

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

22 May 2009

The 37th annual meeting of the NASSH Council was called to order by President Stephen Wenn at 9:05 a.m., Friday May 22, 2009 in the Magnolia Roan Room, Crown Plaza Asheville, Asheville, North Carolina.

Present were: Mark Dyreson, Shelley Lucas, Scott Martyn, Megan Popovic, Maureen Smith, Ronald Smith, Stephen Wenn, Wayne Wilson, and Ying Wushanley.

Others present were: Bob Barney, Dick Crepeau, Andy Doyle, Jerry Gems, Michael Lomax, and Kevin Wamsley.

The 2008 Council Minutes were approved as published online (nassh.org) in the 2008 Proceedings. PASSED (unanimously).

Maureen Smith gave the Program Report. There were a number of cancellations, some of which made the changes in the official Program. There were almost 150 abstracts, including about 30 students. There are 4 concurrent sessions as the previous year. There is a new grad student session.

Ron Smith handed out the Secretary-Treasurer's Report and indicated that despite a major loss in NASSH savings due to the world financial crisis in 2008, the organization was in good financial condition. Five issues of the Journal of Sport History increased our expenditures as we nearly caught up in publishing the JSH on time. Membership remained stable with a slight loss of library membership. Financially, NASSH had about \$50,000 in the checking account and Cash Reserves with Fidelity. The total savings slipped from over \$240,000 to \$156,000 due particularly to the decreased value of the Fidelity Value and Fidelity Equity Income Funds.

Ron Smith asked Council to raise membership dues for individuals by \$5 or \$10 and institutional dues (libraries) from \$10 to \$20 for 2010 if the Journal is published on-time by billing time.

It was MOVED (Maureen Smith) and seconded that membership fees for individuals \$10 for 2010 and for institutions not to exceed \$25 for 2010, when the Journal of Sport History is published on time. PASSED (unanimously).

Andy Doyle gave the Host Site Report for the Crown Plaza Asheville. Winthrop University is coving some costs. The expenses for the Crown Plaza are expected to exceed income by about \$5,000.

Mark Dyreson gave the Distinguished Lectures and Honors Report indicating that Wray Vamplew would give the John R. Betts Address and Nancy Bouchier the Seward Staley Address.

Steve Wenn gave the Elections Committee Report for Sarah Fields, chair. The fall election resulted in:

President Elect	Catriona Parratt
Secretary-Treasurer	Ronald A. Smith
Council	Victoria Paraschak
	Susan J. Rayl
	John Wong
(Student)	Matthew P. Llewellyn
Publications Board	Susan Burrell
	Douglas A. Brown
	Thierry Terret
Dist. Lectures Committee	Chuck Korr
	Samuel O. Regalado

Scott Martin gave the Information Technology Committee Report. He noted that the NASSH website received over a half-million hits throughout the world, with about 80,000 URL hits; 375,000 downloads; 47 queries of the webmaster; 400 Directory of Scholars requests; and 100 NASSH Credit Card Requests.

The NASSH Credit Card account with 2CO seems to be working effectively and money is moving into the NASSH treasury.

A future consideration is on-line abstract submissions. There are some fraudulent abstract submissions. There is a need to have abstracts available to NASSH members before the conference. There are a number of options for submission for the next conference. A utility is being strongly considered and will be determined by Maureen Smith, Tina Parratt, and Scott Martyn. The cost of any change should be taken into consideration.

Should institutions be listed in the Directory of Scholars? Should the NASSH website be clarified so that it can be used more efficiently?

It was MOVED (Wayne Wilson) and seconded that a nassh.org include a list of institutional members for public consumption and that the complete list of institutions and addresses be available to current NASSH members. PASSED (unanimously)

It was discussed whether some help should be given to the Webmaster to relieve the Webmaster of some of the time constraints. It was decided that Scott Martyn should recruit someone at Windsor to help with the Website maintenance, and an announcement would be made at the business meeting to invite NASSH members to become involved with the Information Technology Committee and tasks involved.

Kevin Wamsley gave a Time and Site Committee Report. Vicky Paraschak, Jan Todd, John Findling, Maureen Smith, and Kevin Wamsley, Chair, were on the Committee. Wamsley noted a NASSH Survey: Important to most members was 1) location, 2) cost, 3) availability of transportation, and 4) scholarly content of the meeting. About a quarter felt that Memorial Day and Canada Day were important, but date could be moved rather easily.

There are a number of individuals and institutions who are willing to host future conferences. For 2010, there are two bids. One is from Robert Pruter of Lewis University near Chicago. This university bid has resident rooms and also hotels within 15 minutes of the site. Taxi fare from O'Hare Airport to campus is \$50. Rooms are \$50/night. Most meals are included in the registration fee of \$150 if there are 200 attendees, or \$200 if there are 150 attendees (6 meals, breakfast, reception), with an excursion to minor league games. Scott Martyn proposed the Disney Resort in Orlando, with an excursion to Epcot Center. Registration fee is \$275, and \$125 to students. Rooms are \$159 for quad occupancy. There is a free shuttle from the airport to Disney.

For 2011 there are three bids: Colin Howell at St. Mary's University, Tina Parratt at University of Iowa, and Jan Todd at the University of Texas.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that two time and site options for 2010 from Robert Pruter and Scott Martyn go to the membership for a vote. PASSED (unanimously).

It was moved (Shelley Lucas) and seconded that the bid that is not accepted for 2010 be invited to go back into the pool for consideration for future sites over the next few years by Time and Site Committee for recommendation. PASSED (unanimously).

12:10 Recess for Lunch— the session continued at 1:30.

Ron Smith brought up the question of getting the Book Display List on the NASSH website so that publishers might have their volumes placed before the public over the years. The Book Display will be added to the Website in the future.

Council asked that the Secretary-Treasurer's Report be added to the Website. This would include past Reports.

Maureen Smith gave a report of the NASSH Survey on NASSH conferences. The survey was distributed to all who attended the 2008 Conference in Lake Placid. There were 126 responses returned to Maureen Smith.

Megan Popovic brought up graduate student issues. The Discussion Board noted at the 2008 conference was not created. A better form (recently created) for the comments to graduate student essay feedback was created.

A new part of the conference convention in 2009 initiated by the graduate students was a “New Faculty Panel” session. This was intended to start a graduate student—new faculty conversation.

The Graduate Student Social continues at Asheville in an effort to integrate graduate students in an informal session with other NASSH members.

A question was raised why the list of NASSH institutions with graduate programs, initiated originally by Jamie Schultz, was not continued on the NASSH website. There were only four programs on the website when it was taken down. There was a feeling that a greater number of institutions should be asked to participate.

Steve Wenn gave the Graduate Student Essay result. There were 10 good papers, with the winner Travis Vogan and his paper on Jack Johnson and film.

An ad-hoc committee on Diversity and Outreach, led by Sam Regalado, Lauren Moremota, and Rita Liberti will continue and may have something more tangible for 2010.

Ying Wushanley gave the Publications Board Report. Wray Vamplew, JSH editor has indicated that the technical editor, JoDee Dyreson, has the next two issues so that the JSH will be caught up by summer.

The E-journal situation was brought up for discussion. An ad-hoc committee of Stephen Wenn (President), Ying Wushanley (Publications Board Chair), and Ronald Smith (Secretary-Treasurer) sent recommendations to the Publications Board and to the Council. The recommendation was for pursuing e-journal full-text JSH with Project MUSE, EBSCO Host, and ProQuest. The Publications Board endorses this recommendation of the ad-hoc committee and recommends Council endorsing the proposal.

It was MOVED (Ying Wushanley) and seconded to accept the recommendations of the three-member committee concerning e-journal publishing and to take then to the business meeting for approval. (PASSED, unanimously)

Wushanley raised the issue of advertising in the JSH, raising the price of advertising to \$400 per page and \$250 for a half page. One ad for three issue would be 10% discount and for 6 issues for 25% discount.

The Publications Board recommends a managing editor for the journal for the business side of the JSH.

The Associate Editor position has two applicants, and the choice will be announced soon.

The new chair of the Publications Board is Dan Nathan.

The Publications Board recommends raising the institutional fees for the JSH in the future.

The Publications Board recommends pursuing a special web page for the Journal of Sport History. This would allow individuals looking specifically for the JSH and its articles to find this on a search engine. It would be linked to the NASSH website.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that council directs the Information-Technology Committee in consultation with the Publication Board to establish a separate Web site for the Journal of Sport. PASSED (unanimously).

The incoming president, Maureen Smith, was supported in setting up a Face Book information source to increase NASSH visibility and communication.

The Publications Board recommends improving the NASSH website, including the Directory of Scholars, to better serve NASSH members and others.

A NASSH email distribution list is needed for all information regarding NASSH, for distribution of Proceedings, minutes, conference registration, etc.

Wayne Wilson indicated that NASSH needs an integrated strategy for the use of the website.

The Publications Board recommends increasing the editor's compensation to \$6,000 to \$8,000 for additional help for the Journal Editor.

The Publications Board recommends increasing the technical editor's income 25% from \$1,000/month to \$1,250/month.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that Stirling University be paid \$8,000/year for the use of Wray Vamplew in the role of JSH editor. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Shelley Lucas) and seconded that the technical editor's salary be raised to \$1,250/month beginning June 1, 2009. PASSED (unanimously).

The individuals on the Publications Board who were retiring were thanked for their service in some difficult times: Richard Crepeau, Jan Todd, and Ying Wushanley.

The question of publishing the Proceedings might be moved to another individual to allow someone else to become involved in NASSH business.

The question of advertising on the NASSH website was raised. The Information-Technology Committee was asked to look into this question.

The Book Display List might be linked to such an organization as Amazon.Com in which books purchased from the Book Display Book would bring additional revenue to NASSH.

Jerry Gems has offered to help create a history of NASSH.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Smith
Secretary-Treasurer