

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2015

Call to Order: President Dan Nathan called to order the 43rd annual Business Meeting of the North American Society for Sport History at 4:04 p.m., May 23, 2015 in Ballroom East at the University of Miami.

Attendance: There were approximately 70 NASSH members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the 2014 Council Minutes were approved.

Reports

Convention Report, Donald Spivey

There are 185 people registered for the conference.

Program Committee Report, Kevin Wamsley

There were 162 papers submitted; the committee rejected 6 papers for quality or lateness; 14 papers were withdrawn. There are 43 sessions; 137 papers; an honor address; and a graduate essay.

Treasurer Report, Ron Smith

Individual memberships and institutional memberships declined. The Fidelity Investments funds grew to \$338,000 and there is \$82,854.97 in the checking account.

Executive Council Meeting Summary

1. Reaffirmation of NASSH Program Committee policy of one presentation per person at the annual conference. If individuals need documentation regarding their participation or the participation of the graduate student advisees, the NASSH President will write a letter to that effect.
2. In the future, Graduate Student Essay Award participants will be made aware of how many papers were submitted to the contest and will be notified as soon as possible about who won the competition (rather than waiting for the publication of the NASSH program).
3. Creation of the Joseph L. Arbena Latin American Sport History Research Grant: the President will appoint members of this committee.
4. Formation of a standing NASSH Legacy Committee (members are Bob Barney, Maureen Smith, and Nancy Bouchier)
5. Creation of the NASSH Graduate Diversity Scholarship Award (members of the committee are Vicky Paraschak, Rita Liberti, and Louis Moore); Paraschak specified it will be to increase NASSH's racial and ethnic diversity (award: \$500, conference registration, and 1-year NASSH membership)
6. Creation of the NASSH Dissertation Research Grant (Andrew Linden, Dain TePoel, Heather Dichter, Audrey Gils): award will be for up to \$3,000 annually with possibility of splitting the award between multiple recipients at the discretion of the committee. Winner must have presented at a past NASSH conference, hold ABD status, and is expected to present at a

future NASSH conference. Malcolm MacLean recommended that in a few years NASSH reexamine this committee (as well as the Arbena and Diversity committees) to make sure they are meeting NASSH objectives.

7. The possibility of an annual NASSH film night: it is suggested but not required that the program chair consider this in the future.
8. Should NASSH take a public position on the name and logo of the NFL's Washington R*? There was a great deal of discussion. Points raised included: we need to first decide if our organization should make political statements; this is a topic specific to our expertise; political positions would be divisive; our business is the creation of knowledge and our jurisdiction does not extend to making political statements—our scholarship is our politics; what would it look like if we were to take a position? How would do it (press release, website statement, something published in the journal, etc.)? There were concerns about opening “Pandora's box”; the topic is too complex and too important to vote on at this meeting; could we refuse to use the word “R*” in *JSH* along with an editorial statement, in a way that some newspapers have done? No resolution reached.

Publication Board Report

1. *JSH*-University of Illinois Press transition is going well.
2. Establishment of *JSH* article of the year award (\$500); this will change the book awards: \$750 for best anthology; \$1000 for best monograph.
3. An editorial team will determine retrospective *JSH* best article of the year awards (1974-2015)—no cash awards given
4. *JSH* pilot initiative—A one-day seminar prior to 2016 Atlanta NASSH conference will result in a peer-reviewed special issue of *JSH*. The goal is to raise profile of the journal and solicit new contributors.
5. Creation of new position: Communication Coordinator for *JSH*. This person will handle social media, the NASSH newsletter, and other communications efforts. Interested people should contact a member of the Publications Board.

Time & Site Committee Report

1. John Gleaves presented a bid from California State University, Fullerton to host NASSH 2017 (May 26-29). Four airports; negotiating shuttle rates; everything will be on the university campus; CSUF Marriott (\$129 2 queens/1 king; \$221 quad); dormitory (\$34 single/\$32 double/44 apartment); Registration: \$295 full/\$195 grad rates. PASSED (unanimously)
2. Russell Field presented a bid from University of Manitoba, Winnipeg to host NASSH 2018 (May 25-28); Fort Garry Hotel (next to train station); home to Canadian Museum for Human Rights (possible site of reception or banquet); Registration: \$325/\$200 grad; hotel rates (\$159 double; \$199 quad); hosts would forgo conference gift in lieu of experience (i.e., CMHR). PASSED (unanimously)

Adjournment: The 2015 NASSH Business meeting was official adjourned at 5:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaime Schultz, NASSH Secretary