

NASSH OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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The North American Society for Sport History was established in 1972 to promote, stimulate and encourage study and research and the writing of the history of sport. The first annual convention of NASSH was held at the Center for Tomorrow, The Ohio State University, on May 25-27, 1973. I would be remiss, as your President, if I did not acknowledge the excellent work of several members who contributed in making the first convention such a memorable meeting. The Steering Committee included Drs. Bennett, Davis, Jones, Lewis, Lucas, McCue, Metcalfe, Remley, Smith and Wettan. Special thanks should go to the Convention Manager, Dr. Bennett; to the Program Committee, Drs. Lewis and Metcalfe; to the Site and Time Committee, Drs. Lucas and Jones; to the Membership Committee, Drs. Remley and Wettan; to the Constitutional Committee; Drs. Lucas and McCue; to the Budget Committee, Drs. Smith, Davis and Wettan; to the Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Smith; and to the Nomination Committee, Drs. Lucas and McCue. Some 34 papers were read at this our first convention.

The second annual convention of NASSH will be held at the University of Western Ontario, London, Canada, May 10-12, 1974. We are indebted to Dr. Robert Barney who is assuming the responsibility of Manager of this international convention. Dr. Barney's tentative arrangement indicates quite inexpensive lodging and meals. Delaware Hall, a very attractive and comfortable residence on campus, will be made available. Meals can be purchased in any of the cafeterias on campus. However, a Delaware plan for room and meals may be available at a reduced rate. Some modification will probably be available on those days of announced luncheons and/or banquets. Dr. Guy Lewis and the Program Committee are receiving papers for consideration for the 1974 convention.

Dr. Alan Metcalfe, Editor of our journal, is hard at work setting up a model for publications. (A decision has not yet been made concerning the title of the journal.) The detailed procedures necessary for the publication of the journal are being finalized with Dr. Elmer Johnson, Dr. Margaret Woodhouse, and Dean Darrell Stump of Radford College. In addition, Dr. Gerald Redmond has consented to be the Book Review Editor, Mr. Thomas Jable will be our Journal Survey Editor, and Mr. Tiff Cook will be our Art Editor. We are in the process of selecting and appointing several members to the Editorial Review Board and to the office of Publicity and Advertising Manager.

I have asked Dr. John Lucas to edit the first NASSH *Proceedings* which this year will contain the normal *Newsletter* and Abstracts of the papers read at the Ohio State Conference.

Membership in NASSH is nearing two hundred. As soon as our first journal publication is realized next May, we should receive an increasing institutional membership. I call upon all of you to "spread the word" to your colleagues and to those interested in the history of sport but who are not associated with colleges or universities, such as members of state historical associations and newspaper and periodical sport editors.