

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
3 June 2012

The 40th annual Business Meeting of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by President Catriona Parratt at 5:49 p.m., Sunday, June 3, 2012, Room Crystal Ballroom II, at the Hotel Shattuck Plaza, Berkeley, California.

There were about 57 present.

The minutes of the 2011 annual business meeting were approved as published on-line, nassh.com. PASSED (unanimously).

Ron Smith's printed Secretary-Treasurer's Report was handed out. He said the financial situation was stable, with institutional membership dropping slightly over the past year, principally from membership loss to the e-journal, Project MUSE. Income from Project MUSE was increasing, more than covering losses in institutional membership while spreading availability to the JSH.

The Conference Manager's Report was given by Maureen Smith. There were 271 registered and 14 countries represented.

Nominations for the Nominating Committee were opened following the six individuals nominated by Council. There were no additional nominations to the six who were: Nancy Bouchier, Larry Gerlach, Thomas Hunt, Malcolm MacLean, Tara Magdalinski, and John Wong were nominated. Those chosen were Nancy Bouchier (chair), Larry Gerlach, and Malcolm MacLean.

Dan Nathan gave the Program Report. All proposed sessions were accepted. He favored proposed sessions. There were 53 graduates receiving Park Funds. Seventeen individuals dropped out. There were 55 sessions with 185 papers.

Scott Martyn gave the Technology Committee Report. There were over 400,000 site visits. The ListServe was created and is active. There were 113 gigabytes of downloads on the site, a dramatic increase from 2010.

The Publication Board report was given Doug Brown. Wray was thanked for his six years of editorship. Alison Wrynn is now full-time editor. There was a discussion on contacting commercial or university press to publish the JSH. A Strategic Plan will be constructed, and different possibilities will be examined.

By-Law changes have been proposed for a vote by the members at the annual meeting.

Article II – Officers – The present wording “The officers of the Society shall be President, Past-President, President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer, Chairperson of the Publications Board, and four Members-at-Large, all of whom shall be Active Members of

the Society, and one of whom shall be a student” should reflect our desired change by replacing “Secretary-Treasurer” with “Secretary, Treasurer.” This is a simple replacement of the hyphen with a comma. PASSED (unanimously).

Article IV – Meetings ---Section 2: Technically, it should state there that “The Secretary-Treasurer shall mail notice...” so if we follow through with the desired splitting of the two positions, the By-Law as it is now stated “Secretary” will be entirely correct and need no attention. PASSED (unanimously with one abstention).

Same Article, Section 3: In the first sentence, the term “Treasurer” should be replaced by the term “Secretary.” PASSED (unanimously).

Article VII – Committees---Section 2: Should remain as is, as the term “Treasurer” is used correctly if we do what we want to do (separate the positions). It is technically incorrect as now stated (should be Secretary-Treasurer). PASSED (unanimously).

Article VIII –Standing Committees, 1.2, Budget and Fiscal Committee, new language should read “The Budget and Fiscal Committee shall consist of two members, plus the Treasurer, who shall be the Chairperson.” PASSED (unanimously).

Same Article 1.6, in the last sentence, the hyphen in the term Secretary-Treasurer, should be replaced by a comma to reflect two distinct positions. PASSED (unanimously).

Next year’s conference at St. Mary’s University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, was announced by 2013 conference manager, Colin Howell.

Matt Llewellyn, Time and Site Committee chair, said that bids for the 2015-2017 can be made to follow the 2013 conference in Nova Scotia and 2014 in Colorado.

Tina announced that Council created a Website Content Committee, to be chaired by Alan Metcalfe.

Tina asked if anyone was interested in writing the history of NASSH.

A graduate student social will occur on Sunday evening at the present conference.

A call for nominees for the Distinguished Lectures or Honors was called for by Maureen Smith.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Ronald A. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer