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Correspondence: Newsletters and Notes on the History of the Division.

American Society of Criminology Division on Women and Crime.

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Dear Nancy, Anna,

Please excuse the format, but this is the most efficient way to write. Enclosed are my notes on the minutes of the Division meeting. Please make corrections as needed.

In addition, enclosed is a list of the 1982-83 committee choices of Travis Hirsh. Note the number of women participants but more importantly, for our future reference, note the number and variation in the committees. We may be able to recommend one person for each committee to Al Reiss for next year.

In addition, enclosed is a copy of the ASC Constitution and By-Laws. You may already have these, but if not, as Division officers, we should be thoroughly familiar with the ASC structure.

I spoke with Rita Warren. She said with a minor modification, the Division constitution was accepted at the Saturday, ASC Executive Board meeting. The Board voted that in regard to dues, we add after "dues" (in the sentence) the following phrase: "subject to approval by the Executive Board of ASC".

I personally have no difficulty with this addition. We should in the future take this whole item out of the constitution and put it in the By-Laws when we develop them. However, in order to get ratification the second time at the March meeting, we should leave the phrase in; there is no violation to the Division's integrity and it would be a shame to forestall the complete ratification of the constitution because of one phrase.

Finally, I chatted with Barbara Price and asked that she jot down her recollection of the evolution of the Division. She agreed to do so. If you know of other people who would have information along these lines, now is the time to begin our chronology of the Division.

It is a pleasure to work with you both. I am looking forward to a productive fruitful year.

God bless. Stay in touch.

My very best wishes for the holiday season.

Phyllis Jo Baunach,
Chair, Division on Women and Crime.
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF
THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

PREAMBLE
The term criminology as used hereinafter refers to all scholarly, scientific and professional knowledge concerning the etiology, prevention, control, and treatment of crime and delinquency, including the measurement and detection of crime, legislation, and the practice of criminal law, the law enforcement, judicial, and correctional systems.

I. Name of the Organization
The name of the society shall be THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY.

II. Purpose and Objectives
A. To bring together in one multidisciplinary society persons actively engaged in research, teaching, and/or practice in the field of criminology;
B. To foster criminological scholarship, research, education, and training within academic institutions and within the divisions of the criminal justice system, including public and private agencies concerned with crime, justice, and corrections;
C. To encourage scholarly, scientific and practical exchange and cooperation among those engaged in criminology;
D. To serve as a forum for the dissemination of criminological knowledge.

III. The Executive Board
A. The Executive Board shall administer the affairs of the organization. It shall consist of the following officers as voting members:
   1. The elected officers
      a. President
      b. President-Elect
      c. Immediate Past President
      d. Vice President
      e. Vice President-Elect
   2. The appointed officers
      a. Executive Secretary
      b. Treasurer
      c. Editor of CRIMINOLOGY: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY JOURNAL
   3. Executive Counselors, not to exceed nine (9)
      a. The President, subject to the ratification of the elected officers of the Executive Board, may appoint three (3) Counselors-at-large, each to serve for a one-year term. Counselors-at-large shall serve through the Annual Meeting following their appointment.
      b. There shall be six elected Executive Counselors.

   B. Committee Chairpersons
   Chairpersons of Society committees who are not members of the Executive Board may attend its meetings without having voting rights. Such other persons as the President and Board deem appropriate may also attend, upon invitation, without voting rights.

   C. The Executive Board shall:
      1. Form the policies of the Society;
      2. Determine the date and place of the Annual Meeting and outline the program for this meeting;
      3. Instruct the Treasurer on criteria for acceptance of all applications for membership in the Society;
      4. Ratify the budget for the Society;
      5. Audit the accounts and disbursements of the Society;
      6. Ratify the appointment of the various Editors of the Society's journal, CRIMINOLOGY: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY JOURNAL, the Publications Committee and any other committees of the Society;
      7. Fill vacancies on the Board by a majority vote of the Board;
D. The actions of the Executive Board shall be adopted by a majority vote of the Board.

E. A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of half plus one of the total number of members.

IV. Officers

A. The President

1. Shall be the Chief Executive of the Society, shall represent the Society at formal gatherings, shall preside over the meetings of the Executive Board, shall preside over the Annual Meeting, and shall appoint such committees as deemed necessary.

