

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

30 May 2014

The 42nd annual meeting of the NASSH Council was called to order by President Dan Nathan at 9:08 a.m., Friday May 30, 2014 in Colorado Room, Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Present were: Andy Doyle, Steven Gietschier, Andrew Linden, Shelley Lucas, Dan Nathan, Catriona Parratt, Ronald Smith, and Kevin Wamsley.

Others present were: Bob Barney, Dave Barney, Murry Nelson, Murray Phillips, Jaime Schultz, Alison Wrynn, Susan Birrell, Maureen Smith, Stephen Wenn.

The Minutes of the 2013 Council Minutes were approved. PASSED (unanimously).

Ron Smith gave the Secretary-Treasurer's Report. He said that individual membership remained stable while institutional membership dropped (because of Project MUSE e-journal usage), while income increased. NASSH's Fidelity investments grew substantially, to \$310,000.

A question raised was how much money should be going to grad students who are presenting? Is \$275 a fair or should it be \$300. Should the registration fee be waived for graduate student presenters?

It was moved (Tina) and seconded that NASSH give \$300 per graduate student who is presenting in 2014. Council will determine the fee in the future if there is a change. PASSED (unanimously). [Helping graduate students is a NASSH tradition.]

Ron Smith announced that \$3,000 was received from the Joseph L. Arbena estate. The sum is to be used for "any educational endowment or trust which the organization may have in existence or may determine that should be established," and not placed in the general budget. Ideas were: 1) for best dissertation, 2) research travel award, 3) best article published in JSH, 4) Latin American research focus.

It was decided that a Joseph Arbena Research Fund be established with recommendations for guidelines determined by a committee of three: Andy Doyle, Shelley Lucas, and Sam Regalado. They will present their recommendations to the 2015 Council.

NASSH will contribute \$17,000 to the \$3,000 for the Joseph Arbena Research Fund.

Murry Nelson gave the Convention Manager's Report. Sarah Fields contributed greatly by doing all the registration fees. There are 167 pre-registered conferees, not counting spouses, with possibly 175 or 180 total registrants. Expenses and receipts should be about equal. The hotel was sold out. PowerPoint presentations can be projected in each of the five presentation rooms.

Services are provided by an outside agency for \$1,500. The Hotel gave NASSH three complimentary rooms.

Kevin Wamsley, Program Chair, gave his report. His Committee consisted of Kevin, Carly Adams, and Toby Rider. There were 154 submissions. Twelve presenters withdrew. There are 43 sessions with five sessions at one time. Monday has the most sessions. A half-day, without presentations, has been preserved. PearlAnn Reichwein has setup a reception for Ann Hall, an honor address speaker, and honoring of Maxwell Howell, who died this year, by the University of Alberta.

Tina Parratt presented the Distinguished Lectures and Awards Committee report, a committee consisting of Tina, Bruce Kidd, Rita Liberti, and Jim Odenkirk. There were four nominees for the Distinguished Lectures. Ann Hall (Howell Address) and Gerald Early (Staley Address) were chosen. Two service awards will be given.

Andrew Linden, Student Member-at-Large, discussed the new Facebook page that has been used by 63 individuals. Graduate students want to have more interaction. A tri-state graduate student history forum began with Ohio State, Penn State, and Western. Another institution may take the place of Ohio State. An unanswered question was should NASSH help to facilitate this kind of program on a regional basis?

The Panel for graduate students will be held on Sunday night at the Conference. Five people will present who are out of graduate school to talk about the transition from student to professor.

A Graduate Breakfast has been held in the past and funded by NASSH, though it was thought that this might be redundant to the Graduate Panel.

Stephen Wenn gave the ad hoc Committee on the Secretary-Treasurer position for selecting NASSH members for the two new positions of Secretary and Treasurer. It was composed of Tina Parrett, Ron Smith, and Wenn. Only one recommendation was received after a call for nominations for the two positions. The ad hoc Committee considered eight names, and two were asked to accept the positions for recommendation to the Council. Jaime Schultz was asked to be Secretary, and Thomas Hunt for Treasurer.

It was decided that Treasurer should be bonded, and a yearly audit should be conducted.

It was MOVED (Ad Hoc Committee) to accept Jaime Schultz as Secretary and Thomas Hunt as Treasurer. PASSED (unanimously).

Dan Nathan opened up nominations for the Nominating Committee for the Fall 2014 election. Of the individuals discussed, Dan will ask the following individuals: Carly Adams, Norrie Baker, Ari de Wilde, Gary Osmond, Maureen Smith, and John Wong to run for positions on the Nominating Committee at the Business Meeting.

It was announced that the I-Technology Committee, chaired by Chad Carlson, worked with Michael Heine, who redesigned the NASSH website for easier use. The NASSH Directory of

Scholars will be searchable to the public. We are also partnering with New Books in Sport (<http://newbooksinsports.com>).

The Directory of Scholars will be open to the public and will be edited by Theresa Walton.

A NASSH Twitter account needs further discussion.

Dan Nathan began the discussion relative to the possible payment of the JSH editor. He read a motion to that effect with a justification of not paying NASSH officers. He noted that payment originated with Wray Vampleu with payment through his institution.

