

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

24 May 2013

The 41st annual meeting of the NASSH Council was called to order by President Catriona Parratt at 9:06 a.m., Friday May 24, 2013 in 255 Sobey Building, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Present were: Sarah Fields, Daniel Nathan, Catriona Parratt, Maureen Smith, Ronald Smith and Kevin Wamsley.

Others present were: Bob Barney, Dave Barney, Dick Crepeau, Mark Dyreson, Colin Howell, Andrew Linden, Alan Metcalfe, and Stephen Wenn.

Not present: Doug Brown, Annette Hofmann, Christiane Job.

The 2012 Council Minutes were set aside until all could read them. They were then PASSED (unanimously).

The 2013 Council agenda was approved.

Ron Smith handed out the Secretary-Treasurer's Report and commented that NASSH was in a good financially position with membership remaining stable. He noted that while institutional membership has continued to decline as the electronic Journal of Sport History increased, revenue from Project MUSE increased significantly more than offsetting loss in institutional membership. At the same time, there was an increase in regular and student membership. Total individual membership has remained over 400 for the last four years while institutional membership has declined nearly 100 in those years. Total savings rose from about \$223,000 to nearly \$253,000 during the year as both stocks and bonds in Fidelity Investments did well. The largest expense by far was the production of the JSH, while payment for student expenses to the conference through the Park Fund continued to increase to over \$12,000.

Dan Nathan gave the Program Chair Report. On the Committee were Nancy Bouchier, Ken Cohen, and Jaime Schultz. There were 126 abstracts and 15 complete sessions. Twelve withdrew before the Program was printed, and two after. There were 53 sessions and two Distinguished Lectures, Robert Lipsyte and Susan Cayleff. The Student Essay winner is Bieke Gils of the University of British Columbia.

Several issues were brought up: Are panelists considered as presenters? Should co-authored paper presenters be on the program if they are not present? Should all the authors of an authored paper be current NASSH members? These should be clarified before a call for papers for the 2014 conference.

It was agreed that current policy should be continued with clarification for future call for papers. This task falls to the President-Elect and Chair of the Program Committee, Kevin Wamsley and his Program Committee.

Maureen Smith gave the Distinguished Lectures and Honors Report. There will be two Distinguished Lectures, Susan Cayleff and Robert Lipsyte. There will be honor awards at the banquet.

There was no graduate student report.

A report on the NASSH Website was presented. Scott Martyn, on April 4, 2013, resigned from the Website Committee. The ad-hoc Information-Technology Committee, appointed by President Tina Parratt was composed of Russell Field, Chad Carlson, and Alan Metcalfe, and presented a report regarding suggestions for the NASSH Website.

Scott Martyn was acknowledged for his many years of service to NASSH and for creating an efficient security system for the Website.

A commercial, independent, website server rather than a university institution was suggested by Tina Parratt. That was agreed upon.

An unanswered question was: How does the integration of the JSH website and the NASSH website occur? Presently there are links on each website to the other.

Stephen Wenn suggested that the position of web-master be announced at the annual Business Meeting, asking for interested individuals.

Should this be a paid position? Should the creator of a new webpage be paid for this work? Should the maintenance of the website be a paid position?

Should there be a media list on the website as well as the Directory of Scholars, which to most people is not very useful? How do we make the Directory of Scholars more useful to the membership? It was suggested that the Directory of Scholars be in PDF form and posted on the NASSH Website.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that an Information-Technology Committee be made a standing committee under the By-Laws and brought before the Annual Business Meeting for a vote. PASSED (unanimously).

The president will appoint a committee of three to meet at NASSH (Sarah Fields, Russell Field, and Toby Rider) to review and modify I-T Operating Code for circulation to Council for its approval.

Colin Howell, the 2013 Conference Manager, noted 205 registrations for the conference.

There are no present Time and Site proposals for the 2015 from chair Matt Llewellyn.

Toby Rider, “keeper” of the NASSH Codes, sent changes in the Operating Codes to Dan Nathan. Dan Nathan commented on them and proposed changes in the Operating Codes.

Keeper of the Code—3 year term appointed by the president and renewable.

Secretary Code—6 years appointed by Council.

Treasurer Code—6 years appointed by Council. Greater specificity for disbursement of funds was discussed. A Standard Operation of Procedures should be developed for dispersal of funds.

Nominating Committee—Emphasize November election.

Book Display Manager—Where do the books go after the conference? At the present time, the books eventually end up in the Penn State Archives, in a collection titled by the Archives as the Ron Smith Sport History Collection. (The NASSH Archives are also located in the Penn State Archives.)

Nancy Bouchier’s written report on the Nominating Committee Report and the April election, scheduled for the Fall 2012, was discussed:

President-Elect:	Kevin Wamsley, Western University
Members-at-Large:	Andy Doyle, Winthrop University Shelly Lucas, Boise State University Steven P. Gietschier, Lindenwood University
Student Member	Andrew Linden, Penn State University
Publications Board	Sarah K. Fields, Ohio State University Jaime Schultz, Penn State University
Distinguished Lectures	Rita Liberti, Cal State University, East Bay James E. Odenkirk, Arizona State University

The Electronic Election went well, except for the lateness of the election.

A number of individuals chose not to run for some offices. The fact that there was only one individual nominated for President-Elect was discussed, with the general feeling that two individuals should generally be nominated.

Tina Parratt suggested that she try to find out from the membership who would in the future like to serve NASSH in various positions.

A question of writing a NASSH history was raised again.

Dan Nathan noted a suggestion by Keith Harrison and his students that a Roberto Clemente Honor Address be created to recognize how athletes can have an impact on society from a humanitarian standpoint.

There was consensus that Honor Addresses be kept for scholars and not heroes of sports or others.

The Distinguished Lectures Committee will discuss whether there should be a fourth Honor Address, named for a woman. (The 2013 Committee was composed of Susan Bandy, John Fair, Rita Liberti, James Odenkirk, and chair Tina Parratt.)

With Hal Ray's absence, it was suggested that NASSH members take photos of the conference, something Hal has been doing for about three decades.

The question was raised, how will the new Secretary and the Treasurer be chosen?

It was MOVED, Dan Nathan (and seconded) that a committee be chosen from Council to suggest candidates to Council for the two positions, Secretary and Treasurer. PASSED (unanimously). (Tina Parratt, Ron Smith, and Stephen Wenn were chosen by Council, with Stephen as chair.)

Ron Smith was appointed as both Secretary and Treasurer until the two positions are filled.

A major question of whether individuals should be paid for tasks of NASSH or should they provide a service to the profession, with no or little pay?

Payment of the editor of the Journal of Sport History for released time was discussed. A need for a report from the Publication Board was suggested before Council can take any action on payment of editors and editorial assistants.

It was MOVED, Kevin Wamsley and seconded that the JSH editor will receive \$8,000 for next year. Any future payment will be determined following a report from the Publications Board to Council. PASSED (4-1).

It is understood that if the Publications Board gives no report on this issue that Council will take action without recommendation.

It was MOVED (Maureen Smith) and seconded to adjourn. PASSED (unanimously) at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Smith, NASSH Secretary-Treasurer

