee
   g. networking
   h. publications
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i. policy and procedures
j. curriculum committee
k. any other ideas?

I would also like to suggest that the Vice-Chair chair the publications committee and that committee oversee the newsletter and a division journal with separate editors for each.

5. I have sent letters to Deans and Chairs where requested with a copy to you. If you want one and didn't get one, let me know and it will be forthcoming!

6. Carole drafted a suggestion regarding student participation in the division and I have attached it for your consideration and comments.

7. I've enclosed a copy of a letter from Meda regarding gathering of more vitae - what do you think?

8. Also enclosed is a letter from PJ with several suggestions regarding committees. Again what do you think would be best?

9. Clarice forwarded the minutes and I have attached those for your information.

10. Kathy Daly has an interesting question - I put it to you and suggest we come up with some concrete approaches to this widespread problem!

11. Carole sent a copy of another women's organization which does a "roster of women in physics" -- seems exciting to me - it could be part of the membership list.

12. Last but not least, Sarah is sending me an updated constitution and membership list. I would like to suggest we send all members an updated list, constitution, and I'll do a letter along with the minutes. It'll be in format such that new information can be readily added to it without duplicating prior effects.

I've asked for much "what to you think"? and I do need a response soon so that I can do appointments, etc. Thank you - I know you need one more thing to do! Again have a happy holiday and I hope to hear from you soon. I've also attached a list of the executive Board!
November 22, 1987

Phyllis Jo Baunach, Ph.D.
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Dr. Anna Kuhl, Chairperson
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Dear Anna,

This letter is a follow up to our rather fragmented discussion at ASC in Montreal re. the Division. Hopefully, we will be able to communicate as needed when there are not so many others around to interrupt us! Since I work 7 days a week at my job (a difference from BJS), this is the first opportunity I have had to sit down and jot a few lines.

Here are a few things I thought of after we met that I wanted to pass along:

1) Under separate cover, I will send the rest of the Division stationery that I have. Unfortunately, since I can't get to the post office during the week because of my working hours, I will have to send it on the weekend; don't hold your breath.

2) As you no doubt know, Sarah Hall is your lifeline to ASC. She knows all and sees almost all of what goes on. I'd suggest staying in touch with her. Although the Division is accepted in ASC now, this is not necessarily a permanent acceptance. There are still those that look askance at us as wild-eyed feminist crazies who should be kept in chains and boxes. Sarah often has useful information to share.

3) At the Executive Board meeting on Saturday, 11/14/87, I presented the results of the Division's balloting for the amendments to the constitution. They were unanimously accepted by the Executive Board, and thus, are now part of the constitution. I'd suggest contacting Sarah right away so that she makes the changes in the constitution. I'd also suggest sending copies of the revised constitution to all Division members, new and old, and to ASC Executive Board members, so they all know what we are about.

With your leave, I would very much like to Chair a new committee, on the Constitution and By-Laws for the Division. I didn't think of this until after ASC was over, but it might be good to have such a committee to ensure that the document stays in tact, is accurate, gets revised as required, etc. Since I was instrumental in its creation, and love dealing with such structure (probably because of my interest in law!), I'd be very interested in shepherding it along. If this is acceptable, I will contact Sarah, and etc., but not before you have approved this committee and my participation in it.

4) Also at the Executive Board, Joan McCord asked that if there are persons interested in serving on committees, she would like to know something about
these individuals (eg., qualifications, interest in the committee). This practice deviates from the past. In the past, the President-Elect simply asked me for a list of women interested in serving on various committees. Since Joan wants more than that, you might consider contacting those who signed the list at the Division meeting and having them forward to you or to Joan background information.

5) I may have mentioned it at ASC, but in case not, I'd suggest staying in touch with Chambliss, and every other President of ASC you encounter. They usually don't reach out to the Division as soon as they take office. It's up to you or your designee to reach out to them. Usually they respond, but they rarely take the initiative. And every President is as different as the next. There are no real precedents, so you need to take each one as though there never had been a predecessor. It makes for more work for you, but usually gives you more visibility too.

6) Remember the resolution presented at the Division? You may want to think about developing policies and procedures for presenting resolutions at our meetings. ASC has none to speak of; this became apparent at the Executive Board meeting. I would be glad to pursue this project if you wish, and if you have not already asked someone else to do so. This is another aspect of "structure" I have an interest in. Please advise.

This is all I can think of at the present time to convey. With your background in administration, and your innate competence, you will have no trouble in chairing the Division. However, if I may be of any assistance, please let me know.

If you get to D.C., let me know. I'd love to have lunch and chat. My very best wishes for a peaceful, joyous, and blessed holiday season.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Jo Baunach, Ph.D.