



DWCC
Division of White-Collar and Corporate Crime

Minutes

Executive Board Meeting
November 18, 2021
Millenium Parlor, 6th Floor
12:30PM

Attending: Melissa Rorie, Natalie Schell-Busey, Jay Kennedy, Mary Dodge, Adam Ghazi-Tehrani, Diana Sun, Wim Huisman (zoom), Nicole L. Piquero (zoom)

Chair's Report

I. Elections

- Upcoming elections topic include potential need for constitutional changes. Constitutional changes will be presented in an electronic format (online, Qualtrics) to get more people to participate to vote.
- Rorie has formally announced elections and nominations solicitation.
 - a. Jay cannot participate in the elections committee because he will be nominated for Vice Chair position.
 - b. Mike Benson is joining the election committee with Melissa
 - c. Solicitations have been through word of mouth, listserv, and newsletter announcements. when there are enough nominations, Melissa will send out an electronic ballot through Qualtrics.
 - d. DWCC Business and Awards meeting scheduled for 2pm.
 1. Estimated count: Not as many as usual due to pandemic. Melissa anticipates 15-20 people to show up. Still encourage people to spread the word about the Division meeting and social planned at 4pm.
 - e. Social and happy hour: Budget: \$800 food and drink minimum, \$1000 including tip/service charges. Invite graduate students to come. Spread the word and lenient about who to bring to encourage participation/member recruitment.

II. EUROCC/DWCC collaboration

- Wim: Plan is to organize a joint online seminar between DWCC and EUROCC.
- First goal is not so much focus on papers, but for members to join each other's organization and committee. One of the key goals this year is to encourage international collaboration.
- Announcement for the joint seminar is going out to European Board member. Good to have an overarching theme to center ideas/panel. Eventually, the goal is to produce a special issue for one of the journals.

- Overarching theme: not identified yet. Still accepting ideas and suggestions.
- Thoughts about how many speakers for seminar:
 - a. Size: Wim thinks small. Goal is to organize 3 standalone seminars, with an estimated 20-25 people in attendance (offline). Justification: it will be easier to participate if it is online, but may be less attractive due to online competition for seminars.
 - b. Time of seminar: morning would be best because it will be evening for Europeans. This will encourage international collaborations.
 - c. Graduate students are more than welcome to join (advertise this)

III. *Constitutional Changes*

- Secretary/Treasurer position: Discuss option to split the roles of secretary/treasurer position. The board decided we should wait to see how much this position entails as the Division grows, and then we can decide next year.
 - Decision: We will remove this option out of potential constitutional changes.
- Executive board and student committee: It was decided that we should create a position on the executive board for the chair of the student committee.
 - Goal: Create a chair on the executive board for the chair of the student committee. Executive board chair will be tasked with passing of knowledge/serve as the point of contact for the student chair.
- Mentorship committee:
 - For now, the board decided to keep mentorship ad hoc and have an ex-officio member on student committee handle this.
 - Outreach: Potential interest in creating an Instagram account as another social media platform to recruit and share information about the Division.
- Nicole: Current by-laws do not have any committees. We eventually must add it onto our by-laws.
 - The board will send descriptions of roles and responsibilities of executive board members as well as the committees to solidify roles. Members need to vote on Constitution. Timeline: would like ideas by end of April/beginning of May, and then have proposed changes ready for the election.
 - It was decided that we will add the Awards committee, Student committee, and Constitution committee to the bylaws to make them permanent. This would be voted on in the election.

IV. *Report from Secretary/Treasurer: Natalie*

- Overall, the budget looks good. We currently have \$2,200 in our budget. \$1,300 is from paid membership dues. In total there are 113 members. Our main expenses are paying for the journal and the awards. We budgeted around \$800-\$1,000 on the Division's social. With all the expenses paid out, we have \$1,200 left in our budget. Specific to this year, we had to send out awards to award recipients which was costly.
- The division may want to consider fundraising events in the future to raise more money.

V. *Report from Student Committee*

- Diana's final term as chair. Difficult to recruit new students so need to brainstorm ways to attract new student members.
- 26 student members based on latest 2021 membership list. We hope to recruit European student members for next year.
 1. Listerv membership: we decided that if people are not due-paying members, they cannot be on the listserv. It is a perk for those that join.

2. Listserv maintenance: we have been able to maintain it for now, but need a more sustainable option that is not dependent on access to a specific university. Decided to move to a gmail address for easy access.
3. Newsletter: suggest having a faculty member in charge of the newsletter and students help. Maybe form a committee to keep the template and knowledge accessible in one place.
4. Website: Megan and Jay revised it. Need to figure out way to maintain this.
5. Division recruitment booth?
6. Student chair: Should be an elected position rather than appointed moving forward. Communicating with chairs is part of the role. Could also have an appointed student vice chair that is specifically connected to the chairs for familiarity/ease of access.

VI. *Member recruitment for next year?*

- Should email scholars that publish in our journal to see if they have interest in joining. Can also email the reviewers and the editorial board. Should reach out to EUROCC members too.

VII. *Any other new business?*