

NASSH BUSINESS

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 1989

The meeting of the Council of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by President Dick Crepeau at 9:12 a.m., 26 May 1989, in the Gold Room, Clemson House Hotel on the campus of Clemson University.

Members present were: Jan Beran, Jack Berryman, Dick Crepeau, Tom Jable, Harry Jebsen, Jr., Ron Smith, and Nancy Struna. Also present were ex-presidents Marvin Eyler, Maxwell Howell, and Alan Metcalfe, and Nominations Chair, Don Morrow, and Book Award Chair, Larry Gerlach.

The minutes of the May 20, 1988 meeting of the Council were approved as published in the 1988 Proceedings.

Don Morrow gave the election report of the Nominations Committee, indicating that 195 ballots were returned. The results showed:

President-Elect	Robert K. Barney (U. of W. Ontario)
Secretary-Treasurer	Ronald A. Smith (Penn State U.)
Members-at-Large	Nancy B. Bouchier (U. of W. Ontario)
	Joan S. Hult (U. of Maryland)
	Donald G. Kyle (U. of TX, Arlington)
Publications Board	Steve Hardy (U. of N. Hampshire)
	Jules Tygiel (S. Francisco State U.)
	David Wiggins (Kansas State U.)
Dist. Lect. Comm.	Melvin L. Adelman (Ohio State U.)
	Donald Mrozek (Kansas State U.)

Morrow indicated that a questionnaire sent to members regarding their interest in serving NASSH would be helpful to the Nominations Committee. He also said that the two-year commitment as program chair for the President-Elect was a concern to potential nominees for that position.

Future plans for conventions from the Time and Site Committee chaired by Tony Papalas were discussed. It was noted that the Banff Conference, May 25-29, 1990 would be a four-day rather than the usual three-day convention.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded to recommend Loyola College, Chicago to the Annual Business Meeting as the site for the 1991 convention. PASSED (unanimously).

Discussion, however, followed when it was not entirely clear whether enough information was

available about Loyola College and whether we had committed personnel for the site and a clearly defined time to meet.

The Council asked Jan Beran to obtain information regarding Iowa State University as a decision needed to be made at the Annual Business Meeting.

As a new Time and Site Committee will be needed, the President was asked to appoint one.

A written report of the Publicity Committee, chaired by Joan Paul was received. The major effect of the committee was to announce future conventions in a number of journals. A new committee was to be appointed in the future by the President.

The written report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Ron Smith, was received. Smith noted that membership was up slightly in the past year and that income met expenditures.

It was MOVED (Jan Beran) and seconded to raise the charge for use of the NASSH membership list to \$200 from \$135. PASSED (unanimously).

Nancy Struna reported on the Exercise/Sport Network which was headed by Janet Harris and Don Franks of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and the National Association for Physical Education in Higher Education. She noted that its major efforts were to attempt to bring about cooperation among scholarly groups such as NASSH and other similar groups and to possibly promote cross-disciplinary research among the groups.

The major question was whether NASSH should affiliate with the network, the reason why Struna was asked to be an observer at their second annual meeting in Maryland.

It was MOVED (Harry Jebesen) and seconded that NASSH join the Exercise/Sport Network. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) and seconded to send either the President or Past-President to the next meeting in San Diego. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Jan Beran) and seconded to pay the expenses of the NASSH representative to the conference. PASSED (unanimously).

Larry Gerlach reported on the first annual NASSH Book Award. The committee of five (Gerlach, Chair, Bill Baker, Don Kyle, Roberta Park, and Earle Zeigler) received 17 books from 12 publishers. Each committee member chose 3-5 of the most worthy books. The committee chair then collated the results and sent them to each member. Two books were on all five lists and two books were on four of the lists. The Committee was to meet on May 26 to choose the winner, who would receive a framed certificate and \$500 prize.

Some of the committee members believed clearer criteria or guidelines were needed, however the Council believed that to determine the best book was clear enough.

It was believed that the cost of running the Book Award, which was not large, should be borne by the individual institutions of the committee members. If it is a problem, NASSH will cover the costs.

The length of the terms of the Book Award Committee members needed clarification. It was decided to have members with two-year terms, staggered so that three individuals will go off one year and two the next so that there is continuity. Council appoints the five members and the president appoints the chair from among them.

