

Asian Criminological Society

2014 Annual Board Meeting Agenda

Date: 27 June 2014

Time: 8:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.

Venue: Room 449, No.4 Building

Attendees (Total 28 persons):

ACS officials(24 persons): *LIU Jianhong, BRAITHWAITE John, HOU Charles, YANG Shu-Lung, CHEUNG Yuet Wah, MIYAZAWA Setsuo, GRABOSKY Peter, CHAN Wing Cheong, CHENG Jui-Lung, WONG Sing Wing, LIU Xiaomei, KUZUNO Hiroyuki, JIN Cheng, SUBRAMANIAN Latha, CHANG Yao-chung, YOKOYAMA Minoru, THILAGARAJ R., LO Tit Wing, TSUTOMI Hiroshi, JANG Joon Oh, GAO Huan, ZHONG Hua, ZHANG Yan, CHEN Xuan*

Invited Guests(4 persons): *Professor Ichiro Tanioka (President of Osaka University of Commerce); Sang Ok Park (President of Korean Institute of Criminology); Chris Eskridge (Executive Director of American Society of Criminology); Yong Chul Park (Professor of Sogang University Law School)*

Chair: President *LIU Jianhong*

I. Report and Remarks from the President

a. 2013-2014 fiscal year ACS budget report

Reporter: Jianhong Liu (on behalf of Treasurer Dr. Ruo-Hui Zhao)

Note: See appendix Tables prepared by Dr. Ruo-Hui Zhao

b. Improvement of ACS official website

The new ACS official website <http://www.acs001.com/> has been into use since 2013. The updated on-line credit card payment system has facilitated membership application procedure. A further goal is to enrich our website. For example, what other academic websites in criminology, especially Asian ones, can be linked to ours? Whether introductions and news about the newest publication or other academic accomplishment of ACS officials and members should be regularly posted on our website?

c. Membership expansion

Ways to recruit members from Asian developing countries

Note: There are 48 Asian countries while current ACS members just mainly cover China(including Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau), Japan, Korea and India. The first key step is to recruit top criminological and criminal justice scholars and students who are studying criminology related subject in western university from other Asian developing countries. Whether a discounted membership fee need to offer to them should be discussed. This is important to expand ACS's influence in Asia.

d. Future annual conference

- 2015 Conference in Hong Kong
- 2016 Conference in Tianjin

II. Confirmation of Decisions and Vote on Proposals (Atlanta meeting and recent call)

1. Next election should be held during the Hong Kong ACS Conference in 2015. Preparation for the election shall start six months before the conference.
2. To ensure continuous growth of ACS and consistent with the ACS constitution, the newly elected President shall appoint a general secretary and other ACS secretaries. The president shall nominate a treasurer, who shall be approved by election. The president is personally responsible for the growth of ACS during his/her term.
3. To ensure widened representation, the board decided that the president should be elected from a different county or region (in the case of China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau as three different regions) every three years.
4. To ensure smooth transition and stability of the new leadership group, the Past President should be nominated as the candidate for the position of Chairman of the General Assembly, and approved by election.
5. The candidates for President should prepare statements explaining what will be accomplished in the new term. The statement should include the strengths, the resources and experience of the team they could bring to the challenge. It would include a plan for building the membership of the society and taking it to a new level. The Statements of all candidates will be made publicly available to all members of ACS. A minimum requirement for the new President is to be personally responsible for setting up three new future conferences beyond the one that has already been set up by the previous presidents.
6. All members of ACS are qualified to be elected as ACS officials.
7. If elected in Hong Kong in 2015, new leader would take office from 1 January 2016 for following three years.

8. ACS inviting Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of Thailand to be a patron of ACS

Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol is a distinguished scholar and practitioner of criminal justice and criminology. Her Royal Highness was Chairperson of the 21st Session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

She is a very resourceful leader who may be able to put ACS in contact with many networks to assist our development.

9. Proposal to award honorary titles

To honor the great efforts and hard work for establishing and leading ACS since 2009, it is proposed to award the title of “the Honorary Chairman of General Assembly of ACS” to John Braithwaite, to award the title of “the Honorary President of ACS” to Jianhong Liu, and to award the title of “the Honorary Chairman of Supervisory Board of ACS” to Charles Hou. This award represents an honor to all ACS founding members and officials for their historical contribution to the establishment of ACS.