2. Shall appoint the Executive Editor of CRIMINOLOGY: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY JOURNAL to a three-year term subject to ratification by the Executive Board.

3. Shall appoint the Program Chairperson for the annual meeting subject to ratification by the Executive Board.

B. Vice President

1. The Vice President shall preside over the meeting of the Society in the absence of the President and shall be empowered to conduct all necessary business of the Society in the event that a vacancy exists in the office of the President, or upon the disability of the President.

C. President-Elect and Vice President-Elect

1. The President-Elect shall become the President at the end of the predecessor's Presidential term of office.

2. The Vice President-Elect shall become the Vice-President concurrent with the President-Elect assuming the presidency.

D. The Executive Secretary

1. The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the Executive Board for a term of two years.

2. The Executive Secretary shall keep the Archives, records and minutes of the Society.

3. The Executive Secretary shall, following each meeting of the Society or the Executive Board, compile accurate minutes and proceedings of those meetings and forward a copy thereof to each member of the Executive Board.

4. And, shall serve as the recording Secretary of the Society and of the Executive Board at its meetings.

E. The Treasurer

1. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Board for a term of two years.

2. Shall keep an accurate set of membership rolls, indicating whether each member has paid membership dues.

3. Shall invoice, receive, and keep all monies due the Society and be prepared at all times to render an account of its income and disbursements, upon request of the President or the Executive Board.

4. Shall draw all warrants of the Society and sign them for payment of the Society's expenses.

F. Qualification of Officers

Any active member of the Society in good standing shall be eligible to hold office after membership of at least one year's duration.

G. Any officer of the Society may be removed during his/her term by a membership referendum initiated either by three-quarters (3/4) vote of the Executive Board or by a petition of one hundred (100) members. Fifty-one percent of the membership shall be required to vote affirmatively for removal to occur.

V. Elections

A. The President with the approval of the Executive Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee of not less than five (5) members to develop a slate comprised of at least two nominees for each office. The Committee shall designate its chair.
B. The election shall be by mail ballot distributed at least twelve weeks prior to the Annual Meeting of the Society with return due date to be specified by the Election Committee. Candidates for President-Elect and Vice President-Elect each receiving the larger plurality of 40% or more of all votes cast shall be elected. In the event no person receives this plurality, a run-off election by mail will be held between the two candidates who received the most votes. For Counselors, the two candidates who receive the most votes shall be elected. Should resignation, removal or death require that more than two Counselors be elected, the candidate(s) with the next highest number of votes shall be elected.

C. The announcement of results of the election of officers shall take place during the Annual Meeting of the Society each year.

D. Newly elected persons shall take office at the close of the Annual Meeting following their election.

VI. Membership

A. Active members shall be:
   1. Those engaged in the discipline of criminology, as defined in the Preamble.
   2. Membership shall be achieved upon review of application by the Treasurer.

B. Student members shall be:
   Those studying full time in appropriate disciplines in colleges and universities or in approved training programs of criminal justice agencies.

C. Honorary members shall be:
   Those persons who make exceptional contributions to criminology and are so approved by the Executive Board.

D. Emeritus members shall be:
   Those retired persons who have been active members for not less than ten (10) years and upon whom the Executive Board bestows the title.

E. Life memberships shall be available to those who have been active members for at least five years and have been approved for such membership by the Executive Board. A certificate acknowledging this status shall be awarded upon receipt of the sum equivalent to ten years dues.

Fellows

The title of Fellow is available to members in good standing who have made significant contributions to the field of criminology and have complied with such standards as are determined by the Executive Board. Fellow awards shall be made each year at the Annual Meeting and the candidates will be acknowledged by the Society with the awarding of a Certificate at the Annual Meeting. No more than twelve (12) Fellows shall be designated annually. Fellow status shall be achieved only by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

G. Institutional

Institutional membership shall be available to any accredited institution of higher education offering a bona fide degree in the discipline of criminology (as defined in the Preamble, and regardless of the actual designation of the degree's field), or other organizations. Membership will be achieved upon review of the application by the Treasurer and majority vote on the application by the Executive Board.

H. Divisions

Divisions may be organized to represent major professional interests that lie within the scope of the Society as stated in the Preamble of the Constitution.

A Division may be established whenever three percent or more of the members in good standing of the Society petition the Executive Board and receive Board approval. Two-thirds affirmative vote of those present at any meeting of the Executive Board is required for the establishment of a new Division. The Board may create a Division provided that (a) the Division represents an active and functionally unitary interest of a group of members, (b) its proposed objectives fall within the scope of those specified in the Society's Constitution, (c) its membership is not restricted on any bases other than interests and Society membership and, (d) the establishment of any new Division is not inimical to the objectives of the Society or any other Division already established. Divisions may use a distinct name, provided they append to it the phrase: "A Division of The American Society of Criminology".
A petition for the formation of a new Division shall include in its prefatory statement the following: a statement of the proposed name and purpose of the Division, relevant evidence that the petitioners "represent an active and functionally unitary interest of a group of members", the names of the member or members sponsoring the petition or speaking for the petitioners and a statement that the individual petitioners ask for and will accept membership in the Division if it is established. The names of the petitioners should be followed by their ASC mailing address to assist in the unambiguous identification of the signers. The petition shall be transmitted to the Executive Secretary with designation of some individual who will speak for the petitioners in further communications. The Executive Board shall determine at its next regular meeting that the petition conforms to the technical requirements of the Rules. If it finds the petition in order, it shall invite the membership to comment in writing to the Board within the next 90 days. At a subsequent meeting, the Board shall consider the petition on its merits, together with supplementary materials and comments, and shall by a two-thirds vote either approve or reject the petition. If the petitioners choose, they may submit a statement amplifying the petition to make clear why they seek Division status. Following favorable action by the Executive Board, a new Division is constituted when it holds its first business meeting at the ASC Annual Meeting.

A Division shall be dissolved by the Executive Board when (a) the number of members within the Division falls below three percent of the members of the Society in good standing averaged over a two (2) year period, or (b) the Division votes to recommend dissolution. The Executive Board may also dissolve a Division for good and sufficient reason by a two-thirds vote of those present at a Board meeting, provided that the reason for dissolution is stated in writing by the Executive Board to the membership of the Division and that the Division membership has been given full opportunity to state the reasons for the continued existence of the Division.

A Division shall have a chairperson and such officers as it may desire. The qualifications for its officers and the number and method of their election shall be determined by the Division with approval of the Executive Board.

A Division shall draw up and maintain its own rules of procedure within the framework of the Society's By-Laws. Each Division shall file with the Executive Board a copy of its current regulations, and a list of its current officers and committees.

A Division may set dues. Such dues must be approved by the Executive Board and shall be collected and disbursed by the Treasurer of the Society subject to the rules and regulations of the Society.

A Division shall not enter into contracts, shall not own, publish, or manage a journal, or hold an annual meeting or convention that is not in conjunction with the Society's Annual Meeting. Divisions may not make awards or give out honors without Executive Board approval. Administrative functions of the Division may be handled by the Central Office, at the Division's expense.

I. Only active, life members, Fellows, and emeriti shall have Society voting privileges.

VII. Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the procedure of the Society during all general and committee meetings, unless otherwise designated.

VIII. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws

A. Due notice of proposed amendment to the Constitution having been given, any section of this Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of those members who cast a ballot and such ballots shall be by mail.

B. Procedure for Amending the Constitution

1. Proposed amendments must be presented to the Executive Board which shall vote upon the amendment, and then present the amendment to the Executive Secretary.

2. When presented to the Executive Secretary, the proposed amendment must bear the signatures of a majority of the members of the Executive Board, or alternatively, the proposed amendment must bear the signatures of one hundred and fifty members of the Society.

3. The Executive Secretary shall notify the membership of the pending vote and shall arrange for the ballot.
C. Any By-Laws shall become effective when approved by a majority of the voting membership following the same requirements as outlined in regard to the constitutional amendments.

**BY-LAWS**

**Article 1. Executive Board Meetings**

Section 1. Executive Board meetings shall be called at the discretion of the President with two weeks written notice, provided to all members by the Executive Secretary.

Section 2. There shall be at least one (1) Board meeting between Annual Meetings.

Section 3. Upon petition by at least 5 members of the Executive Board to the Executive Secretary a special meeting of the Executive Board shall be scheduled within four (4) weeks time.

