

2005 Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 18, 11:00-12:30 Upper Canada Room
York Hotel, Toronto Canada

Rosemary Barberet, Chair, called the meeting to order. Bonnie Fisher, Treasurer was also present. (Bill McDonald, Secretary was unable to attend.)

The meeting was guided by a previously posted 10-point agenda, accompanied by a one page summary financial report submitted by Bonnie S. Fisher, Treasurer.

I. The minutes of the 2004 meeting, which were previously circulated, were moved to be accepted without correction.

II. Rosemary Barberet presented the Chair's report.

Rosemary announced the results of DIC's 2005 election. Cindy Smith was elected Chair; Mitch Roth was elected Treasurer; and Barbara Stolz was elected Secretary. The newly elected board members are Richard Bennett, Paul Friday, Bonnie Fisher, and Bill McDonald.

She reported that at the Toronto meeting, DIC was sponsoring the following activities:

- An information table;
- The DIC luncheon;
- Four sessions on training and teaching international criminal justice, offered under the auspices of UNODC, organized by Slawomir Redo, based on the Bangkok meeting, and to be published by Heuni as a book;
- A session led by Everette Penn, DPPC, discussing the experience of former Fulbrighters;
- An Author meet Critics session, led by Nancy Grosselfinger;
- A roundtable with Leslie Sebba, DIC's 2005 distinguished scholar award winner; and
- 40-50 sponsored sessions.

The suggestion was made that for next year's ASC meeting, a panel be established to develop a variety of types of panels under DIC's sponsorship.

Rosemary also reported that DIC membership was over 300, but it fluctuated. DIC dues had been increased because of the adoption of the journal; the extra \$10 for dues includes a subscription to the journal (two issues a year).

She also announced that Jay Albanese, in Bill McDonald's absence, would be chairing the publications committee meeting, specifically on the journal.

III. Sharon Chamard provided information on DIC's web page. She said that it was undergoing maintenance. She also said it would help if information on conferences, books, and journal articles were provided.

IV. The DIC Awards' Committees presented their results.

The Book Award Committee's report was presented by Jo-Anne Wemmers.

The 2005 DIC Distinguished Book Award Committee consisted of Mathieu Deflem, Ph.D., (University of South Carolina), Dr. Josine Junger-Tas (Université de Lausanne and University of Utrecht) and was chaired by Jo-Anne Wemmers, Ph.D. (Université de Montréal).

The committee reported receiving a total of 26 nominations. This year, for the first time in the history of the ASC, books written in English and in French were eligible for the Award. Most of the books were nominated by the publisher of the book; two books were self-nominations; and one book was nominated by someone else. The nominated books included edited collections, monographs and research reports. The submissions testified to a growing and thriving field of comparative and international criminology.

Selected for the award was:

Cyber Criminals on Trial

By Russell G. Smith, Peter Grabosky and Gregor Urbas

Cambridge University Press

Honorable mention was given to:

The Contours of Police Integrity

Edited by Carl B. Klockars, Sanja Kutnjak Ivkovic, and M.R. Haberfeld

Sage Publications

For the ASC meeting in Los Angeles in 2006, it was agreed that books written in English and in Spanish would be eligible for next year's award.

Edna Erez presented the results of the distinguished international scholar award's committee. The committee was chaired by Bill McDonald and included Edna Erez, Paul Friday, and Obi Ebbe. The award was given to Leslie Sebba, currently, the Lawrence D. Biele Professor of Law and Professor of Criminology, Hebrew University.

Wayne Pitts reported the results of the DIC student award paper competition. The committee also included Mahesh Nalla and was chaired by Dr. Wojciech Cebulak, Ninot State University.

First Place Winner: Maria Joao Lobo Antunes, University of Maryland, "Routine Activities and Television Viewing: An Exploration of the Causes of Fear of Crime"

Second Place Winner: Sarah Wappett, Georgetown University, "Networks and Counter-Networks: An Adaptive Framework for Organized Crime Study"

V. Bonnie Fisher presented the Treasurer's report. She said that there was a large surplus in the budget and it had grown. The total would be less \$4,000 for the expenses related to the journal and \$7,000 collected for the luncheon. The Treasurer's report was accepted as given.

Her report is as follows:

DIC BUDGET REPORT
INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR 2004 THROUGH 30 September 2005

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>BALANCE</i>
2004 YEAR INCOME		
Beginning balance		\$3,038.64
Total 2004 dues paid	\$3,695.00	6,733.64
Luncheon paid in Nashville	497.79	7,231.43
Donation	500.00	7,731.43
Expenses	- 520.42	
Printing	-381.93	
Awards	-114.36	
Postage	-24.13	
Balance as of 31 December 03		\$7,211.01
2004 YEAR INCOME to 31 October 05¹		
Total 2005 dues paid	\$4,510.00	11,721.01
Luncheon paid to date	605.00	12,326.01
Expenses thru 31 October 05 ²	-293.04	
Printing	-87.54	
Postage	- 205.50	
Balance as of 31 October 04		\$12,032.97

Submitted by Bonnie S. Fisher, DIC Treasurer, Thursday, 18 November 05

Previous DIC budget balances:

2001 – 31 October 02	\$2,519.86
2002 – 30 September 03	\$4,496.41
2003 – 31 October 04	\$7,369.73
2004 – 31 October 05	\$3,038.64

¹ These are the first 3 quarters figures for 2005 (30 September 05). There will be no expenses until after the ASC meeting in Toronto.

