American Society of Criminology - Division on Women and Crime

2011 Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Business Meeting II Minutes – November 18, 2011

Submitted by Angela Gover, Secretary/Treasurer

Additional Officers Present: Amy D'Unger (Chair) Amanda Burgess-Proctor (Vice-Chair), Helen Eigenberg (Executive Counselor, late career), Claire Renzetti (Executive Counselor, late career), Rebecca Hayes-Smith, (Executive Counselor, early career), and Kate Luther (Executive Counselor, early career).

I. Opening Welcome

- Remarks were made by the incoming Chair Amy D'Unger. Amy thanked Brenda for her years of service as chair. Introductions were made by the Executive Board. Amy gave an overview of items that will be discussed at the business meeting.

- Amy talked about the importance of raising money for the 30th anniversary celebration of the division. She noted that the idea made the previous day about 'naming your mentor' would be a good way to raise funds. Amy noted that we are the largest division by one – the Division of Critical Criminology has one fewer member. Right now we currently have approximately 350 members but Amy's goal is to increase this number to 400 over the next two years. She sees the 30th year celebration as a way to foster new membership. We will need to decide when we are holding the celebration – either in 2012 or 2013. (This issue is discussed later.) *Feminist Criminology* was commended for having an impact factor and discussion focused on the importance of highlighting the journal at the 30th year celebration. Additionally, Amy mentioned the idea of extending term lengths for some of the Executive Board positions and returned to a discussion of this later in the meeting.

II. DWC Activities

- Breakfast contributions were solicited. A total of $168 was raised from Division members from this collection. The membership speculated that a very large number of panels related to women and crime were scheduled simultaneously during our breakfast meeting.

- Additional donations to the Division can be made via credit card or check at the ASC registration desk. Ask for Susan Case.

- Active membership in DWC committees was encouraged. The committee sign-up book was circulated during the meeting.

III. Old Business

- Standing Committee Reports – please look at the '2011 Annual Report to the ASC Executive Board' document. Summaries were given by the following committees:
    - Committee on Committees and Positions (Susan Caringella and Molly Dragiewicz)
    - External Awards Committee (Heather Melton and Jody Miller)
    - Internal Awards Committee (Carrie Buist and Emily Lenning)
    - Newsletter (SARAH) Committee (Amy D'Unger)
    - Outreach Committee (Sara Brightman and Kelly Faust)
    - Special Events Committee (Amy D'Unger)
    - Student Affairs Committee (Kate Luther and Kelly Faust)
    - Student Paper Award Committee (Angela Gover and Lisa Murphy)
    - Website (Christina DeJong)
- Ad Hoc Committee Reports
    - The Constitution and Bylaw Committee (Chair Chris Rasche) rewrote the constitution to reflect current practices. A motion was made to accept the revisions; the motion was seconded, and passed unanimously. The revised constitution and bylaws will be sent out to the division's membership.
    - The Curriculum Guide Committee (Chairs Allison Foley and Kate Luther) completed a 200 page resource guide for the division's membership regarding violence against women curriculum. To get a copy of the Curriculum Guide email Allison (ajfoley@aug.edu) or Kate (lutherke@plu.edu).

IV. New Business

- Proposed change in term length for executive board officers. Having a two-year term limit for the chair is difficult because once an individual has really figured out how the position works, it is time for a new chair. The membership talked about having a Chair Elect instead of a Vice Chair so that the Chair Elect could shadow the Chair for a year. Everyone agreed that this would be a good move to retain consistency. One member noted that the bylaws do not prohibit an executive board member from serving consecutive terms. It was also recommended that the term limit for the treasurer/secretary be extended from two to three years as well.

- Susan Sharp will be chairing the 30th year celebration. There was discussion as to whether the celebration should occur in 2012 or 2013. The President in 2012 is Robert Sampson and the President in 2013 is Bob Agnew. The presidential panels have already been set for 2012 but Bob Agnew has expressed his interested in reserving a few for the DWC in 2013 given the anniversary celebration. In 1977 several ASC members met as a small group in Atlanta at an annual conference. The DWC was formally approved by the American Society of Criminology in 1981, which was the same year as the Division on International Criminology. The first DWC Chair was appointed in 1984. The 20th anniversary was held in 2004, so members seemed comfortable with a 2013 celebration date if necessary. The membership was encouraged to submit panel ideas to Susan Sharp.