Section 4. Any member of the Executive Board who will not be able to attend an Executive Board Meeting shall be able to vote by written proxy given either to the President or any other member of the Board.

Section 5. Not less than ten days prior to scheduled Board Meetings, any documents to be viewed at the forthcoming meeting and the agenda shall be mailed to all Board members by the Executive Secretary.

Section 6. Board Vacancy. In the case of any death or resignation, the President shall appoint an additional Counselor, to complete the term, subject to Executive Board ratification.

**Article 2. Membership Dues**

Section 1. The annual dues for active members shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 2. The annual dues for student members shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 3. Life membership shall be a multiple of 10 times the annual dues.

Section 4. Membership dues shall be paid on or before March 1 of each calendar year.

Section 5. The annual dues for institutional memberships shall be determined by the Executive Board.

**Article 3. Annual Meetings**

Section 1. A registration fee may be assessed for participants at the Annual Meeting and other Conferences of the Society. The fee shall be set by the Executive Board and the membership shall be notified by the Executive Secretary or conference director.

**Article 4. Publications**

Section 1. Journal Publication

The Society shall publish a journal entitled **CRIMINOLOGY: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY JOURNAL**, which shall be distributed to all members and member institutions in good standing. Additional subscriptions to the journal shall be sold at a rate designated to underwrite at least the actual cost thereof and approved by the Board.

A. **Composition.** The Editor shall appoint and be assisted by Associate, Assistant, departmental and other editors, upon ratification by the Executive Board.

B. **Powers.** The Editor will supervise selection of materials for the Journal in consultation with other editors. Referee panels for manuscript evaluation and selection will be used.

C. **Term.** The Editor is appointed for a three-year term by the President and ratified by the Executive Board. All Assistant, Associate, and department editors shall serve at the pleasure of the Editor.

Section 2. Publications Committee

A. **Composition.** A Publications Committee will be appointed by the President with ratification by the Executive Board. It will consist of members of the Executive Board as well as other members of the Society.

B. **Powers.** The Publications Committee shall develop editorial and administrative policies for all publications of the Society for approval by the Board.
Section 3. Voting Procedures

A. Nominations. The Nominations Committee shall oversee development of a slate of officers. The membership shall be notified by mail, inviting nominations two months prior to closing of nominations. Any member receiving thirty-five nominations from fellow members shall be entered on the slate for the office designated. The Nominations Committee, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, may place additional names on the ballot. At least two nominees for each office to be filled must be listed. Also, a place will be provided on the ballot for write-in candidates.

B. Voting. All members and member institutions in good standing on the first day of the month preceding the mailing of the ballot shall be entitled to vote. Election will be by a majority of all those casting ballots. Voting shall be in such a manner as to protect privacy of choice.

C. Counselors. Six Counselors shall be elected in the first election held under this constitution. Two shall be elected for three years, two shall be elected for two years, and two shall be elected for one year, according to number of votes received. Two Counselors shall be elected annually to serve for three year terms.

Rev. (5/30/81)
Dear Anna:

I am writing to you about several matters. First, about the ACJS meetings in San Antonio. Enclosed are copies of three abstracts of papers dealing with women's issues. The one I wrote I submitted to the program chair before I left for Toronto. I have not heard anything about it yet. The other two are written by students of mine here at SIU. They are being submitted this week. As you talked of getting together another panel on women I thought you might be interested in these abstracts. Also if there is any trouble getting them accepted, I thought you might be able to do something in that area, as you are more familiar with ACJS than I. (I don't anticipate any trouble because of the rumours that they don't have enough papers yet, but one never knows.)

I need information about the salaries paid to persons in criminal justice programs nation-wide. Could you give me the information about salaries of associate professors in your program? It would be quite useful to me. Thanks.

Finally, I am compiling some notes on the history of the Division and will send these to you when they are finished. Am also planning the first newsletter for this year. So far, I plan to include: minutes of our meetings, news on the constitution, evaluation of participation in this year's meeting, call for papers for next year, a description of ASC committees and a return sheet for those interested in serving (asking their expertise etc.) If you can think of anything else that should go in that newsletter or feel this is too much for one, and have suggestions for where to divide it let me know.

So glad you are joining PJ and me in our work for the Division. I feel it will be a really fruitful two years.

