

**NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

May 22, 2015

Call to Order: President Daniel Nathan called to order the 43rd annual meeting of the NASSH Executive Council at 8:15am, Friday May 22, 2015 in Senate Room at the University of Miami.

Attendance: Council members in attendance were Dan Nathan, Steve Gietschier, Kevin Wamsley, Andrew Linden, Tina Parratt, Shelley Lucas, Andy Doyle, Kevin Wamsley, and Jaime Schultz. Also in attendance were Ron Smith, Carly Adams, Maureen Smith, Mark Dyreson, Bob Barney, Adam Berg, Jan Todd, Stephen Wenn

Agenda Items

1. Steve Gietschier moved to approve 2014 council minutes; Shelley Lucas seconded. PASSED (unanimously).
2. Kevin Wamsley moved to approve the 2015 agenda; Steve Gietschier seconded. PASSED (unanimously).
3. Conference Manager Report, Donald Spivey
People are still registering and the numbers have now exceeded 175. He may have to turn people away due to catering concerns. Dan commended Don for the way he handled some of the housing problems in the campus dormitories. Don was able to procure a good rate for spillover into the Holiday Inn. The Olympic pool on campus is closed. The Wellness Center, with indoor pool, is available to conference attendees.
4. Treasurer Report, Ronald Smith (Treasurer Thomas Hunt was unable to attend this year due to a family matter)
Last year was a good year in the stock market and NASSH is in good financial health. There have been some problems with 2CO (the credit card service); that money is still being directed to Ron's account in Pennsylvania, rather than to Tommy. Institutional memberships will continue to go down because of the journal's transition to University of Illinois Press. We have not received the money from Project Muse this year. In the future, that money will go to the University of Illinois Press.

Back issues of *JSH* have been delivered to University of Illinois Press. Ron and Sue Smith still have some back issues to unload.
5. Secretary's Report, Jaime Schultz
As of April 24, 2015 there were 372 individual members (288 U.S. members, 84 non-U.S.). This is down by 10 from 2014, when there were 382 individual members. According to the University of Illinois Press, there are 204 institutional members.
6. Program Committee Report, Kevin Wamsley
The committee received 156 papers; they rejected 6 papers (1 because of its quality; 5 because submissions were past the deadline); 14 papers were withdrawn; 43 sessions and 137 papers + 1 keynote address and 1 graduate student paper. The committee added a film night (to show *Happy Valley*), a graduate student panel, and a graduate student social. Students

who wish to receive money from the Park Fund should contact Wamsley with their request and mailing addresses.

Wamsley spoke with Russell Field about the possibility of establishing a regular film night for entertainment and educational purposes. Tina Parratt asked about the possibility of hosting something like a film festival every other year. Another idea would be to have people respond to the film in a journal forum. Shelley Lucas thought a film night, as a social event, would be good thing for those new to NASSH or without an immediate cohort—another point of building community for new members. Parratt expressed support for this. Andrew Linden thought the film discussion could be a NASSH session. Dan Nathan asked if this is something we should codify. Should it be part of the program committee's charge? Perhaps the *JSH* Film, Museum and Media Review Editor could make this part of her/his duties?

Kevin Wamsly moved that NASSH explore the issue of making film night an annual event; Jan Todd seconded. Tina Parratt added a friendly amendment to form a sub-committee to explore the possibility of adding a film night in consultation with the program committee. Jan Todd proposed we put this to the membership. Resolution: Nathan will announce at the Business Meeting and solicit feedback from membership. PASSED (unanimously)

Jan Todd introduced the idea of allowing presenters' names to appear more than once on the program. Her program at the University of Texas requires advisers to appear on their students' papers in order for students to receive university funding. She asked if NASSH could do something, such as mark the advisers' name with an asterisk or mark it with a different font. Bob Barney thought we should not change the rules for a single institution. Mark Dyreson agreed with Barney and thought that students should stand alone with their work. If it's to circumvent Texas's policy, NASSH should work with faculty to get the institution to change the policy. Shelley Lucas: The underlying issue is distinguished between "adviser" and "co-author."

10:15am break; reconvened at 10:30am

Wamsley raised the possibility of having the Program Chair send a letter to the graduate adviser that her/his graduate student has presented. Dyreson: Make it clear that it's not co-authorship. Resolution: Nathan will direct the president elect to write these letters.

