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Correspondence: Proposed February, 1990 Constitution Revisions

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Dr. Meda Chesney-Lind, Chair
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Dear Meda,

Enclosed are the revisions for the Division constitution. Additional material is underlined; bracketed material will be deleted. The revisions are based on the committee's work last year and on our discussions at the Division meeting last November.

Instead of simply including the materials to be changed, I typed up the entire constitution to give you the context within which the changes will be made. In addition, I don't think there is an updated copy of the constitution since it was approved by the ASC Executive Board in 1984; changes made previously were simply appended.

As Section VII., the section dealing with amendments, states we must first submit the changes to the Division membership for approval, then to the ASC Executive Board for approval. The changes cannot be implemented until two months after the 1990 ASC Annual Meeting.

With respect to the election of Executive Counselors for the Division, attendees at the Division meeting requested that we have two or three year staggered terms. I included two year terms, since each counselor may serve twice in succession; past experience demonstrates that most people who work for the Division are, in fact, reelected. Under the new procedures, this means that theoretically they could serve for four consecutive years. That is asking our members for a substantial commitment. If the term of office were to be three years, then we would be asking for six years of their time. Personally, this is asking too much. We might discourage members from serving. Hence, I used two year terms.

Reference to "staggered" terms for Executive Counselors is noticeably absent from the revisions. We do not have to burden either the constitution or bylaws with such procedural details. Rather, as in the first version of the Division constitution, I have simply added a statement regarding the length of term for the newly elected Counselors the first time this procedure is
used. Thereafter, all newly elected Executive Counselors will be elected for two year terms.

Since the new procedures will not take effect until after the 1990 meetings, we will have to elect Counselors from the floor to ensure that we have Counselors for the Board.

I hope the new decade finds you in good spirits and health.

Let me know if these changes are adequate.

Stay in touch.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Jo Baunach

CC: Brenda Miller

Chris Rasche
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To see the changes in context, refer to the full text of the Constitution and By-Laws. In that document the proposed additions are underlined and deletions are bracketed. This sheet summarizes each change and gives it an item number, which is keyed to the ballot.

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IV.A.1.c. (paragraph 2)
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TO: Members of the Division on Women and Crime, American Society of Criminology

FROM: Kathleen Daly, Secretary for the Division

RE: Changes in the Division's Constitution and By-Laws

At the Division's Business Meeting in November 1989, ten changes (or amendments) were proposed to the Division's Constitution and By-Laws by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee (Phyllis Jo Baunach and Brenda Miller). They were accepted by the Division's Executive Board and now go to Division members for a vote. A two-thirds vote of approval is necessary to amend the Constitution and By-Laws.

Enclosed is a summary of the proposed amendments. The changes are intended to do the following:

- Make explicit that one purpose of the Division is to raise awareness of gender-related issues (items 1 and 3)

- Create a new officer, Newsletter Editor, so that one person will be appointed Newsletter Editor and another person will be elected Vice-Chairperson (items 4, 5, 8)

- Revise features of the three Executive Counselor positions: two year term, elected by ballot vote, staggered terms (items 6, 7, and 10)

- Drop language which is no longer relevant (item 2) and add flexibility in the formation of Division Committees (item 9).

Enclosed is the text of the Constitution and By-Laws, in which the proposed additions are underlined, and the deletions bracketed. This will help you see the changes in context.

A ballot and return envelope are enclosed. Please vote and mail your ballot right away. Approved amendments take effect two months after the next Annual Meeting (1990) of the ASC, and they are subject to the approval of the ASC Executive Board.

In order to vote, you must be a member in good standing -- which means you have paid your Division dues for 1990. If you have not paid your dues, we are enclosing information for you to do so.

RETURN YOUR BALLOT POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JUNE 15, 1990

thanks!

The American Society of Criminology, 1314 Kinnear Road, Columbus, Ohio 43212 (614) 292-9207
ITEM SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES
TO THE
DIVISION OF WOMEN AND CRIME CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

To see the changes in context, refer to the full text of the Constitution and By-Laws. In that document the proposed additions are underlined and deletions are bracketed. This sheet summarizes each change and gives it an item number, which is keyed to the ballot.

Item

1. In Section II. Purposes and Objective, add this to the list:

   F. To raise awareness of issues regarding gender and crime among members of the 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.

2. In Section IV.A.1. Officers and Executive Board, Chairperson, delete the following, which is no longer applicable:

   IV.A.1.c. (paragraph 2)
   However, the Chairperson elected for the first time will serve for three years. This will ensure that all officers are not elected at the same time following the first election.

3. In Section IV. Officers and Executive Board, add this under the office of Chairperson (A.1):

   A.1.d. The Chairperson or the Chairperson's designee shall bring issues regarding gender and crime and recommendations for their resolution, as decided by the Division, to the attention of the ASC Executive Board and/or appropriate ASC committees for their consideration.

4. With the creation of the fourth officer of Newsletter Editor, delete the following from the responsibilities of Vice-Chairperson (Section IV.A.2.):

   IV.A.2.b. The Vice-Chairperson will be responsible for the creation, publication, and dissemination of the Division Newsletter.

5. In Section IV.A. Officers and Executive Board, Officers, add this to create a fourth officer, Newsletter Editor:

   IV.A.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.

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

NOTE: Underlined material to be added; bracketed material, to be deleted.

II. Purpose and Objectives:

The Division on Women and Crime 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.
c. The Vice-Chairperson will be elected by Division members and will serve for two years.

3. Secretary:
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   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 of it to each of the other two officers and the Executive Board.
   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
crime, and will disseminate this material in response to requests from the field.

D. The membership of these committees will be determined by the Executive Board and announced at the Annual Meeting of the Division. Committee members will serve for one year and may be reappointed.

E. The Executive Board shall appoint such other committees that it deems appropriate to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Division.

VI. Dues:

Initial annual dues will be five dollars ($5.00), subject to the approval of the Executive Board of the American Society of Criminology, and will be due at the time annual dues to the American Society of Criminology are paid.

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