Sincerely,

Nanci Kosier Wilson
MEMORANDUM

TO: Anna  DATE: 28/83

RE:  

Enclosed are my notes on the history of the division, a copy of old newsletters for the files. Will I see you in San Antonio?

Cheers -
Nancy
SOME NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME
Compiled by Nanci Koser Wilson

As far as I know the first time ASC devoted a panel to this topic was at the 1975 meetings in Toronto. Freda Adler chaired the panel and some seven papers were presented. The session was very well attended, it required a room change to accommodate over 150 persons.

At the next year's meeting in Tucson, I do not remember the panels, if any, on the topic. We could check the program if an old one is available. I do remember a very informal meeting of some 6 or 7 women which took place in one of our rooms. Some women had simply started talking to one another at the opening evening or banquet cocktail party, I don't remember which, and we decided to meet to discuss some concerns and common interests.

In Atlanta in 1977 I participated in a panel concerning the issues surrounding women as professionals in criminal justice. The attendance was pretty high, I think probably over 50 persons. There was a fair amount of hostility expressed by women against the male establishment, as it were and by some men in the audience about the incapacity of women to serve as police and correctional officers, as I remember. At that same conference we had another informal meeting of women which around 30 persons attended. At the next year's meeting in Dallas, again there was an informal meeting of about 30 persons, and again there was a panel on the topic of women as professionals, in which formal papers were presented. It met with much less hostility. It was either the Atlanta meeting or the Dallas meeting I don't remember at which that we had put up signs announcing our meeting and these were, incredibly, ripped down each time we posted them!
Nominees

This is just a brief note to remind you that there are four women nominated for office in the ASC this year. We ask your support for these well-qualified individuals. They are:

For President-Elect--Edith Flynn, NorthEastern University

For Vice-President-Elect--Barbara Price, John Jay

For the Executive Council--Joan Petersilia, Rand Corp.
Joan McCord, Drexel University

November Meetings

A further newsletter will follow in October, informing you of the events of interest to those involved with Women in ASC at the November meetings. We are planning a no-host cocktail party and a noon luncheon meeting. Further, there is a wide variety of sessions on the program which deal with women. Details of these events will be in the next newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in San Francisco!

Nanci Koser Wilson, co-chair
Women in ASC
Center for the Study of Crime
Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, Illinois 62901
As you will note from our new title, above, the Executive Board has voted to approve division status for us. Over sixty members of ASC signed the petition to establish this division, indicating substantial support for the study of women's issues within our organization. We are pleased that we have come this far, and below we reprint those paragraphs of the petition which describe the purpose of the division.

"This division would bring together ASC members of both sexes interested in discussing issues related to women of all ages as professionals, victims and offenders in the criminal justice system. In forming this division, we are not attempting to isolate or segregate the study of issues about women from the study of those about men. Rather, we want to focus on the importance of issues related to women and to facilitate a communication link and resource network among those concerned about the study of women and crime."

The rules ASC has established for divisions within the organization require a set of by-laws. Our plan is to draft a preliminary set of by-laws, circulate them to you in the next newsletter and receive your feedback and suggestions by late spring. We will then incorporate these suggestions into a draft of the by-laws which we can vote upon at the annual meetings next fall.

NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASC--WASHINGTON, D.C.

The women's caucus again sponsored the no-host social hour the first evening of the convention, with a good turnout. The caucus meeting held at noon on Thursday discussed the possibility of sharing the hosting of this event with the International Division for next year's meetings. The caucus meeting also suggested the possibility of panels or workshops for next year's meetings which focus on providing information on the topic of applying for research monies. It was suggested that avenues for funding women specifically be explored, for
example, perhaps some of the large corporations which make their living primarily from selling women's products--such as cosmetics firms, might be approached for the purpose of providing research funds, and/or fellowships for women graduate or post-graduate students. If anyone is willing to chair a panel or lead a roundtable discussion on funding, you are urged to submit the suggestion to this year's program chair, Israel Barak-Glantz (Dept. of Sociology, Wayne State).

DATA BANK ESTABLISHED

The Division of Women and Crime is attempting to establish a data bank concerning on-going research of interest to those whose speciality areas include the study of women and the criminal justice system. This would include but not be limited to--women offenders, women victims, women as criminal justice professionals. Research projects in which any part of the sample is female would also be included. A form for reporting your current research is attached to this newsletter, so that you may fill it out and send it in.

