

**Division of White Collar Crime Business and Awards Meeting**  
**ASC 2019: San Francisco, CA**  
**November 14, 2019**

**Location:** Park Central Hotel, City Room, Level 3

**Outgoing Executive Board:** Michael L. Benson, Chair (2019-2021), Carole Gibbs, Vice Chair (2017-2019), David Maimon, Secretary Treasurer (2019-2021); Gregg Barak, Executive Counselor (2017-2019); David Friedrichs, Executive Counselor (2017-2019); Melissa Rorie, Executive Counselor (2017-2019)

**Incoming Executive Board:** Michael L. Benson, Chair (2019-2021), Melissa Rorie, Vice Chair (2020-2022), David Maimon, Secretary Treasurer (2019-2021); Mary Dodge, Executive Counselor (2020-2022); Adam Ghazi-Tehrani, Executive Counselor (2020-2022); Jay Kennedy, Executive Counselor (2020-2022)

**In Attendance:** A. Ghazi-Tehrani, H. Pontell, E. Homer, P. Gottschalk, E. Inzelt, J. Joseph, H. L. Chio, S. Bittle, W. Huisman, K. Schlegal, S. Strobl, D. Smith, N. Schell-Busey, K. Barrett, S. Reed, M. West, J. Schwartz, M. Maume, D. McGurrin, V. Ruggiero, M. Novak, F. Chan, A. Schoepfer, N. Piquero, J. Kennedy, G. Barak, C. Gibbs, M. Rorie, E. Harbinson, G. Reed, N. Lord, M. Levi, D. Sun, S. Joo, M. Benson, D. Friedrichs (*Total: 36 attendants*)

**Agenda**

1. Welcome and chairperson's report (Benson)
2. Executive Board Committee reports
  - a. Awards (Gibbs)
  - b. Mentoring and students (Rorie)
  - c. Member Outreach (Rorie)
  - d. JWCC (Barak)
3. Charles Wellford, Chair ASC Ad Hoc Committee on the ASC Conference
4. Award Ceremony (Gibbs & Benson)
5. New Business
6. Collect Sign In and Volunteer Sheets

## 1. Welcome and chairperson's report:

**Start time: 5:12pm PST**

### *M. Benson: Welcome and chairperson's report*

- Membership is up close to 86 members, last year we had 79.
- Sign-up list is administered by D. Sun.
- M. Levi, the Gil Geis award winner, will attend the meeting late. At some point during the meeting, C. Wellford, Chair of the ASC Ad Hoc Committee will deliver a message from ASC. When he arrives, the meeting will pause to allow him to speak on ASC issues.
- Budget: Looks good, around \$1000. ASC Executive Director, Chris Eskridge, says that is okay and healthy for a division. The board hopes to fundraise more money in the future. Melissa has some ideas for fundraising events.
- M. Benson introduces and thanks the DWCC Student Committee: D. Sun (Chair), M. Novak (VP Chair), E. Homer (Secretary). The DWCC Student Committee was responsible for:
  - DWCC Website and its maintenance: [ascdwcc.org](http://ascdwcc.org)
    - Newsletter development: *The White-Collar Times*.
    - First issue, created by E. Homer, was distributed through the DWCC Listserv.
    - The Student Committee is currently seeking advertisements for publications. If there are any recent publications members want to highlight in the upcoming newsletter, send in requests to Melissa, the student committee or through website submission.
  - DWCC Listserv is set up through a UC Listserv function. D. Sun maintains it. So far, M. Benson has sent out a number of the postings and job listings. If people are currently not receiving the listserv email, contact D. Sun to be added to the list.
  - Twitter account: @ASCdwcc
    - The Student Committee is responsible for the DWCC Twitter account. Social media communication is to give out word for Division. Please send in advertisements on publications and job posting to the twitter account. Announcement to follow the division on Twitter.
- M. Benson sets agenda and the outline for today's meeting.
- M. Benson thanked D. Friedrichs for starting the historical archives for the Division. The board is seeking volunteers to assist with the archives.
- Thanks are given to the election committee and the new incoming members and terms. Thanks are given to outgoing members: D. Friedrich, M. Rorie, C. Gibbs, and K. Holtfreter.
- Next year, there will be a new election in Fall 2020 for Chair and Secretary Treasurer. M. Benson encourages member to consider running for these positions.
- Thanks is given to M. Rorie for organizing the Happy Hour DWCC Social at TableTop. There was a great turn-out with members and newly recruited members. Melissa will organize the next social in Washington D.C.

- Charles Wellford will attend the meeting at some point in time to talk about a new ASC committee and related issues. When he arrives, we will pause the meeting for his segment. The schedule may be modified depending on when Wellford arrives.