A flyer professionally done by a printer should be considered for the 1989 announcement so that publishers will recognize the NASSH Book Award as being an important award. The NASSH logo should be on the announcement.

Judith Davidson's written report on the Film Bibliography Project was received.

It was MOVED (Jack Berryman) and seconded to recommend to the Publications Board that it consider publishing the Film Bibliography and come back to Council by Monday, May 19, 1989 with a recommendation. PASSED (unanimously).

The Distinguished Lectures Committee headed by Tom Jable reported that Max Howell and Ben Rader were chosen to present the Maxwell Howell and John Betts Addresses.

There was no report on the Graduate Student Directory.

The NASSH and HISPA conflict in scheduling conferences this year was noted by Dick Crepeau. We will attempt to avoid this in the future by contacting HISPA, as our conference is set earlier than HISPA.

The meeting was recessed at 12:00 and reconvened at 1:31 p.m. with the addition of Paula Welch in attendance.

Paula Welch was present with her written report on the Guidelines for the biannual NASSH Article Award, the purpose of which was to promote the JOURNAL OF SPORT HISTORY and scholarship in sport history.

A question was raised whether the award should be given for articles after they had been published for five years to determine their impact.

It was MOVED (Jack Berryman) and seconded that a biannual journal article award (two volumes of the Journal of Sport History) be given by NASSH. The first award will be made in 1991 based upon the 1989 and 1990 Journal of Sport History articles. Research notes, commentaries, and personal interviews will be excluded. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Jack Berryman) and seconded that the nature of the award be a certificate similar to that created for the annual Book Award. PASSED (4-3). (There was some feeling that a monetary award be included.)

It was MOVED (Jack Berryman) and seconded that the Article Award Committee be charged with selecting the best article to appear in the Journal of Sport History. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) and seconded that a five member Article Award Committee will be comprised of four members appointed by the Council for two-year terms and the Past-President, who shall be chair. Editors of the Journal of Sport History shall not be eligible. PASSED (unanimously).

The Article Award Committee will be appointed at the 1990 Council Meeting.

The written report of Journal editor Steve Riess was received. He noted that there had been 30 submissions to the Journal and 8 in the special edition. Ten articles and two research notes were published. There were 36 book reviews.

Nancy Struna, Publications Board Chair, brought a number of Publications Board issues to the Council.

It was MOVED (Jan Beran) and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Publications Board to publish a 15 year index of the Journal of Sport History as a separate supplemental publication, PASSED (unanimously).

Nancy Struna, Publications Board chair, indicated that NASSH was still seeking an advertising manager.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded to publish "In Memoriam" of no more than 500 words in the annual Proceedings. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Harry Jebsen) and seconded not to allow Journal of Sport History special editions to contain articles by any special editor for that edition after the Winter 1990 issue. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Tom Jable) and seconded that Council endorse the new policy of the Publications Board for Section Editors (as well as the Editor) of the Journal to meet during mornings on the day before the convention. PASSED (unanimously).

Tom Jable gave a summary of the Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Convention Programs (as published in the Spring 1989 NASSH newsletter). The growth of the number of presenters and sessions has grown significantly in the past few years so that in 1989 there were 96 presentations and 39 sessions scheduled. A discussion was held regarding the desire for theme sessions and open papers, length of abstracts and timetable for same, and need for commentaries on papers.

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) and seconded to have a limit of two themes papers and one open paper per session; that there be three time slots per day; that thematic sessions have commentary; and that all papers have 350 word abstracts (3 copies submitted) received by a set timetable provided by the program committee. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Tom Jable) and seconded that a program committee of three, chaired by the President-Elect, be created, with two of the members selected by the Council for two year terms to run concurrently with the President-Elect's term. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that the President, Past-President, and President-Elect be the program committee for the 1990 convention. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Jan Beran) and seconded that open papers be limited to 20 minutes and that strict adherence to the time table in the convention program be adhered to. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) and seconded that special sessions be used sparingly and limited to unique presentations. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that no pre-convention seminar be planned for the 1991 NASSH convention. PASSED (4 yes, 2 abstentions).

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that NASSH organize in principle a film display for the 1990 Banff convention. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Jan Beran) and seconded that there be no post-banquet distinguished lecture. PASSED (3 yes, 3 abstentions).

It was suggested that the Graduate Student Essay continue to be a single session.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald A. Smith
Secretary-Treasurer