7. Distinguished Lectures/Awards Committee Report, Tina Parratt
The committee (Parratt, Doug Booth, Jim Odenkirk, Rita Liberti, Bruce Kidd) invited Susan Cahn to deliver the Betts address. The committee will announce the recipient of the service to sport history award at the 2015 banquet.
8. Graduate Student Representative Report, Andrew Linden
This year's graduate panel consists of Brad Congelio, Heather Dichter, Bieke Gils, Murray Phillips, and Alison Wrynn.

Linden commended the NASSH Graduate Student Essay committee on the process and feedback to entrants. Students would like to know how many submitted to the contest and to learn of the winner before the publication of the NASSH program.

Linden asked if NASSH could post a list (on website?) of graduate students in sport history to create some type of network. Dyreson asked if this was something that could be taken care of in the Directory of Scholars.

On the Student Essay Award: Nathan directed future Program Committee chairs and chair of program committee to indicate, in a letter to entrants, the number of submissions and include the name of the winner. This person will also announce the winner via NASSH listserv and on the NASSH website. Todd asked about the possibilities for runner-up and honorable mention. After discussion, Nathan thought it should be at the discretion of the committee. Kevin Wamsely (next chair of the graduate student paper award) and his committee will determine this with the potential of adding it to the operating code, to be presented to Council.

9. Time and Site Committee Report, Matthew Llewellyn

Llewellyn was not initially in attendance so committee member Jan Todd gave the preliminary report. Next year's conference will be at Georgia Tech. John Gleaves, Matt Llewellyn, Toby Rider, and Alison Wrynn, all of the California State University, Fullerton, have submitted a bid to host May 26-29, 2017. Registration will be \$295 early bird; \$315; \$195 graduate student; housed on campus inside Titan Student Union; hotel just off campus Marriott at CSU Fullerton cost \$129 & \$221 for quad; some dorm available at \$34 and \$44 for apartments. The committee members endorsed the bid.

Ron Smith asked if the committee could return to the Marriott and ask for free rooms for guest speakers and others.

Shelley Lucas moved that the Executive Committee approve the bid to host at CSU Fullerton and that it be presented to membership. Tina Parratt seconded. PASSED (unanimously).

Russell Field of the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg submitted a bid to host the 2018 conference (May 25-29). Housing would be at a downtown hotel; \$159USD for double room; \$199 for quad; he is open to exploring less expensive accommodations for graduate students. Registration will be \$275 early bird, \$325; \$175 graduate student. He proposed that the Canadian Museum for Human Rights host an event. The committee members approved the bid.

Steve Gietschier moved to endorse the Time and Site recommendation to hold NASSH at University of Manitoba; seconded by Shelley Lucas; PASSED (7 votes "yes"; 1 abstention).

John Wong asked about NASSH's position regarding the possibility of Georgia passing something like Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Bob Barney mentioned there was a precedent: Colorado State University was to host (year?); NASSH voted to boycott Colorado and moved the conference. Tina Parratt brought up the idea of writing to Georgia state legislature and making our stance clear. Jaime Schultz supported this idea and argued that NASSH should be proactive about this. It will be presented to membership for discussion.

11:15am break; reconvened at 11:30am

10. Publications Board Report, Sarah Fields

Fields thanked Alison Wrynn for her last issue of *JSH*. The PB added a new position of Past Editor to advise current editor and step in to help as needed. UIP will handle future creation and distribution of *JSH*.

Fields raised a motion to give PB permission to explore outsourcing the individual membership to University of Illinois Press. Parratt seconded. PASSED (unanimously).

The Publications Board has added social media position and/or team that would report to the PB. Members will solicit volunteers for the position.

Murray Phillips, *JSH* editor, reported a restructuring of editorial team to include three associate editors and a past editor to create stability. He conducted a study about where he thinks *JSH* stands in relation to other sport history journals. He based the study on Google Scholar for 2010 publications. Results of study: *JSH* is a midrange journal in terms of number of articles published per year; citations show that *JSH* is #3 out of 6 English language sport history journals—below *IJHS* and *Sport in History*; only *IJHS* has an impact factor (.291 in 2013). Phillips concluded that, overall, *JSH* is #3 in all English language sport history journals—the message is that, based on the way journals are assessed, we need to do something to improve the quality. There are an average of 50 submissions per year and the editor accepts 11-12 articles.

Goals: increase the profile of *JSH*; attract high quality manuscript submissions; bolster citation rates.

Strategies: the move to UIP will help (accessibility, marketing, profile); “JSH Article of the Year” annual award—presented at banquet, acknowledged in program, assessed by a panel, prize of half that of book award. New recommendations for awards: book prize \$1000, Anthology \$750; article \$500. Ron Smith recommended that the journal award should be the highest monetary value. Jan Todd recommended we name the awards after someone.

Phillips recommended retrospective awards for previous years. This would recognize past scholarship and create a community of acknowledging people’s work. There will be no money attached to these awards. Winners will be determined by using a combination of metrics (e.g., Google scholar) and assessment by the editorial team. Parratt raised the idea that we are saturated with awards and perpetuates this idea that we are looking inward and backward too much. Smith questioned the use of metrics in this system—it should be about the best article, not about the most cited. Dyreson commented he did this as editor of *IJHS* and did not use the metrics. The editorial team (editor and three associate editors) will determine how to proceed.

Request from Sarah Fields: Run pilot program in 2016 at Georgia Tech. She asked for \$4,000 to bring in scholars on Thursday prior to NASSH (this would not pay for travel but would cover hotel accommodation and meals). Papers from that event would replace one of the annual issues of *JSH*.

Request from Phillips: target exemplary papers at NASSH and get authors to publish in *JSH*; ask those who attend other conferences to make sure UIP displays the *JSH*. Parratt recommended something similar to what is done in *Reviews in American History*—review articles.

Fields asked for remuneration for Phillips’s travel to NASSH. His plane ticket was \$3,000 and he does not receive financial support from his institution. Nathan reminded the board that last year members determined that there would be no remuneration for editors unless the Publication Board put forward a request.

Dan Nathan called for a vote to give Murray Phillips \$3,000: PASSED (7 yes, 1 no; no abstentions)

12:45pm break for lunch; reconvened at 1:45pm

Discussion returned to the issue of a social media director: Do we need some type of editorial considerations with who can Tweet, what gets Tweeted, etc.? Lucas moved to empower the PB to determine the duties of and appoint a social media director. Wamsley amended that the position be called “Communications Director.” PASSED (unanimously).

11. Book Award Committee Report, David Wiggins

The committee included David Wiggins (chair), Janice Forsyth, Thomas Hunt, Sam Regalado, and Maureen Smith. There was also an ad hoc anthology committee as various members were excluded because of the editorship or contributions to books under consideration. This committee was Janice Forsyth (chair), John Fair, and Pamela Grundy.

There were 38 submissions: 29 monographs and 9 anthologies—these numbers are down a bit from last year but committee was pleased with the quality. The committee will meet again on Sunday to discuss the submissions.

Mark Dyreson asked if we should clean up the operating code to be clear as to who is responsible for contacting publishers about submissions.

Sarah Fields suggested separating the monograph and the anthology committee into two separate groups.

Dan Nathan suggested the Book Award Committee make recommendations to Toby Rider to change the operating codes, who will then circulate them among Council for approval.

12. Membership Committee Report and Proposal, Vicky Paraschak

The goal is to prioritize the growth of diverse membership. The committee surveyed NASSH membership: greatest concern was for greater diversity in race and ethnicity. Paraschak proposed creating a graduate diversity scholarship award to declare—symbolically and financially—our goals to membership. The awards would be for Masters and Doctorate levels.

Wamsley asked how the committee would identify whether or not the student was a racial or ethnic minority. Paraschak answered the committee was comfortable with self-identification. Ron Smith asked about geographic diversity. Paraschak answered that under racial and ethnic diversity, geographic diversity would be considered. Mark Dyreson moved to add waiving the student’s registration fee to the award.

The Membership committee moved to approve the original proposal with two friendly amendments: waiving of registration fee for the student to attend the conference; and offering only one award for the following year. Seconded by Shelley Lucas. PASSED (unanimously)

13. IT Committee Report, Chad Carlson

The Directory of Scholars is ready to go but must wait until Michael Heine is back from research leave. Carlson recognized Andy Linden for his work with social media and Heine for his work with the website.

14. Ad Hoc Legacy Committee Report, Robert Barney
The committee is Bob Barney (chair), Maureen Smith, and Nancy Bouchier. They recommended the formation of a new standing Legacy Committee with three members. Kevin Wamsley moved to approve the recommendation. Jaime Schultz seconded. PASSED (unanimously)
15. Operating Codes Update, Toby Rider
Rider asked for clarification about who can grant authors the right to reproduce articles published in the *JSH*. The current code stipulates it is the NASSH Secretary but the *JSH* editor has been taking care of it in recent history. Resolution: It should now be the purview of UIP but those seeking to get reprint permission for previous issues should contact the NASSH Secretary.
16. Arbena Scholarship Ad Hoc Committee Report, Andy Doyle
Committee: Andy Doyle, Shelley Lucas, Sam Regalado. The Joseph Arbena Latin American Sport History Grant supports research that advances the study and exploration of Latin American sport history. Up to \$1000 will be awarded annually. Stephen Wenn asked if publications resulting from this award should acknowledge the grant. Jan Todd asked if NASSH could stipulate that recipients must be NASSH members at the time of the award. Dan Nathan questioned if we have enough NASSH members who are qualified to judge this award. Members determined that the NASSH President will appoint the committee. Lucas asked to amend the title to the Joseph Arbena Latin American Sport History Research Grant.

Fields moved to approve the Joseph Arbena Latin American Sport History Research Grant. Linden seconded; PASSED (unanimously).

The award will be announced at the business meeting and awarded for the first time in November 2015.

Fields moved to eliminate the policy to reprint for free all prior *JSH* articles. This issue was temporarily tabled to work on the language of the movement—returned to later (after Book Display Manager issue).
17. NASSH Dissertation Travel Grant Proposal, Andy Linden
Committee of Heather Dichter, Bieke Gils, Dain TePoel asked for \$4,000 to be used to award a student for dissertation research. Shelley Lucas was concerned about the amount. Maureen Smith agreed—found \$4000 excessive; she thought it should be given to student who is already a NASSH member.

Important questions: Should the person be required to be a NASSH member? Do we already do enough for graduate students? Could we split the award between two or more members? Should the person have to come and present after winning the award? Could we fold the committee in a larger graduate student award committee (which includes the grad student essay award)?

Gietschier moved to table to vote; Fields second; Vote: 5 approved; 2 opposed; 1 abstention. PASSED.
18. NASSH's Position on Native American Team Mascots (issue raised by Gabe Logan, not in attendance)

This issue brought much debate. Fields proposed the idea of holding a meeting, separate from the business meeting, to discuss the issue and bring it back to Council next year. Andy Doyle was concerned about setting a precedent for taking a political stance; recommended putting individual signatures on the letter but not from NASSH as a whole. Resolution: Nathan will raise the issue at the Business Meeting and let motions come from the floor.

19. Book Display Manager

Ron Smith has been doing this—bringing books to NASSH conference and transporting them back to University Park to donate to the Penn State Archives. Mark Dyreson wants to keep the book collection housed at Penn State and is willing to act as book display manager but cannot drive the books back and forth as Smith did. Resolution: NASSH will pay to ship the books.

20. Returned to the earlier issue of the *JSH* policy on reprinting articles.

Sarah Fields: So move that prior NASSH policy prohibiting NASSH or the author of a *JSH* article (published prior to June 1, 2015) from charging fees to reprint an article be rescinded. Lucas seconded; PASSED (7 yes; 1 abstention).

21. Returned to the issue of the *JSH* Article of the Year Award.

Sarah Fields moved to institute the award. Parratt seconded. PASSED (unanimously).

On the monetary value of the awards: Fields moved that the article of the year award should be \$500; NASSH Book Award should be \$1,000; NASSH Anthology Award should be \$750. Vote: 6 yes; 1 no; 1 abstention. PASSED.

Fields withdrew the request for \$1000 for a research assistant to help with the article of the-year award.

Vote on *JSH* retrospective article of the year awards: Yes (5); No (1); Abstentions (3). PASSED.

22. Fields moved that NASSH provide a one-time investment of no more than \$4,000 for a one-day seminar at Georgia Tech that would result in a special issue of *Journal of Sport History*. Schultz moved the investment should be “up to \$2000”; Parratt seconded. Vote: 6 yes; 2 opposed; no abstentions. PASSED.

23. Parratt moved to un-table the Graduate Student Research Grant; Linden seconded; 7 voted in favor to untable the issue; 1 opposed. PASSED.

Stephen Wenn recommended that Past President, President, and President Elect form the committee to adjudicate the award with the requirement that the applicant had previously presented at NASSH.

Parratt proposed the research award should be up to \$3,000 and could be split among two or more people at the committee’s discretion. The recipient must have presented at NASSH in the past and the expectation is that the recipient will present resulting research at future NASSH conference. Vote: 7 in favor; 1 opposed. PASSED.

Adjournment: President Daniel Nathan adjourned the 43rd annual meeting of the NASSH Executive Council at 5:36pm.