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Division on Women and Crime -- Meeting
November 4, 1982, East Windsor Room
Sheraton Centre

The meeting was called to order at about 3:30 pm by Phyllis Jo Baunach
(hereinafter referred to as PJ). In the absence of a volunteer as secretary,
PJ noted the events of the meeting as follows:

The major point of discussion was the constitution for the Division.
Recommended changes in the draft copy had been made at the ASC Executive
Board meeting. These, along with the draft constitution were presented
at the Division meeting. With some discussion all of them were adopted and the
Division unanimously voted to send the constitution to ASC's Executive
Board for the initial ratification, on Saturday, November 6.

(point of information for you Anna and your files: the Executive Board
was concerned that the constitution reflect the fact that the Treasurer of
ASC will be the keeper of funds for Divisions. This person is the only one
authorized by law to do so for the Society. Hence, we will have a Secretary
who will work with the ASC Treasurer. A second point raised by the Board was
the relationship of the Division representative to the Program Chair for the
annual ASC conference. We had already worked this out by having the Chair of
the Division slotted as a liaison with that person).

The Board (ASC Executive) approved the idea of the Division having letterhead
stationary using the ASC logo, etc. Costs for this will be borne by the Division
once we have some funds. The Division approved the idea as well. Under the
ASC logo will be printed "The Division on Women and Crime". Since officers
change periodically, the Division voted not to include Division officers' names
on the letterhead. Appropriate names and addresses can always be placed in
the inside address to responses.

The ASC Executive Board also suggested that the Division might want to consider
using the Criminologist in lieu of their own newsletter in the future. The Division
discussed this idea and decided that we should keep our newsletter now but
submit brief items to the Criminologist about the Division's activities.

The ASC Executive Board also recommended that the Division include By-Laws
and put things like dues in them; By-Laws are easier to amend than the constitution
itself. However, for the time being, we have only the constitution.

The Division voted to send the President-Elect, Al Reiss, a list of names and
some biographical information about women whom we feel (and who would want to)
would work well on various ASC committees. The next issue will include a
tear off page requesting interested parties to submit their names and
relevant information as to why they want to serve on a particular committee.
The Division Executive Board will then compile a list of these names
and information and will forward this to Al Reiss. These names will be
submitted to work on committees during the 1983-84 year.

Nancy Wilson raised the idea of the Division's sponsoring an award on something
like Gender and Crime. The Division discussed the idea and thought that perhaps
we could work towards an additional ASC award of this kind. Ira Silverman
and Nancy Wilson will look into this matter during the year and report back to
the Division at the next annual meeting.
In addition, the Division voted to stay in touch with the committee that nominates people for awards so that the Division may have a voice in suggesting candidates. Anna Kuhl and Cathy Spatz-Widom will work on this task.

The Division voted to elect an interim Executive Board (comprised of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and three Executive Counselors). These people will serve for two years, pending ratification of the Division Constitution by the ASC Executive Board. The following were elected unanimously:

Chairperson, PJB, National Institute of Justice
633 Indiana Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20531
O: 202/724-2956

Vice-Chairperson: Nancy Koser Wilson, SIU
Crime Studies Center
Carbondale, Ill. 62901
O: 618/453-5701

Secretary: Anna Kuhl,

Executive Counselors: Cathy Spatz-Widom, Dept. of Forensic Studies
Indiana University
311 Sycamore Hall
Bloomington, Indana 47405
O: 812/335-9880

Christine Rasche, Univ. of North Florida
South St. James Bluff Road
Jacksonville, Fla. 32216
904/646-2758 / 2850

Ira Silverman, Dept of Crim. Justice
Univ. of South Fla.
Tampa, Fla. 33620
O: 813/974-2815

Chris Rasche will look into By-Laws for the Division. PJ will get minutes from the ASC Executive Board, if possible and will contact Joe Scott about panels on issues related to women and crime for next year's conference.

The Division voted unanimously to let the record show a commendation to PJ and Nancy Wilson for the work in developing the Division during the past year.

Meeting adjourned 5:15 pm.
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Clarice Feinman
Secretary,
Division on Women and Crime/ASC
November 10, 1986
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Enclosed is the corrected (as per PT) minutes.

Happy New Year.

All the best,

Clare

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