## 2. Executive Board Committee reports

### *C. Gibbs: Discusses the criteria and search process to find article of the year*

- Thanks are given Awards Committee members. Details the initial process for finding and identifying the database. The process used is similar to the process from last year's awards ceremony.
- C. Gibbs announces that Fiona Chan received the NIJ award for her dissertation.
- The Awards committee completed the search process in a timely manner. The process examined at least 20 journals and limited the search to publication within the past 2 years. For journal article publications, the search criteria was limited to the past 3 years.
- In total, the committee reviewed 69 articles and other nominations for other awards.
- The committee identified 139 articles and needed to consider the exclusion criteria. C. Gibbs announces that our field is publishing a lot for our community.

### *M. Rorie: Mentoring program and member outreach*

- The Membership Committee identified a few tasks. One goal is to recruit and to gain more student members.
- Thanks are given to Student Committee for helping publicize the Division. Student Committee developed a Slack channel for students to network and a Twitter account.
- The mentorship program is planned to start this year. 6 mentors volunteered and 5 students were paired.
  - Jay Kennedy and Emily Homer
  - Paul Leighton and Megan Novak
  - Jeremy Wilson and Hei Lam Chio (Heidi)
  - Nicole Lasky and Michelle Malkin
  - Melissa Rorie and Diana Sun
  - Each pair has been given a set of guideline questions to answer and to discuss with their paired mentor. M. Rorie is interested in getting feedback from the program once the first year is complete.
- M. Rorie makes an announcement to sign up for the Division formerly. Currently, we are finding names of people who are presenting in WCC related panels. We will reach out to them using their email with ASC. The Division is also reaching out to several different organizations to send out a recruitment email.
- Fundraising: ideas
  - M. Rorie discusses a document with all the fundraising options for our Division. Ultimately this year, we focused on membership recruitment for our funds. In the future, we want to revisit the document for new funding options.
- Danielle McGurrin offered to be a mentor if any students are interested.

### *G. Barak: Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime (JWCC)*

- The Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime (JWCC) is expected to be available in hard copy in January 2020. Some of the material has already been published online as of November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- G. Barak requests that members google the journal and to submit material.
- Thanks are given to the associate editors: Kimberly Barrett, Nicole Piquero, Isabel Schoultz, and Steve Tombs. Nicole and Steve were critical in getting the journal ready for publication.
- G. Barak also thanks Sage and the book review editors: Steve Bittle and Victora Collins.
- Thanks are especially given to Kenneth S. Leon who is the managing editor and without him, the Division would not have reached these goals for the journal.
  - K. S. Leon is currently presenting a paper and could not attend the meeting. K. S. Leon is currently preparing a protocol for the journal to pass the torch in case he is no longer available to be the managing general editor. G. Barak will provide updates on the development.

*M. Benson: Added student member to the Executive Board*

- After the Executive Board meeting, the Board has decided to add a student member to the executive board. The Board needs to amend the bylaws to add the student member to the executive board. The Board will be drafting up the bylaws, but the division is not necessarily sure how to approach the election process for the student member. The incoming executive board will work with students in order to publicize the students. This is to get both student and faculty members familiar with the election process.
- DWCC Listserv
  - The Division's Listserv is currently affiliated with the University of Cincinnati (UC). Moving forward, the Board is going to figure out a way to transition ownership of the listserv after M. Benson steps down. The new chair will get the hosting privileges and the listserv stays with UC. The Division will try to do something similar with the newsletter in terms of maintenance and ownership. Melissa and Emily are currently working out the transition process for the newsletter.

**3. C. Wellford, Chair ASC Ad Hoc Committee on the ASC Conference**

- ASC appointed an ad hoc committee to see how the ASC operates. This is a "how can we make things better" segment
  - C. Wellford is told to look at 2 things regarding the quality of meetings
    - **No shows:** ASC surveys revealed that about 14% of the panels do not show. Some participants will let ASC know, but too often there is a no show. The goal is to minimize the number of no shows in panels.
    - **Increasing diversity:** ASC would like to improve diversity of topics and scope of people.
  - When the ASC Ad Hoc Committee was initially formed, there were 5-6 representatives. Of those 5-6 representatives, they go around to the other committees to get thoughts on what ASC could do to improve the meetings. There is a fairly broad mandate of what to cover (e.g., child care, time of meetings, dates).

- Sally Simpson will be sending out a survey regarding the attendance questions. Questions include how many people attended the panel and how many did you know. The Chair of each panel will be given the survey.
- ASC is curious to see how other conferences are conducting their meetings/organizations. All conferences have a problem with childcare. No one has been successful at establishing childcare during the conference (e.g., too expensive, liability).
  - The Ad Hoc Committee is currently looking at those kinds of issues.
  - The Committee is meeting with all divisions for their input and feedback.
  - There will be a meeting at 1pm Friday, 11/15/2019, to discuss the feedback given from the Divisions.
  - These meetings are mainly geared to raise awareness of ASC Conference issues, but C. Wellford opens it up to opinions and feedback.
  - G. Barak: Requests to send out another email to the person who received the initial survey email.
    - C. Wellford claims they have follow-up surveys ready to be administered.
  - D. Friedrichs points out that there are two types of presentations: 1) some that want to attend and present, and 2) some that just present because they have to.
    - C. Wellford response: You need to submit a paper or abstract. But, we will put anybody into other categories such as posters. Right now, over 90% of submissions to ASC get accepted.
  - D. Friedrich points out that of the 1% that do not present, ASC is taking a hit by not having them register but they still attend the conference.
    - C. Wellford: Recognizes that is good point and they are working on it to reduce the number of no shows and to recuperate the costs.
  - N. Piquero: Offers a suggestion to diffuse the white collar panels to avoid overlapping sessions on similar topics. N. Piquero provides some strategies to minimize the overlap by having one room dedicated to white collar crime and taking it from 8am to the end of the day. There is general agreement from the Division with this suggestion.

#### **4. European Society (EUROC) Updates: Eva Inzelt and Wim Huisman**

- E. Inzelt and W. Huisman provide updates on Organizational Criminology and the EUROC: The European Division of White Collar and Corporate Crime.
- President Nicholas Lord was supposed to be here but is chairing the session Mike Levi is in, so they will attend right after their session is complete.
- The Division is celebrating their first anniversary. Currently, there are around 150 members. It is free membership to join the Division; but you need to be a member of the European Conference. They encourage members to join and attend the European Conference.
  - Board change: Judith Erp left the Board and was replaced by a Portugal scholar
  - There is an upcoming special issue of the Journal of European Criminology. The first papers are published in January in hard copy.

- There is an upcoming workshop in Manchester. All are welcomed to join.
- There is a new book on European White Collar Crime published from Bristle.
- E. Inzelt and W. Huisman applied for a grant with the European Union for forming a research network. There is a large budget, but W. Huisman is not sure of the exact euro. The grant can invite some American friends to these meetings. The grant is still being reviewed.
- The EUROCC started to organize thematic panels for the European conference. They organize it like what N. Piquero suggested with the dedicated room for white collar scholars/panels. It has increasing popularity among American white collar scholars.
- M. Rorie offers to have joint American and European panel at the conference. Last year, Mike Benson came over to present at the conference.
- Next year's conference will be held in Bucharest, Romania.
- Eva Inzelt invited us to the Eurocrim 2020 in Bucharest, Romania.
  - Deadline of abstracts is February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Early bird registration fee is due early June, end of May.
  - Inzelt is really happy that one of the plenary's will be talking about white collar crime: Sally Simpson and Nicholas Lord.
  - Inzelt expresses excitement to see white collar scholars in Bucharest.
  - Americans can join the working group. To join, send E. Inzelt an email or go to the European Society's homepage. They are also issuing a newsletter around 2-3 times a year. In the newsletter, it introduces new members to the society. Scholars are freely able to join the working group.
  - M. Benson: wants to establish strong ties with the working group.

## **5. M. Benson & C. Gibbs: Awards**

D. Sun: Takes photos of the award winners.

Nominators are asked to introduce the awards.

*Award Winners List:*

Student Paper Award:

- Melissa Rorie introduces the award recipients, Matthew West and Shon Reel.
- Article: Thinking Fast or Thinking Slow: Thinking Styles and Deterrence.

Outstanding Article or Book Chapter Award:

- Lieselot Bisschop, Staci Stobl and Julie Viollaz.
- Article: (2018) Getting into Deep Water: Coastal Land Loss and State-Corporate Crime in the Louisiana Bayou published in the British Journal of Criminology.

Best Article Honorable Mention:

- Honorable mention is given to Fred Pampel, Giulia Andrighetto and Sven Steinmo.
- Article: (2018) How Institutions and Attitudes Shape Tax Compliance: A Cross-National Experiment and Survey published in Social Forces.

Outstanding Book Award:

- G. Barak introduces the award recipient, Vincenzo Ruggiero.
- V. Ruggiero thanks the Division. Discusses his book, Dirty Money: On Financial Delinquency.

Gilbert Geis Lifetime Achievement Award:

- H. Pontell introduces the award recipient, Michael Levi.
- M. Levi thanks the Division and Gil Geis. Discusses importance of studying corporate crimes for next generation.

**5. Benson: New Business – moved it before the awards**

- M. Benson previously covered this section. Thanks everyone for attending the meeting.

**6. M. Benson: Adjourns meeting and collects sign-in sheet**