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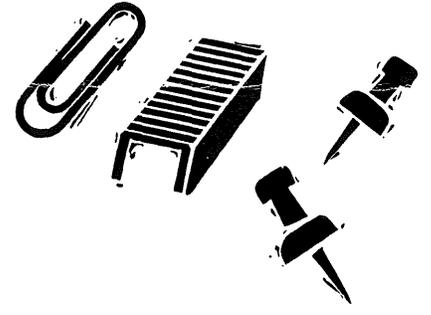
Susan -

I didn't forget, I've been trying for 3 months to get this from Laurence Bonner & finally got it from Carla Howery. I think the letter & questionnaire can easily be adapted for the ASL candidates + sent by the SECFer on Women + Crime. Hope it's not too late -

Susan

From the desk of ...

Carla B. Howery



Susan -

I got it!

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Carla

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20059

College of Arts & Sciences
Department of
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P. O. Box 987

January 8, 1992

Dear Member:

A decision was made in 1982 to obtain information from each ASA nominee and to share this information with the SWS membership. To give you some idea why we are asking you these questions, our primary interest is in actions which reflect a public commitment to women's issues. In 1983, an SWS committee drafted the following statement to clarify our concerns:

As an organization, SWS is interested in candidates who have a public record of membership and leadership in organized activities on behalf of women and/or a public record of support of women's issues (as reflected in writings and research, newspaper and magazine articles speeches and/or conference participation, for example.) Other significant activities include work on behalf of affirmative action for women, women's studies programs, third-party sex discrimination suits, passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, welfare rights. The kinds of organization we mean are national and regional professional women's caucuses, such as SWS; political action groups, such as NOW or WEAL; community service groups, such as rape crisis centers, battered women's shelters, child care and reproductive rights groups. In short, we are looking for demonstrated activity on behalf of women, and against institutionalized sexism, sex discrimination and the restriction of women's rights.

Enclosed is our brief questionnaire. Please complete it and return it to me by February 3, 1992, at the above address. On behalf of our members, I thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me. My office number is (202) 806-6853.

Sincerely,


Florence B. Bonner
Vice President
Sociologists for Women in Society

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ASA NOMINEES

Sociologists for Women in Society

1992

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

INTENDED OFFICE: _____

1. Are you a member of Sociologists for Women in Society?
 Yes No
2. Have you ever held an official position in SWS or supported SWS in some specific way? Yes No
3. Have you worked on behalf of the following:

Women's Studies Programs at your college/univ.: Yes No

Affirmative Action policies, programs for women at your place of work: Yes No

Sex discrimination or sexual harassment suits for women at your workplace: Yes No

Women's support groups at your workplace or community:
 Yes No

Child care or parental leave policies at your workplace:
 Yes No

Other (briefly describe): _____

4. If yes to any item in question 3, briefly describe what you did. (Please attach.)
5. List up to three organizations advocating women's rights and policies of interest to women of which you are a member: _____

6. In 50 words or less, describe the specific actions you would take while serving in your elected position to enhance the position of women in ASA. (Please attach.)
7. In 50 words or less, please describe your activities, including articles, interviews, speeches in which you have taken part which demonstrate a public commitment to feminism. (Please attach.)

March 2, 1993

Dr. Susan Martin
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Dear Susan:

Thanks for the copy of the material on elections. I think it looks fine. Will you take the next step of preparing a version for our Division? Do you think that document needs to be voted on before it is used on the new candidates? Otherwise, I would just suggest that we circulate it to executive committee members and chairs of committees for feedback.

If we are going to "gather data" this year, it should be done early enough so that the division can review the responses and put out some publicity to its membership to help them vote. This might go in the summer issue of DivisioNews.

Let me know if there is anything I can do to help. Thanks for taking leadership on this; I think it is a great idea.

Sincerely,

Lynne Goodstein

What do you think of these ideas? Are you still interested in helping with this event? I am working at home this semester (on leave), so feel free to call me there (814) 466-0930. I do check my mail at the office, too, or you can always leave a message with Jean, my secretary.

Hope all is going okay. Is your university still trying to axe criminal justice? Ours has gotten on the bandwagon on that one; by next year I may be in sociology.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lynne Goodstein

L6: FYI

TO: Joan McCord, Chair Nominations Committee
FROM: Kathleen Daly*
RE: Nominations for ASC posts
DATE: March 8, 1993

I haven't forgotten that my job, as a member of the Nominations Committee, is to suggest names for posts for ASC. One thing that needs to be clarified is the job of secretary. The current holder of the job, Jim Hackler, was appointed by Del. It's not clear how long such an appointment should be -- but I assume that a temporary appointment means just that, and that two people must be nominated this year for the larger membership to vote on.