PROGRESS OF WOMEN WITHIN THE ASC

Meanwhile, on the home front--here are some pieces of information about the progress of women within our own organization.

At this year's meeting, 200 presentations were made by women. This is from a total of some 960 presentations made, so that women were represented in a proportion of about 20%. Over 150 of these presentations were not on the topic of women and crime, demonstrating that women are not being isolated in their own "special topic area," but rather are being integrated into the study of criminology as a whole, which is most encouraging.

Also at this year's meeting, a total of 48 papers were presented which dealt with women's issues. The overwhelming majority of these papers concentrated on women as offenders. Some 29 papers had this focus, and an additional nine dealt with women as both offenders and victims. Only one paper focused solely on victimology, while six papers dealt with women as professionals in the criminal justice system. There is no way of knowing how many other papers on the program this year included females as a part of the sample, so it may be that the above tally (taken from the program) underrepresents the amount of research on women that is being done.

This year there is a good representation of women on the slate of officers to be presented to the membership. They include: Barbara Roffel Price for President-Elect and Joan Petersilia for Executive Counselor. Remember to vote when the ballots arrive in March!

Committee membership is also increasing. We have 20 women among some 75 committee appointments made by Harry Allen, President, and two of the nine program topic area chairs for the 1982 meetings are women.

It is particularly important that we encourage young women just entering the field to become involved in the committee structure and work of the ASC. Among our women members, we have many students, and this encouraging sign indicates that perhaps we are moving toward a greater representation of women within the discipline of criminology and within our own organization. Please continue to encourage your own women students to become involved in many different capacities.
COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME

The following letter was sent recently to Harry Allen, President of ASC:

Dear Professor Allen:

The membership of the Division on Women and Crime has directed me to commend you for the number of women appointments you have made to committees and the Executive Board of the American Society of Criminology.

We are pleased not only that women are making progress within the organization, but also that their merit and willingness to serve are being recognized.

We look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Nanci Koser Wilson, Co-Chair
Division on Women and Crime

MAILING LIST

If your address or name is listed incorrectly on this mailing, please let us know. If you are not on the mailing list, or know of someone else who would like to be on the list for this newsletter and other Division communications, please let us know this information also.

CALL FOR PAPERS
34th Annual Meeting
Toronto, November 4-6, 1982

The Program Section entitled "Issues in Women and Crime" will be chaired by Phyllis Jo Baunach. She plans about 10 panels to include: Women as Victims, Women as Offenders, Women as Professionals, Delinquent Girls, Historical and Longitudinal Research. Anyone interested in heading up a panel or roundtable or presenting a paper on the areas mentioned above or others related to women should send an abstract to Dr. Baunach by March 1. Her address is:

National Institute of Justice
Room 86F
633 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20531
Phone: (301) 724-2956

We encourage persons to send abstracts on issues related to women to other members of the program committee if you feel it is more appropriate to your topic.
This year's meeting in Toronto will be a benchmark for those whose special interest is women and crime. Just seven years ago (1975), and also in Toronto, the ASC sponsored its first panel of papers on women and crime. If memory serves correctly, Freda Adler chaired that panel and some seven papers were presented. 1975 was also the year in which the first two book-length modern treatments of the subject were published—Adler's *Sisters in Crime* and Simon's *Women in Crime*.

That first session was very well attended, so much so that a room change (to accommodate over 150 persons) was required. Still, the notion that there might be enough researchable material on the topic, or that the study of gender and crime might be central to criminology, was shared by only a few people.

Now in our eighth year, we have achieved status as a Division in ASC. The number of papers we will present has increased seven-fold, and there appears to be no question that what we are learning about the relationship between gender and crime is of major importance to criminology as a whole.

Perhaps the best testament to what has been so far accomplished is Parisi's (1982) statement that "Already it is an old refrain. Article after article begins with the trite comment that traditional research in criminology and criminal justice has ignored the female offender." What has been added to that traditional research is a body of literature large enough that the scholar has a difficult time keeping up with it. This year's collection of papers will add substantially to that body, and in turn reflect continued interest in growth. Well past the stage in which we saw the activities of women as unimportant, we now are systematically documenting those activities, exploring their meaning, and taking it for granted that they are important. We return to Toronto with much more than we could offer in 1975.

**CONSTITUTION FOR THE DIVISION**

A proposed constitution for the Division has been prepared, and will be presented to the ASC Executive Board for consideration at their meeting on November 3, 1982. This will be discussed at our Division meeting. Thanks go to P.J. Baunach for much hard work in preparing our first draft.
ACTIVITIES AT THE 1982 MEETINGS

Division Meeting

The meeting time for the Division on Women and Crime is Thursday, November 4, 1982, from 3:30-5:15 in the Windsor East Room. Please make time in your schedule to attend this important meeting. At that time we will discuss our constitution as well as other important matters.

Jointly-Sponsored Cocktail Hour

Women in ASC has sponsored a no-host cocktail party on the first evening of the convention for a number of years. This year we are proud to co-sponsor the event with the Division on International Criminology. The event will provide a cash bar in the Civic Ballroom from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 1982.

Panels and Papers on Women and Crime

This year's meetings will feature 11 panels devoted exclusively to women and crime. A total of 47 papers will be delivered in these sessions. The majority of the papers will deal with women as offenders. The varied topics include: four sessions on the commission of crime by women, three panels dealing with the treatment of women offenders in the criminal justice system, including a fourth concentrating on criminal codes as they affect women. Two of the offender panels will deal exclusively with juvenile women.

Reflecting the widening interest of those studying female crime, the papers on offenders will include not only longitudinal studies of female crime, but also "interdisciplinary aspects," subcultures and crime and the interaction between sex, race and crime. The papers on treatment of females in the CJS will cover the entire range of the system from criminal codes to court processing, prison treatment, and parole decision-making.

Ten papers on women as victims will be presented, all of which deal with violence. Four papers focus on women as workers in the CJS. Varied topics include women as correctional administrators, as prison guards, as sentencing consultants and as jailhouse lawyers.

For the most part, Phyllis Jo Baunach has arranged these sessions so that they do not overlap. Thus those of us whose major interest is in female crime will be enabled to attend the majority of the sessions.

The varied topics of papers on women and crime reflect the fact that we have moved well beyond the early stages of development, and are now able to flesh out our observations on gender and crime with studies of specific topic areas, building on a base of information established in the last decade.

Also be on the lookout for papers which feature the impact of gender on crime in other sessions. While the Division has worked hard to establish
eleven separate sessions on women and crime, it has been our belief since our inception that the long-term goal is the integration of the study of women into the larger criminological enterprise.

MISCELLANEOUS

If you have any items of business you wish to put on the agenda for the Division meeting, please contact Nanci Wilson at the above address.

If your mailing address changes, send that information to me also, as the mailing-list is updated here twice a year.

We are still interested in collecting information on who is doing what kinds of research. Please fill out the attached form.
ON-GOING RESEARCH CONCERNING WOMEN
AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Information Form

Name: ____________________________________________

Institutional Affiliation: ___________________________________________

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Reminder: Please remind people you see that these events are open to men as well as women. We encourage all those interested in women's issues to attend the lunch, cocktail party, panel, etc. Looking forward to seeing all of you in San Francisco!
THE NEWSLETTER OF WOMEN IN THE ASC
October, 1980

This newsletter comes to inform you of activities planned by Women in ASC for the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology to be held next month (November 5-8) in San Francisco. We hope you will be able to attend as many of the functions as possible.

Luncheon Meeting

The annual meeting of Women in ASC will be a luncheon meeting to be held in the Sheraton Palace at 12 noon on Friday, November 6th. The cost is $9.45, which includes tax and tips. (This is the least expensive rate we could get, and you probably cannot eat outside the hotel for less.) We have scheduled a day and time this year that we hope will be convenient for everyone. The reservation form was included in a recent mailing from the Society, and you can also reserve when you get to San Francisco. Please try to do so as soon as possible, however, so that the hotel will know how many to plan for.

