Minutes and Agendas for 1997 Executive Council Meeting

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I. Chris Rasche called the meeting to order.

II. Information Table

The visibility of the DWC at the annual meeting was discussed. To improve our visibility and outreach to new members, we need a banner and perhaps a stand-up display for our information table. We must also request well in advance of the meetings a better location for our table. Chris indicated that this issue was on the agenda for the division business meeting.

Evelyn Gilbert pointed out that the book exhibits are encroaching on the division area. Chris would like a placement of our table in a space that's more of a gathering area encouraging talking/networking. However, we also need a secure area if we have items for sale.

Nicky Rafter said she met two young women on her way to the meeting who are interested in creating a web page. Chris reported that she had approached the ASC Executive Board and asked if we could create a DWC Web page, but the Board said they want ours under their. Becky Block added that at the Executive Board meeting on Tuesday, November 18th, it was reported that the ASC Web page is up and running, and there is discussion of ending print publication of The Criminologist and putting that newsletter solely on the Web. Brenda Miller pointed out some of the difficulties of maintaining a Web page: make sure that institution will allow individuals to house Web page there, that they have facilities to do a Web page of this kind, etc. Brenda offered to serve as a consultant to the two women who volunteered to construct the Division's Web page. It was decided that DWC will do its own Web page with links to ASC's Web page. Evelyn and Becky will take this issue to the Executive Board meeting Saturday, November 22nd, and present the DWC's Web page plan plus the changes to our constitution. Further discussion of the publication of The Criminologist is needed, including the fact that those who don't have access to the Internet yest will be denied this information source if it goes solely to the Web. Claire Renzetti, who is on the Editorial Board Committee will raise this and other concerns when publication plans for The Criminologist are discussed.

III. Election Results

Nicky Rafter is the incoming chair of the Division. Susan Krumholz is the new executive counselor. The proposed changes to the constitution passed.

IV. Committees

Chris suggested that Nicky spend time at the current ASC meeting securing chairs for committees.
A. Outreach

Evelyn reported that the table is selling curriculum guides. Old newsletters are also available and there are about 150 brochures left. There are also two sexual harassment bibliographies left. Nicky suggested staffing the table at "strategic hours" and share space and monitoring with other divisions (e.g., people of color and/or international).

Evelyn noted that there are no t-shirts this year, but we should discuss them as a fundraiser in the future. Chris noted that we do need to raise money, since the social is so expensive (depleting half of our budget this year). Breakfasts at the business meetings are also expensive. This is an item on the agenda for the business meeting. It was suggested that Evelyn bring the curriculum guides to the social and perhaps some will sell there. We also need to think about whether it's time to do another edition of the guide and other ways we could make money.

B. International Outreach

Betsy Stanko stated that she is the new chair of the International Division, so she cannot stay on this committee; both divisions hold their meetings at the same time. She said that we need to figure out a way of scheduling meetings so that people don't have to make these kinds of choices. Becky said to talk to Chris Eskridge, who handles "special events."

C. Student Affairs

A representative of this committee was not present, but Chris said she did not think the committee had been active during the year.

D. Student Paper Competition

Chris and Helen Eigenberg worked on this and received seven papers. The winner will be announced at the Division social Wednesday night.

Brenda asked how we handle multiple submissions. Becky said she raised this at the Executive Board meeting and was told it's up to the division. Chris stated that a student can submit only one paper to one competition, but may submit different papers to different competitions. This is the Gene Carte rule; the Division has not had its own rules. Brenda said that Divisions need to adopt rules, too, and Chris said this would be an item for next year's Student Paper Competition Committee to address.

E. Division Archives

Nickly Rafter reported Northeastern University is willing to take our archives, but that further study indicates that this might not be the best place for them. At the business meeting she will ask the Division for authorization to explore other options. ASC is also looking for a place for their archives, so perhaps we could coordinate our efforts with theirs.
F. Long-Range Planning Committee

Lynne Goodstein and Brenda Miller reported that Brenda has drafted a questionnaire to be distributed at the business meeting to get feedback from the membership on current functions and future activities. The questionnaire is about four pages (including the cover letter). The committee will ask for authorization from those present at the business meeting to mail the questionnaire to the division membership. Discussion followed of who would pay the cost of duplication and postage. The question was raised as to whether it could be sent out by email and emailed or snail-mailed back.

G. Constitutional Revision Committee

Evelyn Gilbert also did a great deal of work on the constitution besides Susan Krumholz.

H. Special Events

The Schwendingers sent a speech that they want read at the social. Betsy suggested copying the speech and simply handing it out, since neither the Schwendingers nor Susan Caringella-McDonald (to whom they sent the speech) are present at the conference.

I. Newsletter

All of the current newsletter editors retired. We now have two choices: 1) find someone else who wants to do this job, or 2) discontinue the newsletter.

J. Nominations Committee

Brenda Miller said she would be willing to do this and co-chair with Carole Thompson. It was noted that this should be done in the spring. Lynne Goodstein will also help Brenda and Carole.

K. Task Force on Women in Prison

We will wait for this report at the business meeting.

L. Task Force on Women in Non-Academic Settings

Becky Block proposed to change the name of this task force to Professional Women in Criminology.

Becky then reported that she and Vivian Lord are proposing to do a survey of all professional women in ASC as part of their outreach effort. They estimate the total cost to be about $225. The product of this project would ultimately be a data base that could be used for outreach and networking.
V. Adjournment

Chris Rasche adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire M. Renzetti