

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: President Kevin Wamsley called to order the 45th annual meeting of the NASSH Executive Council at 9:21am on Friday May 26, 2017 in the Gabrielino Room at the California State University, Fullerton.

Attendance: Council members in attendance were Kevin Wamsley, Jaime Schultz, Thomas Hunt, Richard Kimball, Nancy Bouchier, Carly Adams, Adam Berg, Dan Nathan, Jan Todd, and Sarah Fields. Also in attendance were Ron Smith, Maureen Smith, Paulina Serrano, Dick Crepeau, Mark Dyreson, Bob Barney, David Wiggins, Mark Dyreson, and Stephen Wenn.

Agenda

1. Approval of 2017 Council Agenda, PASSED (unanimous)
2. Approval of 2016 Council Minutes, PASSED (unanimous)
3. Treasurer Report — Thomas Hunt
 - NASSH is in good financial position.
 - The number of total members has stabilized after period of slow decline
 - There is \$140,000 in checking and savings accounts; \$369,000 in Fidelity savings (the goal is to reach \$500,000).
 - Hunt is working with an accounting firm that specializes in non-profit organizations. The firm recommends that NASSH initiate a conflict of interest policy. Hunt provided a draft of the policy (see item 22).
4. Program Committee Report — Jan Todd
 - The committee consisted of Todd (chair), Kim Beckwith, Tolga Ozyurtcu, Adam Criblez, Bieke Gils, Jason Shurley, and Thomas Hunt.
 - For the second consecutive year, the committee changed the traditional format of the program to a larger, colored layout. The change makes the printing more expensive, but allows NASSH to sell advertisements space. She sold single-page ads at \$300 each; double-page ads at \$500. This brought in \$2,700 worth of advertising to offset the cost of printing the program.
 - The program committee was able to meet in person and Todd advised this was a helpful process. Todd recommended moving to an online system for the submission of abstracts that would streamline the review process.
 - Todd moved the deadline for abstract submissions to December 23, 2016 and then extended the deadline to January 2, 2017, which increased the number of submissions.
 - The program originally included 46 sessions. After several presenters dropped out of the conference, there are 44 sessions in the 2017 program.
 - Fewer scholars dropped out this year than last year. Todd's assumption is that by clarifying the language of the Park Fund, graduate students were more likely to remain on the program.

- Kimball moved that Executive Committee approve the use of advertising in the program to offset the costs of printing the program. Adams seconded. PASSED (unanimous)
 - Adams recommended creating a committee to help with advertisements. Dyreson wondered if this might decrease the number of submissions to the book display. Todd added it might discourage publishers from buying a table at the book display. Dyreson thought we might be able to offer publishers a discount if they bought both a table and an advertisement.
 - Nathan considered that we might not need a new committee, but rather keep it within the purview of the program committee.
 - Todd asked how we solicit books for the book display. Dyreson answered that he contacts the presses, with the purpose of contributing to the Ronald A. Smith book collection at Penn State University.
 - Bouchier moved: The NASSH President will establish an ad hoc committee to explore the possibilities of advertising and NASSH. This group will report its findings at the 2018 Executive Council meeting. Adams second. PASSED (unanimous).
5. Distinguished Lectures/Awards Committee Report — Dan Nathan
- This year’s Distinguished Lectures/Awards Committee was comprised of Daniel Nathan (Chair), Lindsay Parks Pieper, Gary Osmond, Alison Wrynn, and Ying WuShanley.
 - After much online correspondence and vetting a slate of nominees, the committee named two Distinguished Lecturers: Charlotte Macdonald is the Reet and Maxwell Howell International Honor Address, and Rob Ruck will give the John R. Betts Honor Address.
 - Additionally, the committee will present a NASSH Recognition Award and a NASSH Service Award at the annual banquet.
 - Thanked Dick Crepeau with handling the award plaques.
6. Graduate Student Essay Contest – Kevin Wamsley
- The committee was Wamsley (chair), Christine, O’Bonsawin, Rob Hess, and Shelley Lucas.
 - There were 9 submissions.
 - The committee reached a unanimous decision: Ben Pollock from the University of Texas is the 2017 Graduate Student Essay contest winner.
7. Conference Manager Report — Toby Rider and John Gleaves
- Gleaves handled registration and the website. The website went live on September 17, 2016, which allowed processing of registration and hotel reservations. In January 2017, CSUF made dormitory reservations available online.
 - 196 people registered for the conference; 14 CSUF students registered for the conference; 49 graduate students registered for the conference; there were 133 full registrations.
 - Costs: \$34,000 for food; \$4,400 for t-shirts and bags; \$8,746 for venue space
 - Some technical issues on the website, but they were resolved.
 - Todd mentioned there was some people had difficulty with PayPal (used for conference registration). She appreciated working with the conference hosts.
 - Bouchier appreciated how the hosts and the president of CSUF handled the post-election travel ban issue.

- Rider thanked Todd, Wamsley and others for their help hosting the 2017 conference.
 - Rider recommended NASSH put together a memorandum of understanding for future conference organizers.
 - Todd proposed that the most recent organizers update the document to show tasks that organizers should complete and tentative deadlines for completion.
 - The pre-conference workshop was successful. Rider expressed concern that the two-conference system may prohibit universities from bidding to host the NASSH conference.
 - Wamsley, on behalf of the council, thanked the committee for all their work.
8. Motion – Kevin Wamsley
- Full document in NASSH files.
 - Conclusion of motion: “be it RESOLVED, that the North American Society for Sport History condemns the continued use of racist stereotype images, logos and mascots in sports and institutions of education; and be it RESOLVED, that the North American Society for Sport History hereby opposes the use of racialized Indigenous images, logos, names, and mascots in sport for both commercial and educational purposes.”
9. Graduate Student Representative Report — Adam Berg
- Two main graduate student events at the 2017 conference: 1) a panel after the graduate student essay presentation about negotiating the transition from graduate school to professional status; 2) graduate student social.
 - Students contacted Berg with very few issues, including how to register and how the money from the Arbena award was dispersed.
10. Time & Site Committee report — Susan Rayl
- The committee is still looking for a bid for 2019. There are two so far:
 - Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, costs are very high but Rayl does not have a breakdown of costs
 - This bid was not associated with a university, but came from a professional conference organizer
 - International Tennis Hall of Fame
 - Hotel Viking
 - Reception at Hall of Fame
 - Registration \$325-375; hotel rates for Memorial Day weekend: \$199-399; after Memorial Day: \$199-319
11. Publications Board report — Sarah Fields
- The publication of the *Journal of Sports History* is on time. There were 61 articles submitted to *JSH* last year; there is a 16% acceptance rate.
 - NASSH is in its third and final year of its contract with the University of Illinois Press (UIP). In October 2017, the contract becomes a year-to-year commitment.
 - *JSH* editor Murray Phillips is pleased with UIP’s submission platform, copyediting, and timeliness of the publication process.
 - Phillips has three concerns about UIP: it does not have pre-published online component; lack of social media; lack of impact factors. We will need to address these issues with

UIP in the coming years. UIP is sending a journal editor to the conference this year, Jeff McCardle.

- Phillips thanks the 20+ NASSH members who assisted in the judging of the annual best *JSH* article award.
- Pre-conference workshop: Approximately 15 people attended and Phillips anticipates a strong special issue of *JSH* will result. He endorsed a 2018 pre-conference workshop at the University of Manitoba.
- Gary James and Susan Rayl edit the NASSH newsletter; the second issue will come out after this conference.
- Fields recommended NASSH establish an organizational communication committee.
- Fields requested \$3000 to reimburse Murray Phillips for his travel to NASSH. Jan Todd moved that we provide \$3,000 for his travel. Seconded by Bouchier. PASSED (unanimous)
- Fields moved that NASSH provide \$5,000 for a 2018 pre-conference workshop at the University of Manitoba. Following this event, the Publication Board will evaluate the success of its success and work in consultation with the Executive Council for the possibility of future events. PASSED (unanimous)
- Hunt asked that the next chair of the Publication Board, when weighing future publishing contracts, to consider the issue of managing NASSH membership.

12. Book Award Committee report — Steve Gietschier – distinguished books

- The 2017 Book Award Committee had five members: Steven Gietschier and Kevin Witherspoon, both serving the second year of two-year terms; and Jorge Iber, Robert Kossuth, and Maureen Smith, each serving the first year of their terms. The committee met by email early in the year and elected Gietschier chair.
- The committee solicited nominations for both awards from authors, publishers, and other interested parties. The committee used the existing email distribution list to contact publishers, and posted calls for nominations to the NASSH listserv and to the H-SPORT/H-NET online community.
- For the anthology award, the committee received ten nominations. This total included one book eliminated because it is a second edition and one book bearing a 2017 imprint that can be considered next year. The committee also decided to grant a waiver to one book published in 2015 that was inadvertently not considered last year. That left nine books under active consideration.
- For the monograph award, the committee received fifty nominations. This total included one book eliminated because it is a second edition, four books eliminated because they bear 2015 imprints, and one book bearing a 2017 imprint that can be considered next year. That left forty-four books under active consideration.
- Although the committee conducted much of its discussion and deliberation by email, it met today in person to finalize its selections for two awards, the Book Award for the best sports monograph published in 2016 and the Anthology Award for the best sports anthology published in 2016. The committee chair will announce these awards at the convention's closing banquet on Monday, May 29.
- The committee proceeded patiently, winnowing the lists with great care, always attempting to give each author's work the fullest attention. Members are confident that the books selected merit the awards they will receive.

- In addition to the winner of the monograph award, the committee designated four other books as “distinguished.” If Council gives its consent, the committee is prepared to present these books prior to announcing the award winner.
- After discussion about whether to acknowledge the “distinguished” books at the banquet or by personal letter, and whether to refer to these selections as “short listed,” or “honorable mentions,” council decided to maintain the status quo and leave the issue of distinguished books/honorable mentions up to the discretion of the book awards committee.

13. Membership Committee report — Wamsley for Vicky Paraschak

- Vicky Paraschak (chair), Louis Moore and Rita Liberti, created a Graduate Diversity Scholarship Award that was subsequently approved by the NASSH Board. This award, which is similar to the one being provided yearly at NASSS since 2003, is offered to increase the support provided to graduate students from a diverse racial or ethnic background. This commitment demonstrates NASSH’s interest in enhancing the diversity of its scholars, and its willingness to attach financial resources to that intention.
- This is the second year of this award. There were four excellent applicants.
- After initial independent ranking of candidates and a subsequent email discussion, the committee members awarded Axel German Elias Jimenez (King’s College London, advisor Dr. Uta A. Balbier) the Graduate Diversity Scholarship for 2017. He thus receives \$500 and free registration to the 2017 NASSH conference.
- Two honorable mentions were also selected, who likewise receive free registration to the conference. They are Paulina A Rodriguez Burciaga, (Pennsylvania State University, advisor Dr. Jaime Schultz), and Tanya Jones (University of Texas at Austin, advisor Dr. Thomas Hunt). We would also like to give credit to Dr. Matt Llewellyn, who was mentioned as a supportive master’s advisor by two of the applicants, with one saying “Dr. Llewellyn emphasized not only the importance of my research in the field of sport history, but also the importance of my participation in the sport history community.” This support by one of our colleagues is to be greatly commended.
- The Membership Committee would also like to applaud the NASSH Executive Board Statement on President Trump’s Executive Order, given its potential to disadvantage some of our members and/or conference delegates, and also the NASSH membership’s commitment last May to draft and bring a motion to the membership this year for a NASSH-endorsed motion against the use of Indian mascots in sport. We, as a committee, would like to host a meeting of interested members while at the conference, to discuss issues tied to diversity including these two matters, in order to generate structural recommendations that might further enhance our commitment to and diversity of the NASSH membership.

14. IT Committee Report — Kevin for Chad Carlson

- NASSH’s Webmaster, Michael Heine, informed memvers about a year ago that he would be stepping away from this position immediately following the 2017 NASSH conference.
- The committee would like to thank Michael for his professionalism, his competence, and his efforts on behalf of our organization.
- The committee is very excited about the new Webmaster, Andy Linden. Andy has a very strong background in IT and has been a part of upgrading JSH’s digital presence.