Sessions

P.C. Hannah coordinated and planned the sessions which deal with women and crime. We are pleased to have 12 panels this year which deal with women and crime. You will note that they have been scheduled so as not to conflict with one another, so that you may attend all of them. They are as follows:

Feminism and Aggression 1:15-3:00 Wednesday, Nov. 5
Female Felons: Issues in Sentencing, Treatment, and Prison Behavior 3:15-5:15 Wednesday, Nov. 5
The Relationship Between the Feminist Movement and Crime Rates Among Women 6:30-10:00 Thursday, Nov. 6
Mothers as Offenders: Must Ties be Severed? 10:15-12:00 Thursday, Nov. 6
The letter to the nominations committee noted: "These women represent persons whom we feel are committed to women's interests in the field of criminology, and additionally are persons who have records of accomplishment in scholarship and in service to the American Society of Criminology. We request that their names be recommended by the Nominations Committee to the Executive Council for placement on the ballot."

All the women nominated by Women in the ASC have agreed to be nominated by us and to serve if elected. We hope that the Nominations Committee and the Executive Council will be responsive to our suggestions. Be sure to vote when the ballots are mailed to you!

CONTACT US WITH YOUR IDEAS!

If you have ideas, issues or interests regarding women in criminal justice or women in ASC that you would like to share, please let us know. Write to:

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618/453-5701

OR

Phyllis Jo Baunach
National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice LEAA
633 Indiana Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20531
301/492-9118
ORGANIZATIONAL BREAKFAST MEETING FOR WOMEN IN THE ASC

Approximately 35 men and women attended a breakfast meeting on Saturday, November 10, 1979, during the course of the ASC Annual Meeting, to discuss the involvement of women in the Society.

The meeting included topics of women's interests in ASC since 1977, a synopsis of a survey of women in ASC, activities the group might consider, and the selection of a steering committee to organize a communications network. The steering committee consists of: Lillian Reilly, Nicky Hahn, Peggy Fortune, Ann Mahoney, Gene Moyer, Laura Bennett, Nanci Wilson, Edith Flynn, Margaret Zahn, and Phyllis Jo Baunach. Nanci Wilson and Phyllis Jo Baunach will serve as co-chairs.

According to the survey taken of women in the ASC 20% of the membership is composed of women. Among problem areas cited by respondents were the stereotyping of women professionals and gaining access to decision-making. More than 90% of the respondents favored establishing an informal communications network to discuss women's interests.

1980 MEETINGS OF THE ASC—PANELS RELATED TO WOMEN

Phyllis Jo Baunach is organizing the panels related to women for the 1980 meetings. There will be as many as ten panels in the area, organized according to the topics of Women as Victims, Women as Offenders, and Women as Workers in the CJS. Those persons who would like to chair a session or submit a paper for consideration should contact Phyllis at the following address: National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, LEAA, 633 Indiana Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20531. Phone: 201/492-9118.

NOMINATION ENDORSEMENT FOR ASC OFFICES

In December Women in the ASC sent to the Nominations Committee of the Society a list of persons we endorse for nomination to office. These persons are as follows:

For Vice-President—Barbara Price, Associate Professor
Law and Police Science Department
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

For the Executive Council

Susan K. Datesman, Assistant Professor
Center of Criminal Justice
Arizona State University
Things had simmered down somewhat by the 1979 meetings in Philadelphia. We had our first formal meeting, it was a breakfast meeting. It was attended by about 35 men and women. At the meeting we discussed women's interests in ASC since 1977, a synopsis of a survey of women in ASC compiled by Nanci Wilson and Bob Jones and activities the group might consider. A steering committee was organized, consisting of Lilian Reilly, Nicky Hahn, Peggy Fortune, Ann Mahoney, Gene Moyer, Labora Bennett, Nanci Wilson, Edith Flynn, Margaret Zahn and Phyllis Jo Baunach. Nanci Wilson and Phyllis Jo Baunach were elected to serve as co-chairs.

At the 1980 meetings in San Francisco the group met for a luncheon, sponsored a no-host cocktail party and under the guidance of Phyllis Jo Baunach held 12 sessions on the topic of gender and crime.

By 1981 we were able to hold an informal planning session before the meeting of the group, by now called Women in ASC, the regular annual meeting of the group which worked on establishing a constitution, and again to sponsor a series of panels.

That brings us up to our most recent meeting to Toronto in 1982 at which the constitution for the Division of Women and Crime was approved.

I have attached copies of all the newsletters which I can locate. I think there may have been a few I have somehow misplaced and if anyone happens to have copies of these, it would be great.