² The awards cost of \$378.40 is not included as an expense. The reimbursement was submitted to the accountant on 16 November 05.

VI. Report on DIC UN Activities

Nancy Grosselfinger reported on the Crime Conference in Bangkok.

She said that this was the very first Crime Congress ASC had attended, having been admitted to Non-Governmental Status with the UN Economic and Social Council in 2001, in an application which originated during the ASC Presidency of Ron Huff, fueled by wording provided by Paul Friday, and submitted by Chris Eskridge. At the 11th Crime Congress in Bangkok ASC was the most numerously represented NGO at the Congress providing more, scholars giving presentations than ever before in the 50 year history of Congresses.

Fifteen presentations were given under the ASC flag and approximately another 15 ASC members provided presentations in affiliation with other groups. Some of the other groups provided financial support whereas ASC provided institutional support with the ASC-affiliated persons finding their own financing, supported as necessary by ASC's Chris Eskridge and Nancy Grosselfinger.

She reported that the ASC affiliated sessions were well attended by people from all over the world; participants at the sessions ranged from 20 to over 150 people. A few of the sessions enjoyed simultaneous interpretation, the responsibility of the International Scientific and Professional Council (ISPAC).

Nancy further stated that ASC has been recognized for placing the past 50 years of Crime Congress documents (in English only thus far) on its web, and for its contribution in making the documents available on a CD which was distributed to attendees at the Congress. Finally, she noted the contribution of ASC to a CD on the UN Standards and Norms (also available on the ASC webpage) for their 50th Anniversary celebration by the UN, recognizing our own GOW Mueller's tremendous contribution to this cornerstone of the UN's work in crime prevention and criminal justice.

A full report, including addenda, has been filed by Nancy Grosselfinger (as part of the annual report of the DIC to the board) and is available from the ASC executive secretary if they are interested. This will contribute to a sense of open-ness and afford anyone wanting to know a good amount of detail sufficient information to proceed.

Cindy Smith discussed the preparation for the Bangkok Conference, including 5 days preparation in Vienna. She noted that key issues for ASC's UN representation were: 1) continuity in representation and 2) the availability of subject expertise at the time of discussions in meetings. She gave the example of ASC's position on the death penalty, stating that while ultimately ASC did not present a statement, background information was provided to the member states and resources were immediately available to do so. Cindy announced that the 50 years of UN crime conferences were available on CD and ASC web page with a link from UNODC. She noted that ASC had received recognition for this work from the UN. French and English versions were posted; 4 languages did not go back 50 years but would be posted.

VII. Report on two-year objectives of Chair, Rosemary Barberet

Rosemary Barberet presented a wrap up of the results of her 2-year objectives for DIC.

1. Encourage excellency in comparative/international scholarship
 - a. Implemented with journal, but journal still needs work to raise its level.
2. Play a leading role in our role as a recognized NGO at the UN
 - a. DIC has done an excellent job, as indicated by ASC's taking on representation role (See discussion below.)
3. Increase student membership and membership from developing nations
 - a. When individual from a developing country joins ASC, s/he is to be given a free DIC membership; however, whether this actually occurs is difficult to track as there is no notification process.
4. Liaise more closely with the ASC Board and with other ASC division and committees in achieving internationalization of the ASC
 - a. DIC is providing reports on UN.
 - b. The last 2 years, division chairs have been meeting.
 - c. There is discussion of another division plenary session at the 2006 ASC meeting.
 - d. The DWC has a strong international journal and the CC calls its journal international.
5. Monitor funding resources (or lack thereof) for international/comparative criminology
 - a. Not much has been done with regard to funding beyond looking for RFPs.
6. Encourage transparency of crime and criminal justice data worldwide and facilitate research access to such data by criminologists.
 - a. Stressing at the UN, but more work needs to be done.

VIII. New Business and Introduction of New Chair

Rosemary Barberet turned over the chair to Cindy Smith. Nancy Grosselfinger said she would be circulating a petition to nominate Rosemary to the ASC Board. On the arrival of ASC President, Gary LaFree, the discussion on Cindy's objective was held in abeyance and discussion turned to the issue of the representation of ASC at the UN.

IX. ASC President Gary LaFree Chair and discussion of ASC, DIC, and the UN

Gary La Free presented the ASC's board's decision that it would appoint ASC's representative for UN activities. The representative will keep the board up to date on these activities. Ineke Marshall is to hold the position of ASC's first representative. At the Saturday ASC board meeting, language amending the DIC role with respect to the UN representative will be considered, based on the recommendation of the DIC in collaboration with the board.

Discussion followed. Issues raised and comments made include:

1. The characterization of DIC as the State Department of ASC. Accordingly, it was argued that DIC should be part of the selection process for the ASC representative to UN activities. The request was made that the ASC board take official action to

take steps ensure continuity by DIC of UN representation and DIC have a consultative role in selection of representative.

