

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY

COUNCIL MEETING

May 28, 1993

The meeting of the NASSH Council was called to order by President Bob Barney at 9:05 a.m. in the Library Seminar Room of the Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Present were: Bob Barney, Jack Berryman, Larry Gerlach, Joan Paul, Hal Ray, Sam Regalado, Barbara Schrodt, Ron Smith, and Dick Crepeau (ex-president) and Alan Metcalfe (ex-president), and Clarence Forbes (honorary president).

Also present were: Steve Hardy (Book Award Chair), Chris Harte, (British Society for Sports History), David McComb (1994 Convention Manager), Nancy Struna (Pres-Elect for 1993-94).

It was MOVED (Larry Gerlach) and seconded to approve the minutes of the 1992 NASSH Council as published in the 1992 Proceedings. PASSED (unanimously).

The Secretary-Treasurers Report was given by Ron Smith. There was little discussion, though Smith noted that we were fortunate not to have a significant drop in institutional memberships (Journal subscriptions). It was MOVED (Barbara Schrodt) and seconded to accept the written report PASSED (unanimously).

The question of student representation on the NASSH Council was brought up, and a lengthy discussion followed. Should the NASSH Council be enlarged by one, and that one be a student? Sam Regalado questioned whether this was in the best interest of students. Personality conflicts could place the student in a vulnerable position for the student's future. Bim Schrodt asked if students have unique problems? Larry Gerlach asked if "special interest" groups should be represented on Council, whether student or any other group? Steve Hardy noted that there was a need for active involvement in NASSH, and representation on the Council might provide for this involvement. Is there another way to provide this involvement.

Larry Gerlach noted Bim Schrodt's point 4 for an annual meeting for students. There could be a NASSH Council liaison to discuss student concerns. Jack Berryman noted the American College of Sports Medicine policy of including an annual student meeting, with a representative from the ACSM council meeting with the students and bringing their concerns to the organization.

It was MOVED (Larry Gerlach) and seconded that Council recommend at the 1993 Annual Business meeting the resolution as written in the Spring 1993 NASSH Newsletter: "Be it resolved, pursuant to Article 2 of the By-Laws, the society increase the number of directors of the Corporation by one member-at-large, and that such member-at-large position be exclusive to student representation." DEFEATED (unanimous).

It was MOVED (Jack Berryman) and seconded to support and encourage greater graduate student participation in NASSH. We recommend the following procedure based on precedent of other professional organizations. NASSH council recommends a student meeting at the annual NASSH convention with the help of a NASSH Council liaison, the liaison to be the Past-President. The initial meeting will be called by the liaison. PASSED (unanimously).

It was Moved (Larry Gerlach) and seconded that the Student Meeting chair will be invited to NASSH Council meetings to present issues of students concern. The liaison will advise the chair of the student group of Council issues throughout the year. PASSED (unanimously).

Council discussed the question of the election of the student representative and decided that it tight work beat if at the student meting at the annual convention recommendation or recommendations for the student representative be sent to the nominating committee chair.

David McComb presented the issues around the 1994 Convention site at Colorado State University, Ft. Collins. Amendment 2 of the Colorado constitution was amended to remove the protection of homosexuals from its protection. Anti-discrimination ordinances were thus made void by the constitutional change. A number of groups have chosen to not meet in Colorado. The constitutionality of the Amendment 2 is in the Supreme Court at the present time. A decision may be granted within two months. Colorado is the test case. It is a moral issue for NASSH. Dave said that there were no major problems in dropping the meeting site in Colorado as there are no contracts.

Bob Barney noted that the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance will go to Colorado in 1994, principally because of possible law suits based on signed contracts. He said that we should not go to Colorado-and we should not split the organization on this issue.

If we choose not to go to Fort Collins, the logical place to go would be at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, with John Dewar as the convention organizer.

It was MOVED (Joan Paul) and seconded that NASSH not meet in 1994 at Colorado State University. PASSED (6-0, one abstention).

It was moved (Jack Berryman) and seconded that Council accept the recommendation of the Time and Site Committe that we go to the University of Saskatchewan in 1994. PASSED (unanimously).

Barbara Schrodrt provided a written report, "Interim Report on NASSH By-laws and Operating Codes Update." Bim said that some of the Operating Codes have not been updated recently.

She emphasized the need for a standard format for all Operating Codes. Changes in the Constitution should likely be made to clarify certain articles.

Issue 1: Standard format for the Operating Codes
(unanimously supported by Council)

Issue 2: Length of Operating Code
Schrodrt suggested a limit of two pages, at least be concise.

Issue 3: Changes in Wording

- 1) Article VII -- Expand to include all standing committees operating now.
--Problem of the composition and appointment of the Program Committee needed to be clarified.
- 2) Article VIII -- to expand to include usual items.

3) Article IX -- to have mail votes added

It was MOVED (Barbara Schrodt) and seconded to receive the report.
PASSED (unanimously).

The Publications Board report was presented by Sam Regalado.

- 1) The Operating Code of the Publications Board had been updated.
- 2) There was a smooth transition between the two editors, Steve Reiss to Joe Arbena.
- 3) The new editor of the Proceedings will be Nancy Bouchier of McMaster University to succeed Synthia Slowikowski.
- 4) The three new members of the Publications Board are Joan Chandler, Elliot Gorn, and Joan Hult.
- 5) A question was raised whether the Sport Film Bibliography project should have been part of the Publications Board. Ron Smith explained that there was a logical rationale for Council taking the special project. It was originally initiated by the Council, though it could have been a Publications Board project.

It was MOVED (Barbara Schrodt) and seconded that the Publication Board look at the Sport Film Bibliography to see if it should be a continuing publication under Publication Board control. PASSED (unanimously).

- 6) The question was raised whether manuscripts and editor-author comments should go into the NASSH archives.

It was MOVED (Publications Board) that the Publications Board recommended that one copy of all manuscripts and editorial comments and letters be sent to NASSH archives, and closed to researchers for 30 years.

A lengthy discussion concerned rights of writers vs. the need for historians to keep historical materials for later historians.

It was MOVED (Larry Gerlach) and seconded to Table the motion.
PASSED (unanimously).

The meeting was recessed at 11:50 a.m. to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.
Council reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

The Publications Board Report continued.

- 7) The new editor, Joe Arbena, will form his own editorial board.
- 8) One newly elected member of the Publication Board, Elliot Gorn, is not presently a member of NASSH. A letter would be sent to Gorn asking if wishes to be a member. If not, the individual cannot serve on the Publications Board.

It was MOVED (Jack Berryman) and seconded that to remain a member of the Publications Board a letter be sent to the individual to ask for membership dues. PASSED (6-1).

Ron Smith presented the Scarecrow Press “Memorandum of Agreement” of Scarecrow Press. The “Memorandum” asked that in the future Scarecrow Press have the possibility of publishing books for a series on sport, and that NASSH send potential manuscripts to Scarecrow Press and Scarecrow sent potential manuscripts to NASSH for review.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded to accept the “Memorandum of Agreement” of Scarecrow Press. DEFEATED (6-1).

The Nominations Committee written report was not available and was given verbally by Bob Barney.

It was MOVED (Barbara Schrodt) and second to receive the report. In the future, NASSH Council asked the Nominations Committee to insure that each nominee is a current member of NASSH.

Ron Smith raised the question of the possibility of Human Kinetics Press support for NASSH through the funding of an activity such as foreign lectureship travel expenses.

It was MOVED (Jack Berryman) and seconded that NASSH accept external financial support for the goals of NASSH, but NASSH Council will make decisions on how the money shall be spent. The wishes of the donor will be taken into consideration. PASSED (unanimously).

Council noted that Reet Howell is very ill. This past year Steve Hardy’s son and Joe Arbena’s wife passed away.

Ron Smith noted a concern of Edwardo Valero, a member from Puerto Rico. Valero wanted to know if NASSH would be willing to extend its geographical boundaries to Latin America. After a discussion of problems of four major language groups, the cost of possible publication in four languages (or abstracting), and of the well developed identity of NASSH, it was the sense of the NASSH Council that it remain a society of North America, with connections to these outside of North American who wish to join an foreign members.

The question of an Index of the Journal of Sport History was raised. Jack Berryman will check with an indexer at the University of Washington relative to completing a 20-year index of the Journal of Sport History.

Nancy Struna presented new guidelines for the 1994 Conference Program.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Smith, NASSH, Secretary-Treasurer