

## **North American Society for Sport History Business Meeting Minutes 1 June 2014**

The 42nd annual Business Meeting of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by President Dan Nathan at 4:08 p.m., June 1, 2014 in the Devereux Room of Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

There were approximately 75 members in attendance at the Business Meeting.

Minutes were approved as published. One abstention.

Murry Nelson gave a short Convention Report.

NASSH President Elect Kevin Wamsley gave the Program Report, noting that there were 47 sessions, with 14 papers withdrawn or individuals who did not attend.

Ron Smith presented a written and oral Secretary-Treasurer's Report. He said that individual memberships remained constant while institutional memberships declined due to institutions going to the Project MUSE E-journal format. The Fidelity Investments grew considerably to about \$310,000.

President Nathan reported that the Executive Council chose two individuals for the Secretary and Treasurer position: Jaime Schultz was chosen to be the next Secretary and Tommy Hunt was chosen to be the next Treasurer. Each will serve six-year terms.

Nathan reported that the Council dealt with the JSH compensation issue for editors. Beginning with Wray Vamplew, funds were sent to his institution and continued through his editorship. Council voted unanimously to not pay future editors.

Long-time NASSH member Joe Arbena left \$3,000 to NASSH upon his death. A Joe Arbena Endowment has been created to endow research scholarships for new scholars. An ad-hoc committee—comprised of Andy Doyle, Shelley Lucas, and Sam Regalado—has been chosen to recommend guidelines.

An ad hoc Legacy Committee has been created whose responsibility is to announce and celebrate the lives of NASSH members. Estate planning may be part of the work of the committee. Maureen Smith, Nancy Bouchier, and Bob Barney have been appointed.

Sarah Fields, the Publications Board chair, announced that Alison Wrynn will conclude her term as JSH editor with Murray Phillips becoming the new editor and Stephen Wenn to be the associate editor.

Sarah Fields discussed the possibility of the *Journal of Sport History* being published by an outside publisher, the University of Illinois Press (UIP). She indicated the positives of an external publisher, which include help with electronic publishing, indexing of the journal, and streamlining the electronic submission of manuscripts. Six external presses were asked for proposals and two were asked for full proposals. Five outside recommendations for the UIP were very positive. The UIP would handle the publication process while the

editorial duties will remain with the JSH editor. The change may be positive for impact factors. Presently the UIP has a relative small number of journals. The UIP will not require authors to pay for editorial changes. Electronic publishing by Project MUSE and LA84 will continue its present policy of providing past issues on their websites. The Publication Board recommended the University of Illinois Press to the NASSH Council. It was MOVED (Council) for NASSH to begin negotiations with the University of Illinois Press to be an external publisher (PASSED, unanimously).

Matt Llewellyn gave the Time and Site Committee (including Jan Todd, Susan Rayl, and Amanda Schweinbenz) report. For the 2015 conference, the committee recommended Don Spivey's bid for the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. Miami has a new student complex. The dates are May 22-25, 2015. The cost is subsidized by a \$10,000 grant from the University of Miami. Early registration will be \$250, later, \$280. An off-site hotel Miami Marriott-Dadeland, six minutes by rail (\$2.25/ride or \$5.65/day throughout Miami). A room rate of \$130 is being negotiated. Dorms will be available for \$50/day and \$22.50 double. High quality food will be available, and a Friday night wine and cheese will begin the conference and a banquet will conclude it.

It was MOVED (Council) to have the University of Miami as the 2015 conference site. (PASSED unanimously).

Mary McDonald, conference host, gave a presentation for Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia, for the 2016 conference. The Georgia Tech Conference Center and Hotel will host. The hotel rate is \$109 single or double, plus tax and parking. Registration fee is \$275 early registration for students and \$350 for other early registration. Inexpensive mass transit is available from the airport. The date would be May 27-30, 2016.

It was MOVED (Council) to have the Georgia Tech as the conference in 2016. (PASSED, unanimously). The Executive Council nominated six individuals for the Nominations Committee for the fall 2014 election. There were no nominations from the floor. Those nominated were:

- Norman Baker
- Ari de Wilde
- Matthew Klugman
- Susan Rayl
- Maureen Smith
- John Wong

Elected were Maureen Smith (chair), Norman Baker, and John Wong.

A question was raised whether or not a committee has been appointed to look after NASSH investments?

Ron and Sue Smith were given a standing ovation of thanks for serving NASSH for the past 42 years. Sam Regalado raised the question of the standing of the *Journal of Sport History* among other history journals.

It was MOVED (Russell Fields) and seconded to adjourn. (PASSED, unanimously), 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald A. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer