

# NASSH BUSINESS

## COUNCIL MINUTES

24 May 1991

Loyola University

The 19th annual meeting of the Council of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by President Jack Berryman at 8:15 a.m., Friday, May 24th in Room 530, Crown Center, on the campus of Loyola University, Chicago.

Members present were: Robert Barnett, Robert Barney, Jack Berryman, Nancy Bouchier, Richard Crepeau, Joan Hult, Don Kyle, and Ronald Smith. Also present were former president Alan Metcalfe and Convention co-managers Ted Karamanski and Steve Riess.

The minutes of the 1990 NASSH Council were approved as published in the 1990 NASSH proceedings with one change on the top of p. 102. Relative to the Student Essay Contest, the statement should read that "The choice was *nearly* unanimous" not "clearly unanimous."

Bob Barney gave the Convention Program report. He indicated that there is a real problem with the number of papers given—about 120. Last year we indicated that 100 was to be the approximate limit. Discussion will likely take place at both the special convention session on "The Future of NASSH" and at the Annual Meeting.

Ron Smith gave the Secretary-Treasurer Report. He indicated that we were in good financial condition, even though the institutional membership had dropped slightly during the year.

He brought up the question of the Banff Convention return of a U.S. \$5,000 convention deposit. Banff returned the \$5000 in Canadian funds. Smith was to discuss this situation with last year's convention manager, Gary Koroluk.

Dick Crepeau gave the Distinguished Lectures Committee Report. He said that two lectures would be given by Tony Mason and Steve Hardy.

Dick wanted clarity on the Service Award. Was it to be given to anyone in the organization or were individuals who were not officers and committee members to be excluded? Should the award be given to members who were not recognized by high office or just service to the organization?

In 1991, two NASSH Recognition Awards will be given: Larry Malley for the creation of a special sport history book series and the University of Illinois Press for continuing the series of high quality books.

It was MOVED (Nancy Bouchier) and seconded that the NASSH Service Award be open to all NASSH members. Past-Presidents, however, will not be considered. PASSED (Unanimously).

It is understood that the NASSH Service Award be given to NASSH members for meritorious service to the society for a variety of services over an unspecified period of time, which have enabled NASSH to carry out its functions and pursue its goals.



Ron Smith, NASSH Secretary-Treasurer, conferring with Jack Berryman, NASSH President.

It was MOVED (Joan Hult) and seconded that all previous award winners, past officers, etc. will be published in the 20th anniversary Proceedings in 1992. Every five years thereafter we will publish the same in the Proceedings. PASSED (Unanimously).

Jack Berryman gave the Student Essay Award Report, noting that Jack Davis of Brandeis University was the winner in a nearly unanimous vote.

Dick Crepeau's Committee on Journal Awards noted the difficulty of choosing a winner when a number of articles are of high quality.

Should there be a retrospective look of 5 or 10 years to see the impact of the Journal articles?

It was MOVED (Nancy Bouchier) and seconded that beginning in 1992 we give an award for every two years of the Journal beginning in 1974. This will occur until the year 2000 when we will give an award every two years for two years of articles of the previous decade. PASSED (Unanimously).

Jack Berryman gave the Election Report of Patricia Vertinsky. Those elected were:

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| President-Elect          | Joan Paul       |
| Secretary-Treasurer      | Ronald Smith    |
| Members-at-Large         | Larry Gerlach   |
|                          | Harold Ray      |
|                          | Barbara Schrodt |
| Publications Board       | Vicky Paraschak |
|                          | Samuel Regalado |
| Distinguished Lec. Comm. | Allen Guttman   |
|                          | Randy Roberts   |



NASSH Recognition Awards were presented to Larry Malley for the creation of a special sport history book series, and the University of Illinois for continuing the series.

The written report by Jan Todd of the Time and Site Committee noted the dates for the following future sites:

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| Dalhousie U., Halifax           | May 22–26, 1992     |
| Albuquerque Academy, New Mexico | May 28–June 1, 1993 |
| Colorado State U., Ft. Collins  | May 27–30, 1994     |
| Towson State U, Baltimore       | June 2–5, 1995      |
| U. of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon   | May 24–28, 1996     |

A discussion was held regarding the Film Bibliography Project of Judith Davidson. Letters from Ron Smith to the University of Illinois Press and from Dick Wentworth (U. of Illinois) to Ron Smith were read relative to having the U. of Illinois Press distribute the volume when printed.

The question was raised whether a copy editor was needed when the document is completed. It was decided that when the document is turned over to NASSH, we should get a copy editor—likely someone from the University of Illinois Press, if they become the distributor.

Ron Smith showed copies of the Journal of Sport History Index format indicating that it was a rather complete Index using the Journal of American History as a guideline. It is being index on Newberry Library's indexing program, CINDEX. The indexing is about two-thirds completed.

It was MOVED (Dick Crepeau) and seconded to sell the Journal Index with individual members getting a discounted price and student members getting a further discount. The billings would go out with the membership notice. Price of the Index will be determined in the future. PASSED (Unanimously).

Ted Karamanski and Steve Riess, convention co-directors, discussed the convention program rooms, change in dormitory rooms, and place for meals and banquet.

Jack Berryman brought up the question of the project of the computerized list of M.S. theses and Ph.D. dissertations being compiled by Ron Smith. Jack asked if Ron wanted to make this available to NASSH members or to have NASSH to support it. Ron was asked to come to NASSH at the 1992 meeting with a proposal if he is interested in having NASSH be involved.

Bob Barnett, chairman of the Publications Board, gave a report.

No Advertising Manager has been chosen since last year.



Sue Smith received the NASSH Service Award, honoring her dedicated service to NASSH since its foundation.

There was a need to put material in summer newsletter asking for contributors for the Journal Survey Section; book reviews; and media/museum/film reviews.

An advertisement for new Journal of Sport History editor should be placed in the next newsletter for the editorship beginning in 1993. The Publications Board will make a recommendation by the 1992 annual convention.

A short recess was taken at 11:25—back at 11:35.

The Council reiterated its policy that the president or the Secretary-Treasurer receive notices of member deaths and that the president ask individuals to write memorial pieces for the annual Proceedings.

There will be no official notice of retirements.

A lengthy discussion was held on the naming the Graduate Student Essay Award or the Book Award or the Journal Article Award after some individuals. A major question was whether the awards should be NASSH awards with NASSH being the focus or awards with a NASSH member being the focus.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that the Graduate Student Essay Award, the Book Award, and the Journal Article Award continue to be named after the organization which sponsors them, NASSH, and after no individual. PASSED (5 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention).

NASSH Council appointed Chuck Car and Patricia Vertinsky as the new members on the Book Award Committee for 1992–93.

NASSH Council appointed Mark Dyreson, Bruce Kidd, Linda Borish, and Eliot Gorn as new members on the Journal Award Committee for 1992–1993.

Ron Smith noted that in the future we will need a policy for determining book publishers displaying their books. This year there will be at least two publishers displaying their own books.

The question of program size was brought up as it has in the past. The number of papers has been expanding, and a question of quality control was raised. How many sessions should there be in relation to the number of the participants? Do we need a program committee to share the problem. The question will be discussed at the NASSH convention program on “The Future of NASSH” and at the Business meeting.

Out going President Jack Berryman and Council Members Nancy Bouchier, Joan Hult, and Don Kyle were thanked for their contributions to the operation of NASSH.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald A. Smith  
Secretary-Treasurer