2. Chris Eskridge indicated that provisions would be included in the ASC policy manual and ASC meetings would include 2 session on the UN to ensure training of those attending the meetings. He said that Ineke would chair or designate someone; a time and good location for these sessions would be allotted and any number of sessions that DIC wanted could be accommodated. He further said that efforts would be made to coordinate with DIC.

Because DIC's by-laws are in conflict with this approach to UN representation, a change in DIC's by-laws is necessary. To address the problem, Dick Bennett offered the following motion.

Motion I:

Resolved: In that the by-laws of the DIC are currently in conflict with the polices of the ASC and that DIC's constitution states in Section II that our constitution and by-laws must be in compliance with ASC's constitution, by-laws and policy, we much change our by-laws. Specifically, Section 1#10 of our by -laws must be addressed.

Motion:

That the current Section 1#10 of the DIC by-laws be deleted and replaced with:
The Executive Board of the DIC shall advise the ASC Executive Board on the selection of the ASC's United Nations Coordinator.

Dick Ward called the question and a majority of those present agreed to the motion.

To expedite the voting on the change in the by-laws, a second motion was offered and seconded.

Motion II

Resolved:

In order to streamline the voting process of the DIC as wall as recognize the advances in communication technology, the DIC should amend its constitution to include the possibility of electronic balloting.

Motion:

That section VI of the DIC constitution be amend to include the work “/electronic” in lines 5 and 6 between the words mail and –ballot.

The motion was passed by a majority of those present.

X. 2005-2007 DIC objectives

Cindy Smith laid out her objectives for DIC, as the new chair. She said that she would make her objectives measurable. The objectives included:

1. Advance international/comparative research through linkages between researchers in various countries using technology for virtual meetings.
2. Advance dissemination of the research results to public policy leaders through publication and venues available through ECOSOC status.
3. Advocate for building knowledge in the area of comparative/international research methods to assist in quality research.

4. Encourage an international perspective in all relevant coursework.
5. Continue to liaise with the ASC Board and other ASC Divisions to achieve internationalization of the ASC.

To support these efforts, Cindy circulated a list of committees and asked DIC members to sign up for the committees.

1. Student papers
2. Distinguished Book award—Spanish/English language skills need for 2006 award
3. Distinguished Scholar Award
4. DIC newsletter—to be coordinated by Barbara Stolz, but submissions needed, e.g., grant announcements, conferences, call for papers, and student essay for each issue. ISPAC newsletter articles are also needed in policy-making language
5. Membership
 - a. Membership committee will actively nominate people to ASC boards and for ASC awards
6. Journal promotion—articles for submission are needed
7. UN—latest and greatest research
8. Comparative research methods
9. Internationalization of coursework; hold publishers accountable
10. Liaisons to other divisions
 - a. Reports of activities of other divisions are needed
11. Coordination of international work
12. Improving conference papers
13. Request plenary session from other divisions

XI. Budgetary Discussion, especially regarding travel funding for future DCI award winners and UN travel

Dick Ward commitment of resources for travel of DIC distinguished scholar awardee:

Again raised was the issue of DIC paying the way of its awardee, if the individual could not afford to attend the ASC meeting to receive the award. A number of suggestions were made including 1) providing only supplemental funding to make possible; funding of travel of student awardees; and 3) funding the travel of the distinguished scholar awardee.

Dick Ward, Dean of Sam Houston State University, said that SHSU will put up \$1000 for travel to bring to the ASC meeting the DIC distinguished scholar, if DIC will put up \$500. He gave a two-year commitment.

Motion to support UN activity travel:

The issue of whether DIC would provide assistance to members attending UN meetings and activities was raised.

The following motion was made and agreed to:

DIC will establish a pot of money for its UN work. These funds provided to DIC members to attend these activities will not surpass 50 percent of each person's costs. The total funding amount will not exceed \$2,000 per year, contingent on the DIC having the funds in its treasury.

Nancy Grossinger then noted that previously ASC has provided DIC with \$4000 to be distributed by a formula to DIC members engaged in these activities. She said that it was now the understanding that these funds would not be distributed, but all would be used to pay the expenses of Ineke Marshall, as the ASC representative for UN activities. When Ineke Marshall, the ASC Board's liaison to the Divisions for UN activities, was questioned by DIC member Nancy Grosselfinger, Ineke replied that in her view this was not her responsibility to handle and that the questioner herself should take this up with the Board.

XI. Committees for 2006 DIC Awards Committees

The following membership of the 2006 DIC Award Committees was announced:

Distinguished Scholar

Paul Friday, Chair
Jianhong Liu
Jackie Schneider

Student Paper Award

Melissa Schaefer Morabito

XIII. Other business:

Bennett Motion recognizing work of Rosemary Barberet, outgoing DIC chair

Dick Bennett presented the following motion.

The DIC membership recognizes Rosemary Barberet for her accomplishments during her tenure as DIC's chair and her dedication to the DIC.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Outgoing board members Nancy Grosselfinger, Alexander Vazsonyi, and Liqun Cao were also thanked for their service.

Move to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved.