

**2006 Business Meeting Minutes  
Division of International Criminology  
Los Angeles Convention Center Room 518  
November 3, 2006 11:00-12:30**

Cindy Smith called the meeting to order. Barbara Stolz, Secretary and Mitch Roth, Treasurer were also in attendance.

- I. Minutes of 2005 meeting: Bill McDonald moved and Rosemary Barberet seconded a motion to accept the minutes without amendment. By voice vote of the DIC members present, the minutes were unanimously accepted.
  
- II. Chair's report:  
Because of the importance of the issue, Cindy Smith suspended other items of the Chair's report and asked Chris Eskridge to speak on behalf of the ASC Executive Board regarding its decision on ASC's special consultative status at the United Nations. Chris explained that he was present only to explain the current position of the board.

He reported that the board's decision had three elements.

1. The board voted at its meeting on October 31, 2006 to end ASC's UN non-governmental status effective May 1, 2007.
2. The board would allow for review of the decision at two additional board meetings—those of November 4, 2006 and April 2007.
3. The board would allow time for a committee to review the decision.
  - a. ASC incoming President Michael Tonry made assurances that when the committee was formed, Cindy Smith and DIC leadership would have the opportunity to provide input. The committee would have until the end of April—6 months—to articulate the advantages of and reasons for continuing ASC's UN status.
  - b. There are 15 board members with emails who can be apprised of the DIC's views.

He further reported that the concerns that led to the decision by the board were the following:

1. The UN terminology--attendees at UNODC meetings are described as representatives. The board would prefer ASC members to attend as individuals; they cannot be considered to be representatives of ASC.
  - a. Chris indicated that he had asked UNODC to consider a different platform. For example, other UN groups only refer to name and affiliation; they do not consider attendees to be representatives of the organizations with which they are affiliated. He said that he believed that a change in

UNODC's terminology would be helpful in allowing ASC to continue its UN status.

2. The placement of pressure by UN personnel on ASC members to make policy or position statements at meetings. ASC has only taken a position on the death penalty. The board does not want anyone to make policy or position statements on behalf of ASC. No one can state that ASC is in favor of a position.

DIC members present said that it was their understanding that the Board's primary concern was that it was not in control of those who attended the UN meetings and was looking for institutional structures to provide that control. Chris Eskridge responded that the control issue was a secondary concern. Rather the first concern was the need to change the UN platform and then to institutionalize ASC's participation; however, he added that the latter was speculation on his part. Furthermore, he said that he believed that if the "representative" language were not changed, the issue of ASC participation at the UN was closed for the current board—that is, it would be terminated.

Discussion among DIC members present ensued. The issues and suggestions discussed included:

- If a new Board has a different view on UN participation, will ASC have to reapply for status?
  - According to Chris, ASC would have to reapply. He said he would contact Slawomir Redo and ask that UNODC treat ASC as NGOs are treated by the UN in Geneva, not Vienna.
- DIC should consider recruiting and supporting individuals for the ASC Board.
- Is the position of the Board on ASC's UN status unanimous?
  - Chris said that the Board was unanimous in its position that participants not be characterized as representing ASC.
  - The Board also was unanimous in agreeing that ASC should not be pressured to take positions.
  - Some needed more substance, however, and might not agree.
- ASC support for research is considered a policy statement and ASC has never voted to support that position; it has no position on support for research.
  - The question on making policy statements before the UN goes to the question of whether ASC should consider policy statements.
  - ASC now sponsors Criminology and Public Policy, but the policy discussion is still the views of individuals not ASC.
  - The Board would have to vote on a resolution that would allow ASC to make policy statements; the resolution, if passed, would go to the membership; and a percentage of the ballots would have to support the resolution for ASC to change its stance on taking policy positions.

- The time may be good for considering such a resolution, as ASC is going to have to revise language in its Constitution.
- DIC members could contact ASC Constitution and By-laws chair and ask for a position on policy statements.

Motion: Executive Board of DIC will serve as a committee to develop options relative to the future of the Division.

Cindy Smith said that in addition she will take suggestions.

Members present expressed the view that DCI consider pushing for a change in ASC's position on taking policy positions. It was noted that the Division on Women and Crime wants to push for a policy statement against genocide.

Cindy noted that DIC will need to appoint an election committee to consider nominations for officers and the board in 2007. She will remain on the board, as past president; however, she indicated her willingness to run again, but will not if someone else stands up. (See election committee on list of committee's below.)

### III. Financial Report:

<b>DIC INCOME STATEMENT 2005-2006</b>	
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>AMOUNT IN DOLLARS</b>
<b>BALANCE AS OF 12/31/04</b>	7,211.01
<b>INCOME</b>	
<b>2005 DUES</b>	5,325.00
<b>DONATION FOR STUDENT PAPER AWARD</b>	500.00
<b>2005 EXPENSES</b>	-
<b>DIC LUNCHEON</b>	-1,756.31
<b>PRINTING</b>	-87.54
<b>FEDERAL EXPRESS</b>	-31.86
<b>CINDY SMITH</b>	-205.50
<b>AWARDS (B. FISHER)</b>	-378.43
<b>ROSEMARY BARBERET</b>	-346.99
<b>BALANCE AS OF 12-31-05</b>	<b>9,229.38</b>
<b>2006 INCOME AS OF 10/15/06</b>	
<b>DUES</b>	5,790.00
<b>LUNCHEON</b>	2,875.00
<b>MAILING LABELS</b>	50.00
<b>DONATIONS</b>	1,500.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	-
<b>MICHIGAN STATE/JOURNAL</b>	-2,830.00
<b>EXPENSES PAID BY R. BARBERET AND CINDY SMITH</b>	-116.62 -784.39
<b>PRINTING AND POSTAGE</b>	-140.36
<b>BALANCE AS OF 10/15/06</b>	<b>16,073.01</b>

Mitch noted that the funds to pay for the luncheon had not as yet been taken out of the account nor had the last round of funding for the journal.

IV. DIC Webpage

Sharon Chamard was not present.

Cindy Smith said that the ASC web site was down and consequently updates to the DIC web site had been delayed. Rosemary Barberet reported that she would be posting FAQs.

V. DIC Table at ASC

Cindy Smith thanked Wayne Pitts for organizing the DIC table at ASC, Los Angeles.

VI. 2006 DIC Awards Committees

**DIC Distinguished International Scholar Award Committee**

1. Chair: Paul Friday (U. of N. Carolina-Charlotte) ([pfriday@email.uncc.edu](mailto:pfriday@email.uncc.edu))
2. Jianhong Liu (Rhode Island College) ([afs101@etal.uri.edu](mailto:afs101@etal.uri.edu))
3. Jackie Schneider (American University) ([hrhjackie@gmail.com](mailto:hrhjackie@gmail.com))

**Professor Guoling Zhao, China**

**DIC Distinguished Book Award Committee**

1. Chair: Christopher Birkbeck (University of Salford) ([birkbeck@ula.be](mailto:birkbeck@ula.be))
2. Marcelo Aebi (U. of Lausanne; U. of Barcelona) ([Marcelo.Aebi@unil.ch](mailto:Marcelo.Aebi@unil.ch))
3. Nancy Grosselfinger ([grosselfinger@hotmail.com](mailto:grosselfinger@hotmail.com))

**Scott Decker and Frank Weerman**

for *European Street Gangs and Troublesome Youth Groups*, (edited) (Altamira Press, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2005)

**Honorable Mention:**

*Making Sense of Suicide Missions*, edited by Diego Gambetta (Oxford University Press, 2005)

**DIC Student Paper Competition Winners**

1. Chair: Joanne Savage (American University) ([savagejo@comcast.net](mailto:savagejo@comcast.net))
2. Melissa Schaefer Morabito (American University) ([melis076@yahoo.com](mailto:melis076@yahoo.com))
3. Sharon Chamard (University of Alaska Anchorage) ([afsec@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:afsec@uaa.alaska.edu))
4. Janet Stamatel (University at Albany, SUNY) ([istamatel@albany.edu](mailto:istamatel@albany.edu))

Graduate: **Rebecca Wickes, Australia**

Undergraduate: **James Ogg, Australia**

III. ASC ECOSOC NGO Report  
a. Alliance reports (2005-6)

**How to speak to the UN: Some Guidance from the Alliance of NGOs  
on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice**  
Edith Linn ([elinn@kean.edu](mailto:elinn@kean.edu))

The Alliance of NGOs in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice is committed to fostering worldwide criminal justice research, education, and advocacy within governmental and intergovernmental institutions, especially those under the auspices of the U.N. It was founded in 1972, and chaired in its early years by Gerhard Mueller, who later headed the UN Office of Drugs and Crime. The Alliance's past activities include the development of international rules relating to the conduct of law enforcement officers, the treatment of foreign prisoners, and the return of convicted foreign offenders to serve their sentences in their home country.

The Alliance presently comprises over 50 NGOs from both the United States and abroad. These now include affiliate NGOs who have been granted Special Consultative Status by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and observer NGOs that lack consultative status but are actively involved in crime-related issues. The Alliance meets at 1 p.m. on the second Friday of alternate months, starting in January, at 777 UN Plaza.

The American Society of Criminology was granted Consultative NGO Status in 2002. This conferred automatic eligibility to join the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. It also permitted ASC members to attend and observe UN bodies such as the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (which meets in Vienna every April or May), the Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (which meets every five years in different countries), and the International Scientific and Advisory Council of the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme (ISPAC). However, as many DIC members are aware, the ASC board voted to give up ASC's consultative NGO status as of May 2007.

I was appointed by the ASC Board to the Alliance in November 2005, and was elected as Alliance Secretary in January. Other members of the 2006-2007 Executive Board are Chair Paul McCold, who represents the Friends World Committee and the International Institute for Restorative Practices; Vice Chair Yael Danielli from the International Institute for Traumatic Studies; Executive Secretariat Eric Schultz from the American Correctional Association, Treasurer Rosalind Harris of International Social Service, At-Large Representatives Jenni Gainsborough of Penal Reform International and Ronald Brinn of the International Association of Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking.

Two other Alliance members play key roles. Karen Smith, of Women's Federation for World Peace, maintains the Alliance web site ([www.cpcjalliance.org](http://www.cpcjalliance.org)), with links to UN bodies and UN publications, upcoming events, membership listings, past minutes, etc. Gary Hill, of the American Correctional Association ([GaryHill@cega.com](mailto:GaryHill@cega.com)), is the contact person for inquiries and/or requests for assistance. He also periodically publishes an Information Center Report, available through the Alliance web site, which offers incisive coverage of UN activities relevant to the mission of the Alliance. His Report on the 2006 UN Crime Commission in Vienna, for instance, passed along specific "writing tips" to make UN staff more receptive to the advice of NGOs.

Also attending the New York Alliance meetings are a core group of "regulars." They include Janice Joseph, representing the World Society of Victimology, Karen Smith of the Universal Peace Federation, Gary Hill of the American Correctional Association, Irene Melup of the World Society of Victimology, Nancy Grosselfinger of the International League of Human Rights, Dominic Lisa of the International Community Corrections Association, and Afaf Manfouz of the International Psychoanalytic Association. A number of the attendees are ASC/DIC members,

though they are representing other NGO organizations within the Alliance.

The Alliance meetings are a forum where relevant UN-related gatherings are announced, planned, and subsequently reviewed. Occasionally UN staff attend Alliance meetings, as when, in May 2006, a representative of the UN Office of Drugs and Crime presented a proposed reorganization of UNODC to Alliance members, soliciting feedback.

Discussion of specific research or policies and recommendations relating to criminal justice take place at Working Party meetings, one hour before the general Alliance meeting. The Working Party on Restorative Justice conducted a research project and helped draft a UN Handbook on Restorative Justice. The Working Parties on Victims is also active. Other proposed working parties – on Crime Prevention and Prison Crowding - are at formative stages.

At the most recent meeting, on November 10, 2006, attendees took the opportunity to describe the mission of their respective NGOs. I had the sad duty of reporting ASC's plans to relinquish its consultative NGO status. It was suggested that as a fallback position, NGOs can serve a DPI function, i.e., have their observers be a conduit from the UN to their organization, but they would not be able to attend many UN activities to gather this information.

There were several positive announcements at this meeting. The 2007 Stockholm Prize in Criminology was awarded to Alfred Blumstein and Terrie E. Moffitt for their discoveries about the development of criminal behavior over the life-course of individuals. A new UN Peace-Building Commission, receptive to NGO input, has been established to sustain positive change following UN peacekeeping efforts. ISPAC will hold its conference in Courmayeur, Italy on December 15-18, 2006. The Commission on the Status of Women will hold its 51<sup>st</sup> Session at UN Headquarters from February 26 to March 9, 2007. The UN Crime Congress, last held in Bangkok, will meet again in 2010.

A special Annual Meeting of the Alliance is planned for January 12, 2007. It will be distinguished by a visit from the head of the UNODC, and perhaps other guest speakers. There will be an effort to invite other US-based NGOs with human rights concerns, to make them aware of opportunities to influence UN activities. Any ASC member may come to this meeting.

One recurring issue for the Alliance is *how* it should speak to the UN. The Alliance, as a body, does not have special consultative status, while many (but not all) of its members do have this status. Nevertheless, when the UNODC representative sought feedback on her agency's reorganization, she asked for a "bundled response" of all Alliance affiliates. Two NGOs did make suggestions, and these were followed: that the term "NGOs" be substituted for "Civil Society," and that human rights be addressed more prominently among UNODC goals. While the Alliance could have drafted a letter to the UN with these suggestions, and had all willing members sign on in agreement, that was not done. Alliance Chair Paul McCold expressed the view that a combined NGO response to UNODC would have been more powerful.

A parallel concern is how the ASC should speak to the UN. The ASC, as an NGO, has only two planks in its platform: to oppose the death penalty and to endorse empirical research as the basis for UN criminal justice policy. ASC presently has no mechanism to take a position on other UN-related criminal justice issues. So, for instance, when the UNODC requested NGO input on its proposed changes, ASC was unwilling and unable to direct me, its designated representative. Only by altering the composition of ASC's governing board can this situation be changed.

I personally would like to see a procedure established whereby ASC can develop empirically based positions on criminological issues facing the UN. Just as those in our field develop consensus on "best practices" or "what works," aimed at policy-makers in the United States, we should do the same in the international arena. After all, we are members of the leading organization of criminal justice scholars, operating in a new age of globalized crime and victimization. To withdraw from the international arena is to squander our talents and shirk our

obligation.

**The minutes from most Alliance meetings are available at its web site, [www.cpcjalliance.org](http://www.cpcjalliance.org).**

b. Other UN reports: see DIC Fall/Winter Newsletter, DIC Website

#### IV. 2005-2007 Objectives

Cindy Smith said that, beyond her objective on UN participation, she wanted to continue to address her original objectives for her tenure in her plans for 2007.

1. Advance international / comparative research through linkages between researchers in various countries using technology for virtual meetings – (i.e., NIJ activities (6 awards))
2. Advance dissemination of the research results to public policy leaders through publication and venues available through ECOSOC status – Jackie Schneider
  - a. Slawomir Redo has asked Jackie to review a 12 page crime prevention report.
  - b. The question is how to proceed in helping the UN, how these efforts will be funded, and how can we address these requests?
3. Advocate for building knowledge in the area of comparative /international research methods to assist in quality research - Janet Stamatel
  - a. Janet has agreed to head a working group to start looking at international research methods. They need to be improved.
4. Encourage an international perspective in all relevant coursework – Rosemary Barbaret
  - a. Rosemary is developing the FAQs for the DIC website.
  - b. She is looking at model syllabi, textbooks, and the internationalization of criminal justice courses.
  - c. She attended an ASC panel with the other divisions which discussed incorporating issues of race, gender, and internationalization.
  - d. ACJS is preparing new syllabi. They should be out by the March ACJS meeting and be in the new handbook.
5. Continue to liaise with the ASC Board and other ASC Divisions to achieve internationalization of the ASC – Rosemary Barbaret
  - a. Rosemary reported that the DWC is upset about the patronizing attitude of ASC Board toward them.
  - b. The Divisions are concerned that their journals are not considered to be ASC journals and the articles in these journals are not considered automatically for the ASC article award.
  - c. Question of whether Divisions should go their own way.
  - d. DWC wants to raise the question of a policy on genocide.
  - e. ASC Board is viewed as Division unfriendly.

VII. New Business

- A. Budgetary discussion: Cindy reported that this is the first year that DIC will be paying for the scholar award recipient to attend the meeting, thanks to the generosity of Sam Houston State University. There are funds for next year. After next year, funds will have to be raised for the practice to be continued.
- B. Committees for 2006: The following committees were established. Jackie Schneider is recruiting additional members.

**Publication Committee**:

**CHAIR**: Bill McDonald  
Sociology & Institute of Criminal Law & Procedure  
Georgetown University  
[WFM3@georgetown.edu](mailto:WFM3@georgetown.edu)

**Program Committee**: (identify appropriate panels for DIC sponsorship and scheduling with ASC)

Contact **Jackie Schneider** ([jls@stpt.usf.edu](mailto:jls@stpt.usf.edu)) if you are interested in **CHAIRING** or serving as committee **MEMBER**

**Membership Committee**:

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**Election Committee**: (for next year's DIC election's)

**CHAIR**: Bill McDonald  
Sociology & Institute of Criminal Law & Procedure  
Georgetown University  
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**Election Committee**: (for ASC nominations and awards)

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**Newsletter**:

**CHAIR**: Barb Stolz  
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**Distinguished International Scholar**:

**CHAIR**: Jackie Schneider  
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**MEMBER:** Fred Roth  
Marshall University  
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Marshall University  
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**Distinguished Book Award** (English or German):

**CHAIR:** Harald Schweizer  
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**Student Paper Award:**

**CHAIR:** Joanne Savage  
Department of Justice, Law, and Society  
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**MEMBER:** Edith Linn  
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Kean University  
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C. DIC presence at ASC Atlanta:

DIC will need to develop sponsored session, ideas for workshops, and ideas for additional social events.