10. Proposal to award the senior counsellor and counsellor certificates

Based on the constitution of ACS and its tradition, it was proposed to award a title of Senior counsellor to Professor Ichiro Tanioka (President of Osaka University of Commerce); and to award the title of counsellor to Chris Eskridge (Executive Director of American Society of Criminology)

III. Discussion on Establishing ACS Awards

Discussion on Establishing the ACS’s Outstanding Paper Award

- a. Setting up a 5-member (including a chair) Outstanding Paper Award Committee. Committee members should be ACS officials or members.
- b. This award is granted annually for one or two peer-reviewed articles that make an outstanding contribution to research in Asian criminology. The committee should discuss rules and details of the award and report back to ACS board.
- c. The Committee should select at least one article published in *Asian Journal of Criminology*.
- d. The ACS Board may decide not to give the award in any given year.

IV. Future Conferences

1. Report of the preparation for 2015 Conference in Hong Kong by Organizing Committee.
2. Report of the preparation for 2016 Conference in Tianjin by Dr. Xiaomei Liu.
3. Discussion about the conference site for 2017 and later years.

V. Any other Business?

VI. Close Remark

ACS Budget Summary, May, 2013--June, 2014

Current ACS accounts: MOP 9008680297 HKD 9008680314 USD 9008680331

	Amounts
Amount in bank account as of April, 2013	121,976
<u>Revenue (including membership renewal), May, 2013-June 2014</u>	
Regular life member * 5 (MOP4,400/member)	22,000
Non-journal life member * 0	0
Non-journal student life member * 10 (MOP560/member)	5,600
Special discount life member * 9 (MOP1760/member)	15,840
Regular three-year member* 2 (MOP1,320/member)	2,640
Non-journal three-year member * 1 (MOP760/member)	760
Student three-year member * 1 (MOP640/member)	640
Regular one-year member * 3 (MOP520/member)	1,560
Non-journal one-year member *2 (MOP280/member)	560
Student one-year member * 3 (MOP240/member)	720
Subtotal	50,320
<u>Expenditure</u>	
AJOC journal purchase for 2013	27,062
Pre-allocated amount for AJOC journal purchase for 2014 (assuming the same number of members as 2013)	27,062
ACS website design and purchase of URL	13,404
Development of online credit card payment system with the bank	15,000
Online bank charge	56
Bank charge for inactive HKD account	400
Subtotal	82,983

Balance**89,313**

Note: Credit transaction charge for each membership application is 4.5%. If a life member is supposed to receive journal copies for 20 years the balance for that life member is: $4,400\text{mop}-200/\text{year (journal)}*20\text{years}-4,400*4.5\%=202\text{mop}$. If a life member is supposed to receive journal copies for 25 years, the balance will be negative.

The balance for one-year student member who ordered journal copies is: $240-200/\text{year (journal)}-240*4.5\%=\text{MOP}22$

The balance for three-year student member who ordered journal copies is: $640-200/\text{year journal}*3\text{years}-640*4.5\%=\text{MOP}11$

ACS officer work:

Currently, most ACS officers do their work voluntarily without receiving any payment for it. The workload sometimes (especially when it is near the annual conference) are quite heavy given that many officers are at meantime full time academic staff. These ACS officers for the current year include:

- ▶ Prof. Jianhong Liu, the president of ACS (voluntary)
- ▶ Dr. Ruohui Zhao, the treasurer of ACS (voluntary)
- ▶ Mr. Yan Zhang, the secretary in Macao (paid by Prof. Jianhong Liu's own research grant)
- ▶ Dr. Xuan Chen, the secretary in Macao (paid by Prof. Jianhong Liu's own research grant)

Due to limited revenue of ACS, most, if not all, ACS officers may have to work voluntarily for the next year again.

Summary

Active members (In the period between May, 2013 and June, 2014, 36 scholars/students applied for ACS membership):

No. of regular life members: 27

No. of non-journal life members: 9

No. of student life members: 10

No. of regular three-year members: 21

No. of non-journal three-year members: 4

No. of student three-year members: 10

No. of regular one-year members: 4

No. of non-journal one-year members: 2

No. of student one-year members: 3

No. of non-journal student one-year members: 1

Total No. of active members as of June 15, 2014: 91
