

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

May 29, 1993

The Annual Business meeting of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by Robert Barney at 10:27 p.m., May 29, 1993 in Pickett Auditorium, Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

There were about 101 members present.

It was MOVED, Mel Adelman, and seconded that the minutes of the 1992 Annual Business Meeting be approved as published in the 1992 Annual Proceedings. PASSED (unanimously).

The Secretary-Treasurer's Report was given Ron Smith. He indicated that the Society's membership has stayed steady, with library membership dropping only slightly. Financially, NASSH is in good shape.

It was MOVED (Marvin Eyler) and seconded to receive the NASSH Secretary-Treasurer's Report. PASSED (unanimously).

The Publications Board Report was given by Sam Regalado, Chair.

Members included Vicky Parashak, Jules Tygiel, Dave Wiggins, and Steve Hardy. New Members of the Publications Board for 1993-95 are Joan Chandler, Elliot Gorn, and Joan Hult. Regalado indicated that:

- 1) The Journal transition from Steve Riess to Joe Arbena as editor was smooth. Riess was thanked for the ease of transition.
- 2) The Proceedings Board chose as its new Proceedings editor Nancy Bouchier. Synthia Slowikowski was thanked for her editorship of the Proceedings.

Joe Arbena gave a report of the Journal of Sport History as editor. Transition to the new editor went well. There is no large backlog of articles. The printer has been changed from the University of Washington to the Clemson University area. The first number of Volume XX is underway and should be printed early this summer. Some of the delay was due to the death of Joe Arbena's wife two months ago. Support from NASSH has been generous.

Barbara Schrodt presented comments on Council changes of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Operating Codes. There was a need to update the Operating Codes. The last written By-Laws were issued in 1978. By 1994, there should be presented minor changes in the Constitution and By-Laws. Operating Codes should be available to all committees and officers by 1994.

The Time and Site choice for 1994 at Colorado State University was brought up for discussion. In 1992, Colorado passed Amendment 2 which withdrew protection to homosexuals. Amendment 2 has been challenged, and it may be decided in the summer of 1994.

Council recommended unanimously for not going to Colorado State in 1994. Bob Barney said that it was not only a civil rights but also a moral rights issue.

Dave McComb, convention manager for Colorado State, indicated that there was no problem with withdrawing if member's consciences believed that it was unwise to attend.

It was MOVED (Bruce Kidd) and seconded to move the 1994 convention to Saskatchewan. PASSED (3 opposed).

Several individuals presented their views:

Joan Chandler spoke for remaining at Colorado State University. She indicated that Amendment 2 was broader than homosexuals. She did not want NASSH to make political decisions. Will there be other political or moral decisions in the future so that particular groups will want to influence NASSH policy. The fundamental purpose of NASSH is to further sport history, and we should hesitate to take up other issues.

Mary Lou Remley said that human rights should be a concern of NASSH members, not gay rights. Therefore we should become involved in all human rights concerns.

David McComb said that personal morality is brought to meetings and cannot be separated from the narrower purposes of NASSH as supporting sport history. Amendment 2 removed legal recourse for homosexuals. If Amendment 2 remains, they may be removed from jobs, moved from apartments, and would have no recourse to law. Amendment 2 will probably be found to be unconstitutional. There are a number of other states with similar amendments. A number of organizations have canceled their Colorado conventions, including the most recent, the American Association for the Advancement of Science. It is a vote of conscience.

Steven Kovinski spoke in favor of the Council proposal to move the site of the 1994 convention. We need to take a political stand.

Bruce Kidd said that the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport took the position in opposition to Amendment 2 and not attend. Going to Colorado may well harm a number of individuals in the organization. Going to Colorado is also a political decision as well as not going.

It was MOVED (Mel Adelman) and seconded to close debate PASSED (one in opposition). The motion, noted above, was acted upon.

Bob Barney indicated that John Dewar has agreed to host the 1994 NASSH Convention at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.

It was MOVED (Council) that the 1994 NASSH meeting be held at the University of Saskatchewan. PASSED (unanimously).

Jan Todd, chair of Time and Site, noted future site possibilities. In 1995 NASSH will meet at the Towson State University or Baltimore, under June Kennard. There is a problem for the Memorial Day week at Towson State University. There is a possibility of holding the meeting in downtown Baltimore hotel.

June Kennard said that prices at inner-harbor hotels are reasonable over the Memorial Day weekend.

Margaret Costa indicated an interest in the Los Angeles area, and it could be a backup to the 1995 meeting if there was a problem. Los Angeles may be a possibility for 1996.

A. B. Culver asked if Colorado could be a possibility in 1996. David McComb indicated yes, if Colorado cleaned up its act.

John Dewar indicated that Saskatchewan is a "Diamond in denim"

It will be inexpensive and will be a good site in 1994.

Vicky Parashak desired to keep future convention at low costs to keep attracting students, the life blood of NASSH, to attend future meetings.

Harry Jebesen asked if future sites and human rights had been looked at in future time and site conventions.

Jay Helman indicated that at expensive hotels, NASSH members may have to subsidize students.

The NASSH Election was announced:

President-Elect	Nancy Struna
Secretary-Treasurer	Ronald Smith
Members-at-Large	Randy Roberts
	Jan Todd
	Sandy Young
Publications Board	Joan Chandler
	Elliot Gorn
	Joan Hult

A By-Laws change related to student representation was brought up for a vote. A straw vote in 1992 to provide for student representation on the NASSH Council passed overwhelmingly.

Nancy Bouchier drew up an Resolution for such representation. The Bouchier Resolution (see Spring 1993 Newsletter) stated: 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.”

NASSH Council recommended, unanimously, the following:

The Executive Council, while strong favoring student involvement in NASSH, did not want particular groups automatically represented on the Council. Any students may be elected, as was Jan Todd for Council in 1993-94.

NASSH Council offered the following: Students would have a meeting at the annual convention, with a chair who would represent the students at the Council. The past-president of NASSH would be liaison to the student group.

It was MOVED (Council) “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.”

Deborah Gonzalez spoke for student representation.

Joe Arbena asked what other constituencies might also want privilege status on the Council?

Barbara Schrodt asked if there are specific problems of students that needed to be addressed. She indicated that there is about a four year commitment for the student and questioned whether the individual could carry out the commitment as a student, for the elected period.

John Allen indicated there were a number of seniors, as well as student members in the membership, who need representation.

Mel Adelman wanted formalization of student representation, a need since the 1970s.

Catriona Parret said that NASSH students are already recognized by NASSH in its Student Essay Contest.

It was MOVED (Mary Lou LeCompte) and seconded to close debate. DEFEATED (no 2/3 vote).

It was MOVED (Mary Lou Remley) and seconded that we defer a decision on the motion until our next business meeting (1994), after which students and Council have had an opportunity to discuss the situation. DEFEATED

The Council Proposal (above) was DEFEATED.

Nancy Bouchier's original proposition came to the floor.

Alan Metcalfe MOVED and seconded to amend the Bouchier proposition so that the method of selecting the student representative be delayed until the next election. PASSED

The Bouchier Resolution for student representation on Council was PASSED (2/3 vote).

Chris Hark noted the British Society for Sports History The Sports Historian is the publication of BSSH. There will be a meeting in 1994 during the summer.

Kevin Walmsley noted the Canadian Symposium of History of Sport in Calgary in 1994.

Richard Cashman noted the next Australian Society meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Smith



Jack Berryman and NASSH Service Award Winner Hal Ray... hey, wait, who's taking the picture?!