Vice-President

For the past several years of my time on the Board, I've noticed there are now particular jobs associated with the V-P post -- these are gelling and aren't writ in stone. But the main duties are running the Editorial Board, and most recently, overseeing the dispensing of the Awards and the Fellows ceremony at the Annual Meeting. Also, another job is looking into the copyright questions surrounding coursepacks and any other publication-related issues about Criminology. Overseeing the Criminologist-- hiring and editorial direction--is another task. Here are people that I think would be good nominees:

John Laub
Lynne Goodstein
Tony Platt

Secretary

The job of secretary -- unsung but critical -- varies by who's holding it. Over the years I've been on the Board, the secretary has acted as institutional memory of what's been done in the past, he/she knew the Policy and Procedures Manual and made changes based on Board decisions/practices, he/she organized the agenda and funneled in tasks, in deliberations with the president, and he/she wrote up major Board decisions for the Criminologist. Now, there are other tasks like counting ballots and getting voting materials out, but the major tasks call for someone who has an understanding of the organization and an interest in learning/passing on the organizational memory. Here are people that I think would be good:

John Laub (he would be good as either VP or secretary)
Hugh Barlow
Roland Chilton (my main concern is that he's been nominated
and lost in at least one election)
Marjorie Zatz

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Executive Counsellor

As to Council members, it's important to bring fresh folks in with new ideas and having a sense of the larger constituency -- in all its variation. The work of those on the Council has varied depending on how presidents have decided to structure the committees, but when Hagan was president, he had we council members working pretty hard: as chairs of awards and fellows committees -- which subsequent presidents have also done. So, the council position is one where folks are willing to put in some work and thought -- not just attend meetings. Here are some people that would be excellent:

Susan Caringella-MacDonald
Betsy Stanko
George Bridges
Laura Fishman
Deborah King
Helen Eigenberg
Nancy Wonders
Russ Immarigeon
James Inverarity
Bernard Headley
Tom Bernard -- may also be good for Secretary, V-P
Becky Dobash or Russell Dobash; either but not both
on the same slate

Please NOTE: I've suggested several people who live in England, though they routinely come to the ASC meetings. The main issue is financial, if they are to attend the mid-year meeting. I shouldn't think that that should be used against them; e.g., perhaps their institution could pay in excess of \$500 for the air ticket.

President

For president -- this is harder because many of the people I thought of have already been president. Also, many have already been proposed by previous nominations committees, but have said no. (Which reminds me: we need this information -- who's been asked and said no many times; or who's run and lost, etc.). Here are some ideas:

Richard Schwartz
James Orcutt
Marie-Andree Bertrand
Stuart Scheingold

An idea to propose

I think we should expand the Board by one member -- another Executive Counsellor -- and I would recommend that this slot be for student representation. I will pass along that proposal to Del Elliott for consideration at this year's mid-year meeting -- which is to be held 2-3 April (in San Diego). There are many important liasion activities between the ASC Board and student members, and the slot would also bring in new people. Perhaps it could be a slot elected for 1 or 2 years, rather than the normal 3 years -- since the person would probably have become a non-student by the third year. Also, it could be inaugurated on a trial basis -- to see if it works out OK.

Timeframe for nominations

As I mentioned to you after the ASC meeting, I didn't attend the nominations committee meeting in New Orleans because I didn't know there was one! I'm sure you laid out some timeframe for our work, but I'd like also to inject my concerns on this -- which may well be yours. There is no good reason for working under a deadline-crisis model of generating nominations. Somehow, though, this seems to happen because deadlines are what we work toward.

cc: Del Elliott
Members of the 1992-93 ASC nominations committee
(Al Blumstein, Don Gibbons, Gary Jensen)

P.S.: Are all members of the nominations committee reachable by e-mail? It's a good way to get business like this done.

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April 17, 1993

Lynne Goodstein
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Dear Lynne,

Well, our semester is over here at last, and I can turn to some correspondence.

Your proposed change in running the business meeting at the ASC is terrific. It makes so much sense for so many reasons -- it is so difficult to get folks to stay beyond an hour, and there's so much to do between one meeting and the next.

I'm enclosing a letter I sent to Joan McCord some time ago about nominations for various posts in the ASC. I know that the Women's Division will be putting folks in nomination, as well, so I wanted you to see my list.

Also it occurred to me when Freda Adler was getting names of people to nominate for the Fellows and Awards Committee stuff that there are several things the Women's Division does that ^{could} ~~good~~ be automatic -- thus, giving us energy to do other things. The fellows/awards is one such area. For several years, Nicky Rafter did a wonderful job of putting names in nomination and writing the nomination letters. Last year, I wrote several letters -- one for Nicky and one for Meda. What needs to be done every year is re-inject the same names, update the letters of nomination, etc.

The job of Division chair has gotten large and full of many responsibilities (am I right on that?), and I wondered whether one way to reduce some of the work would be to create a Notebook of Annual Tasks and general things to do -- so that the Division Chair (and the Committees) accomplish some things more automatically. I could put a section together on the Awards and Fellows Committee. There could also be a similar boilerplate for ASC nominations -- although I know less about what we've done there.

Hope you're doing well.

Regards

Kathy

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April 17, 1993

Hyne,

I am a member of the ASC nominations committee this year, and one of my tasks is to propose nominations for various offices.

The nominations process goes through various hurdles, but the first is to develop a list of names of nominees and to get a copy of their c.v. So, I'm writing to ask you to send me your c.v. Could you do so? If you have several versions, the shorter one will do. Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Kathy

Kathleen Daly
Visiting Associate Professor