

2016 NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY BUSINESS MEETING

President Kevin Wamsley called to order the 44th annual Business Meeting of the North American Society for Sport History at 4:06 p.m., May 28, 2016 in Grand Ballroom at the Georgia Institute of Technology. There were approximately 100 NASSH members in attendance.

1. NASSH members unanimously approved the minutes from the 2015 meeting.
2. Convention Report, Mary McDonald
There are 211 people registered for the conference. After several cancellations, 177 people registered for the banquet. Registration through University of Illinois Press (UIP) went fairly well, with just a few problems. The pre-conference workshop included 15 participants and approximately 15-20 attendees and was, by all accounts, successful.
3. Program Committee Report, Jan Todd
Upon receipt of abstracts the committee initially put together 52 sessions; 22 people withdrew from the program leaving 49 full sessions. Todd changed the format of the program to facilitate readability.
4. Treasurer Report, Thomas Hunt
Hunt expressed deep appreciation to Ron Smith. The partnership with UIP has been good. It has centralized membership records and yielded \$155,724.35 from the agreement with Project Muse, conference registration, and institutional and individual memberships. Hunt reported a continued downtrend in institutional memberships, primarily due to electronic publishing. Individual memberships are down, but only slightly. There is \$172,110.56 in NASSH's checking and savings accounts. The Fidelity account down about \$10,000 but this was not unexpected and is not terribly significant. Hunt will initiate an accounting audit of the organization later this summer.
5. Executive Council Meeting Summary
 - a. Based on feedback from Adam Berg (graduate student representative), Executive Council made two changes to the applications for the Joe Arbena Latin American Sport History Grant, the NASSH Dissertation Travel Grant, and the NASSH Diversity Scholarship. The allotment for the application increased from 200 words to 300-500 words. The instructions will be clearer for next year's competition.
 - b. Joe Arbena Latin American Sport History Grant (committee is Sam Regalado, Wanda Wakefield and Jorge Iber): There were four applicants. The winner is Michael Wood (University of Alabama).
 - c. NASSH Diversity Scholarship (committee is Vicky Paraschak, Rita Liberti, Louis Moore): There were three applicants. The winner is Emmanueal Macedo (California State University, Fullerton). The committee awarded two honorable mentions (Ornella Nzindukiyama, Western University and Arthur Banton, Purdue University).
 - d. NASSH Dissertation Travel Grant (committee is Daniel Nathan, Kevin Wamsley, Jan Todd): There were 10 applicants. The committee split the award three ways: \$2000 to Joanna Mellis (University of Florida); \$500 to Adam Berg (Penn State); \$500 to Dain TePoel (University of Iowa).
 - e. Operating Codes
 - i. Council voted to change the terms of the Book Awards committee from a four-year term to a two-year renewable term. At the chair's discretion, s/he may create a separate committee for anthologies.

- ii. Council voted to change the terms of the Time and Site Committee from a three-year term to a four-year term assigned on a staggered basis.
 - f. Tom Fabian (De Montfort University) will complete a comprehensive survey of sport history undergraduate and graduate programs and report to council.
 - g. The Information Technology committee reported on website functionality and updates; it is exploring options for the Directory of Scholars.
6. Election for the Nominations Committee
The membership voted and elected Rita Liberti (chair), Tina Parratt, and Patricia Vertinsky.
 7. NASSH Legacy Committee Approval
There was a vote to approve the NASSH Legacy Committee as a standing committee.
PASSED (unanimously).
 8. NASSH Legacy Report, Bob Barney
The committee is Barney (chair), Maureen Smith, and Nancy Bouchier. Barney noted the passing of Richard Mandell, Jane Britchford, and David Quinton Voight and offered a tribute to each member of the NASSH family.
 9. Publication Board Report, Sarah Fields
The committee is Fields (chair), Janice Forsyth, Jaime Schultz, Mary McDonald, and Russell Field. The Communications team is Andrew Linden (chair), Lindsay Park Peiper, and Dain TePeol. The Publications Board is looking for volunteers to serve as the newsletter editor. The pre-conference event went well and there will be another workshop in 2017 at California State University, Fullerton. The latest issue of the journal is late due to a technical error at UIP. It should be delivered shortly. NASSH is halfway through its contract with UIP. After the contract ends in November 2017, NASSH can renew the contract on a year-to-year basis.
 10. Time & Site Committee Report, Susan Rayl
The committee is Rayl (chair), Amanda Schweinbenz, Macintosh Ross, Aaron Haberman, and Linda Borish. The 2017 NASSH conference will be at California State University, Fullerton. The 2018 conference will be at the University of Manitoba. The committee is currently looking for bids for 2019 and beyond.
 11. Other Business
 - a. Sarah Fields moved that NASSH form an ad hoc committee to draft language indicating that NASSH condemns the racialized naming of teams and mascots (with the understanding that the committee shall create a mechanism for subsequent discussions and debate prior o membership vote on the language and method of dissemination).
PASSED (with 1 no vote and 3 abstentions)
 - b. The UIP website used for conference registration did not provide a way to donate to the Roberta Park Fund. Those who wish to donate should contact Thomas Hunt. The same is true for other funds, such as the Arbena fund.

President Kevin Wamsley officially adjourned the 2015 NASSH Business meeting at 5:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaime Schultz, NASSH Secretary