- When the committee approached Andy about taking this position, he immediately pointed out one of the difficulties of the NASSH website—it uses a software platform, Drupal, that is not well known. In some ways, we lucked out that Michael had Drupal expertise. Andy is creating a new NASSH website using a software platform, Wordpress.
- The committee spent the past few months in conversation with Andy as he creates a new NASSH website that will re-launch very shortly after the conference. Andy has kept the content quite similar to that of the old NASSH website, but he is trying to optimize functionality and modernize the way we disseminate information on the website.
- Andy has shared the beta version of this new site with a number of people in NASSH's leadership, and so this is in some ways a shared venture, indicating the ways that Andy plans to function in his new role.
- When Andy is ready to re-launch the website—a date he is sharing with everyone this weekend—he will send out a link on the listserv so every NASSH member can bookmark the new site. We encourage NASSH members to visit the new site, tell Andy how much you love it, and let Andy or the IT committee know if you have any comments or suggestions as we move forward.
- Wamsley, on behalf of the Executive Council, thanks Michael Heine for all his work on the website.
- Russell Field proposed NASSH dissolve the IT committee and replace it with a committee responsible for the digital presence of NASSH, including the websites of NASSH and *JSH*, two Facebook pages, and the Twitter feed.
- Field would also like to create a forward-looking marketing platform with NASSH and *JSH*.
- There is a proposal from Tom Fabian to start an official NASSH blog. Todd thinks someone needs to moderate the content. There is already a Sport in American History blog, with which Linden is involved.
- Todd: Moved to charge the newly configured IT committee with devising a communications plan, to be presented at the 2018 NASSH conference. Second: Hunt.
 - Discussion: Bouchier proposed we have someone with an expertise in communications advise us on how to manage our online presence.
 - PASSED (unanimous)

15. Update on Operating Codes — review of changes Toby Rider

- Schultz moved to approve minor changes to the Nominations Committee operating code. Hunt second. PASSED (unanimous)
- Council members will read the changes to the Publications Board operating code and will vote to approve on a later date.

16. Arbena Scholarship committee report — Sam Regalado

- The committee, made up of Dr. Wanda Wakefield, SUNY Brockport, Dr. Jorge Iber, Texas Tech University, and Dr. Samuel O. Regalado, CSU Stanislaus (Chair) fielded three applications for the 2017 Arbena Award.
- Deliberations occurred in late February and into March via email correspondence.
- On a two-to-one vote, the committee named Doira Silva dos Santos profesora at the Federal Institute of Bahia (Brazil) for her study of Avery Brundage's impact on the Pan American Games. Her research includes an analysis of the papers and related documents

of Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) presidents, held in PASO archives in Mexico City.

17. NASSH Dissertation Travel Grant report — Dan Nathan

- The NASSH Dissertation Travel Grant committee is comprised of Daniel Nathan, Jan Todd, and Kevin Wamsley.
- Because Wamsley advises one of the students who applied for the grant, he recused himself from the process.
- There were four applications. The committee split the award two ways: \$1,500 to Ornella Nzindukiyi mana (Western University) and \$1,500 to Diane Williams (University of Iowa).

18. Retail policy NASSH conferences – Kevin Wamsley

- This concerns table rentals at the book display. NASSH traditionally charges \$500 per table, but there is nothing in writing.
- How do we handle publishers who want to display their journals at the book display?
- Who should handle table rentals? NASSH? Book display editor? Conference host?
- Action: Todd reminded members that council created an ad hoc committee earlier today. This should fall under the purview of that committee.

19. Legacy Committee Report – Bob Barney

- The member of the Legacy Committee includes Barney (chair), Nancy Bouchier, and Maureen Smith
- Barney proposes to honor individuals at the final banquet. If technology is available, we will include a photograph of the individual during the memorial.
- Bouchier raised the issue of estate planning and encouraging our members to think about NASSH during this process.

20. Other items

- Wamsley counseled that the President Elect will likely get messages from senior undergraduate students. Can they apply for the Roberta Park fund? What about those who apply for the Graduate Student Essay prize?
 - The decision will be at the discretion of President Elect and President.
- Should we establish a separate fund or award for undergraduate students?
 - Wamsley suggested we charge the Membership Committee with exploring this option. Members were in agreement.
- Should the conference host have a separate website? Shouldn't we drive people to the NASSH website?
 - Discuss with Andy Linden about how to integrate the conference website with the NASSH website.
 - If we continue our relationship with UIP, they should manage conference registration from year to year to maintain consistency and keep one integrated website.

21. Conflict of Interest Policy – Tommy Hunt

- For the voting members of the board. Agreement will be signed once members are elected and will last for the duration of members' terms.
- Council members should email suggestions to Hunt for any changes. He will send a revised version and we will have a teleconference in the near future to vote for approval.

Kevin Wamsley thanked those members who are rotating off council: Dan Nathan, Carly Adams, Richard Kimball, Sarah Fields, and Nancy Bouchier.

Jan Todd thanked Kevin Wamsley for his fine job as NASSH President.

Adjournment: President Kevin Wamsley adjourned the 45th annual meeting of the NASSH Executive Council at 3:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Schultz