It was MOVED (Kevin Wamsley) and seconded that: In the name of institutional consistency and equity, the Editor of the Journal of Sport History (JSH) shall not receive direct financial compensation for his or her JSH service. If there are compelling reasons to support the *JSH* Editor financially, they should be brought to the Publications Board, which will discuss their merits and then make a recommendation to the Executive Council. If Council allocates funds, there must be an accounting for them. PASSED (unanimously)

There was a break for Lunch 12:07 with a return at 1:33.

Russell Field gave the Publications Board Report. There were five applicants for Associate Editor. The chosen applicant has not been notified.

A major question was raised relative to the method of publishing the JSH. Do we continue to publish in house or contract out to an external publisher? The Publication Board voted unanimously to recommend going to with an external publisher.

The Publication Board considered whether it would recommend a commercial publisher or a university publisher. The two publishers given major consideration were Routledge and the University of Illinois Press. University presses at California and Nebraska were also considered. The PB's consensus was for the University of Illinois Press. Routledge, for example, opposed NASSH's long-term contract with LA84 in putting past issues of the JSH online.

The Publications Board noted the gains of working with an external publisher, including:

- 1) By publishing on our own, rankings are not as high as from an outside publisher,
- 2) Materials will be streamlined technically,
- 3) Increased submissions needs electronic handling,
- 4) The JSH will be made more widely available to public,
- 5) The Citation Index will be guaranteed by publisher, a positive impact factor,
- 6) There will be improved production and distribution.

Reservations relative to the two external publisher candidates were noted:

- 1) Lose some control over journal, but more with Routledge,

- 2) The Routledge proposal was market driven, while the educational value was emphasized by the University of Illinois Press,
- 3) There was a seven-year contract with Routledge, only three with the University of Illinois Press.

It was MOVED (Publications Board) to recommend publishing of the JSH with the University of Illinois Press and to negotiate a contract. (PASSED, unanimously).

It was MOVED (Shelley Lucas) and seconded that the Council authorizes the Publication Board to pursue negotiation with the University of Illinois Press for the production of the JSH, final terms subject to the approval of Council. (PASSED, unanimously).

Matt Llewellyn gave the Time and Site Committee report. The Committee is composed of Chair Matt Llewellyn, Susan Rayl, Amanda Schweinbenz, and Jan Todd. Llewellyn noted Don Spivey's bid to host the 2015 NASSH conference at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. A \$10,000 grant from the University would offset some of the costs. There should be a \$250 registration fee. The Miami Marriott-Dadeland would be the site. The sessions will be held on campus, six minutes away by metro-rail.

For 2016, Mary McDonald and John Smith bid for the conference at the Georgia Institute of Technology and its Conference Center, May 27-30, 2016. Rooms at \$109 plus taxes and parking. Triple rate of \$119. Quad \$129. Dorm rate at \$45/night. Registration would be about \$350.

The Time and Site Committee recommendation had already been accepted by Council for the University of Miami for May 22-25, 2015, U.S. Memorial Day weekend.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that we bring to the Business Meeting Georgia Tech as the 2016 NASSH site, May 27-30, 2016. (PASSED, unanimously).

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that the Time and Site Committee pursue Cal State Fullerton as the 2017 conference site. (PASSED, unanimously).

The Book Award Committee report was a written by Chair Tara Magdalinski. There was a question about eligibility for the Award; the release date of published books or the copyright date. The Committee will go to the copyright date in the future.

Maureen Smith gave the Membership Committee Report. (Ken Cohan, Vicky Parachak, and Maurine Smith, chair) A survey of membership was proposed to be distributed to NASSH members at the conference. There was some question about diversity of members in NASSH. What kind of diversity should be considered? A survey was to be distributed to the NASSH conferees on June 1, 2014.

There was a 15-minute recess.

NASSH Council member Steve Gietschier discussed convention managers and the need for a professional convention planner. He suggested that NASSH would decide where we would like

to meet and the professional convention planner-negotiator could save NASSH money, represent us nationally, and be of little cost to NASSH. Convention planners generally get their fees from the hotel. University sites could be part of the duties of a professional planner. It would be possible for a planner to be responsible for hotel contract negotiations while NASSH would have its convention manager. Would a conference planner impact upon NASSH's identity either positively or negatively? The Time and Site Committee will take the possibility of a professional convention planner-negotiator under consideration.

A NASSH dissertation award proposal to honor a graduate in sport history was discussed. A question of the time requirement for reading possibly 20 dissertations produced each year was a major problem for the Council. Also raised was a possible research award for travel or archival research in sport history.

Nancy Bouchier, earlier, proposed creating an ad hoc NASSH Legacy Committee. It would help recognize and honor the passing of NASSH members and encourage people to think about NASSH in estate planning. Dan Nathan appointed a Legacy Committee of three: Bob Barney, Nancy Bouchier, and Maureen Smith. An Operating Code with objectives was to be created for future Council action.

A question was raised about the NASSH Book Display that has been conducted by Ron Smith since the first conference in 1973 at Ohio State was raised. Smith indicated that Mark Dyreson is interested in continuing the annual collection as part of the NASSH Archives at Penn State, where past book display books are housed. He indicates that he will continue in the future, at least another year.

Having a NASSH photographer, to replace the long-time work of Hal Ray, was discussed. It was decided that chairs of the various sessions should provide for photos taken of the participants of those sessions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald A. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer