

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: President Jan Todd called to order the 46th annual meeting of the NASSH Executive Council at 9:00am on Friday May 25, 2018 in Salon A of the Fort Gary Hotel, Winnipeg, Canada.

Attendance: Council members in attendance were Jan Todd, Thomas Hunt, Dave Wiggins, Victoria Paraschak, John Wong, Paulina Rodriguez, Kevin Wamsley, and Toby Rider. Also in attendance were Ron Smith, Stephen Wenn, Bob Barney, Mark Dyreson, Andy Linden, and Dan Nathan.

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Approval of 2018 Council Agenda—Jan Todd, PASSED (unanimous)
2. Approval of 2017 Council Minutes—Jan Todd, PASSED (unanimous).
 - Discussion about making sure minutes are available online.
3. Conference Manager Report — Russell Field
 - Registration level is around 190. Some registrants have dropped out; Field is trying to refund as far as the budget allows.
 - Field suggested that we may need to think about whether there is a time by which they need to register in order to present. Wiggins supported this idea from the standpoint of the program committee.
 - Wiggins asked whether there is something that can be put in place to make hosting easier.
 - Todd thanked Russell for the wonderful work.
4. Program Committee Report — David Wiggins (Includes Ad-Hoc Advertising Committee Report)
 - For first time, abstracts were submitted online. Feedback was positive, although a few small challenges occurred. Linden added a different platform can be used to address the problems.
 - Program design worked well and the press advertisements covered most of the costs.
 - Linden put all abstracts up on the NASSH website.
5. Report from Andy Linden on Web issues
 - Our historical records are often inconsistent. He has worked to keep our information online consistent.
 - Web platform is straightforward and control can be handed off easily.
 - Conference website fully integrated into NASSH website for first time.
6. Budget & Fiscal Committee Report — Thomas Hunt
 - Investment funds now over \$400,000
7. Secretary's Report—Jaime Schultz
 - Institutional Members 2018: 173 (down from 197 last year)
 - Individual Members, 2018: 364 (up from 355 last year)
 - Regular members: 155; student members: 64; lifetime members: 76; retired members: 55; sustaining members: 14
8. Disciplinary Matter – Kevin Wamsley

- Ad hoc committee created after the 2017 NASSH annual convention to investigate a potential ethical issue. Member was found at fault and suspended for one year
Wamsley asked whether a permanent committee should be created for dealing with ethical issues. Asserted that a consistent process needs to be included along with a right to appeal.
 - Smith asked whether NASSH should consider liability insurance for the organization. Hunt will look into potential options.
 - Paraschak asserted that this would ensure NASSH members an opportunity to bring forward potential issues.
 - Wamsley moved that we create ad hoc committee of 5 individuals charged with examining NASSH's ethical procedures and to report at next year's NASSH convention. Victoria seconded. Passed unanimously
9. Distinguished Lectures Committee Report — Kevin Wamsley
 - One lecture this year after a second individual declined at a late date.
 - Linden noted that we are livestreaming the distinguished lecture as well as a plenary session. Lectures will also be archived on YouTube for future viewing. The person introducing the two speakers should make the audience members aware that their questions will be able to be seen online.
 10. NASSH Honors and Awards Report — Kevin Wamsley
 - There will be honors and awards.
 11. Graduate Student Essay Contest – Jan Todd
 - 9 total entries. Only 2 women entered. 2 from Europe, 1 from Pacific Rim, 1 from Mexico, 4 from US.
 - Austin Duckworth (UT Austin) won.
 12. Dissertation Travel Grants Report – Jan Todd
 - Divided the \$3,000 award. Todd mentioned that one NASSH member believes this should be an open committee to be elected rather than appointed.
 - 10 applications
 - Conor Heffernan awarded the travel grant (\$2,350)
 - Tiego Maranhao awarded \$650
 13. Graduate Student Representative Report — Paulina Rodriguez Burciaga
 - Graduate student panel put together at conference
 - Graduate student social scheduled
 - Rodriguez Burciaga suggested that a budget number would be helpful to have ahead of time.
 - Dyreson added that we should communicate the purpose of the grad social is to network and discuss the field.
 - Paulina has invited graduate students to the NASSH Facebook page
 14. Arbeno Scholarship Committee report — Sam Regalado
 - Toby Rider presented report for Regalado. In his written report, Regalado thanked NASSH council for supporting Latin American sport history scholarship, thanked Todd and Wamsley for their support and help
 - 3 applications: Alex Nuñez from University of Arizona is the winner.
 15. Membership Committee Report —Vicky Paraschak

- 4 Applicants for diversity award: Paulina Rodriguez Burciaga and Tanya Jones were the winners. They will receive \$500 plus conference registration and NASSH membership
 - Todd asked whether our different awards should be combined into a centralized committee. Paraschak expressed support for retaining the existing structure.
16. Constitution & By Laws Committee Report—Toby Rider
- Rider has coordinated over the last year on the issue of updating committee operating codes.
 - Draft codes have been submitted and Rider’s committee will be reviewing them. After review and revision at the committee level, the Executive Council will be sent the results for a vote.
 - The Original NASSH Constitution will be tracked down.
17. IT Committee Report—Colleen English
- Linden reformatted the website and did an amazing job.
 - Social media for NASSH includes Facebook and twitter for NASSH, NASSH Graduate Students, and JSH. Each has an administrator.
 - Committee having discussions about a simplified directory of scholars as well as developing a way to contact the NASSH membership directly rather than going through the NASSH listserv.
 - John Wong moved President, Program Chair, Secretary, Treasurer shall be granted access to membership spreadsheet. Paraschak seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - John Wong moved and Rider seconded that we pursue a directory of scholars and that IT committee is charged with helping with that process.
18. Book Award Committee Report—Robert Kossuth
- One committee member had to recuse herself for anthology award. Carly Adams stepped in.
 - Work load very high. One idea is to limit potential winners to NASSH members. Another is to have author request publisher to submit his/her book rather than request from NASSH for books going straight to publishers. Council will take this under advisement.
19. Time & Site Committee Report — Steve Gietschier
- For 2019, Boise, Idaho, inquired about hosting NASSH. For a period of months, continuing dialogue with Boise. In March, Gietschier went to Boise to explore idea. Time and Site recommends that we go to Boise in 2019. The one catch is that there is no NASSH member willing to be the convention manager in Boise.
 - Todd stated that it is becoming harder and harder to find NASSH members at major universities with enough support in place to host. There is a proposal that we might receive greater attendance if we worked with convention planning professional. This might allow us to have conventions in major hub sites. Todd talked with Kim Scott, who has been organizer with Human Kinetics. Extensive convention and conference planning experience. Scott is leaving Human Kinetics and has submitted a proposal for NASSH to become a client. Proposal would be for two years at a fee of \$10,000/year. Questions about whether a call should be put out for other bids.
 - Rider moved for Boise to be site for 2019. Paraschak seconded. Passed unanimously.

20. Ad-Hoc Marketing Policy and Promotion Committee—Members are: Matt Bowers, Chad Siefried, Ryan and Heather Dichter. Todd and Ozyurtcu reported in their absence.

- Committee submitted a substantial written report with a number of recommendations. One centered on fact that NASSH conference attendance is expensive compared to other scholarly conferences. NASSH could be shorter by a day to reduce cost. Shorter presentations might be one way to do this. A number of other suggestions are in the report about sponsorship and other possibilities.
- Mark Dyreson remarked that we don't want to lose the sense of community and spirit of NASSH.
- Council found much in the report valuable.
- Tolga Ozyurtcu added that most people end up coming to NASSH through personal relationships with existing NASSH members. Greater digital presence online could help.
- Kevin Wamsley said that new types of presentations and panels are worth considering.
- Rider moved that the program committee be allowed to build in poster presentations next year. Paraschak seconded. Unanimous.

21. Ad-Hoc 50th Anniversary Planning Committee—Lindsay Parks Piper & Alison Wrynn

- Ron Smith and Lindsay Piper presented. One idea is whether a special issue in *JSH* could be devoted to 50th anniversary of NASSH. Another is to have a special presenter on history of NASSH. Smith has put together timeline of NASSH's history.
- Todd brought up the idea of an oral history project. Preserving the history of the organization through a book might be a worthwhile endeavor.

22. Legacy Committee Report—Bob Barney

- Committee made an appeal to membership asking for information on any member who has passed away. It is with great sadness to say that Hal Ray's wife Shirley passed away.
- Barney will ask NASSH membership to remain engaged on legacy

23. Creation of slate of candidates for election to the 2019 Nominations Committee—Jan Todd

- Smith reminded Council that the slate should be 6 rather than 5 nominees and should be balanced regionally as well as in terms of academic expertise, gender and diversity.

24. Discussion held on term limits for committee service. Given the need for people to be involved in service for promotion and tenure should we consider shortening the length of some committee appointments? For example—could these be two-year terms?

- Membership Committee (3 years)
- IT Committee (3 years)
- Constitution and By Laws 3 years
- Arbena Scholarship (3 years)
- Legacy Committee (4 years)
- Proceedings Editor (4 years)
- Publications Board (4 years)
- Budget Committee (6 years?)

- Time and Site (4 years)

25. Publications Board Report—John Wong

- Asked for web coordinator Andy Linden to be paid for advanced site steps to analyze website. \$96 a year. Moved by Rider and seconded by Paraschak. Unanimous approval.
- Pub board will meet next year with UIP on: prepublication access, impact fact, and social media presence.
- Pub recommends term limits on editorial board of JSH. Jan supported this idea. Ron said that JSH editor has the power to alter the editorial board. Jan suggested publication board consider the matter.
- All our publishing contracts expire. Each has automatic renewal clauses. Publication board recommends we let them roll forward and explore potential changes with UIP. The publication board would then come back next year with specific recommendations.
- The pre-conference workshop has been working well. Mission is to help increase the quality of the journal. Suggested one-year stoppage and that Publications Board will come up with a template for future pre-conference workshop applications. A vote was called for this idea. Rider made motion, Paraschak seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Recommendation for travel funding for *JSH* editor for economy flight, hotel and registration fee. No motion was brought forward.

26. Action Items from the Chair

- a. Proposal for Professional Conference Management from Kim Scott (Attached)
 - Paraschak moved that a subcommittee of NASSH council negotiate with Kim Scott with the goal of gaining her services for two years. Wiggins, Rider, Hunt, Paraschak, and Gietschier will serve on subcommittee. Wiggins seconded. Unanimous acceptance.
- b. Should we continue pre-conference workshops?
 - Addressed in Publication Board section above
- c. As a way to shorten the conference, but retain attendees, should we consider either printed or electronic posters or 10-minute “mini papers” as another option for presenters.
 - Addressed in marketing section above.
- d. Hunt recommend that the Webmaster be recognized as an official of the Association in our formal documents. (Not sure if this requires a By-Law vote.) Hunt suggested a better title. Todd suggested he be entitled the Communications Officer. Todd will address issue through executive order.
- e. Other New Business
 - Wiggins welcomes any suggestion about next year’s conference program.

27. Adjournment

Rider moved, Paraschak seconded. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Hunt, Treasurer