

# **NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY**

## **COUNCIL MINUTES**

May 26, 1995

The meeting of the NASSH Council was called to order by President Joan Paul at 8:43 a.m. in Regent Room of the Queen Mary Hotel, Long Beach, California.

Present were: Robert Barney, Joan Paul, Sam Regalado, Nancy Struna, Jan Todd, and Sandy Young. Also present were Dick Crepeau and Alan Metcalfe, ex-presidents, Margaret Toohey, Convention Manager, and Richard Cox, British Society for Sports History.

It was **MOVED** by Sandy Young and seconded to approve the minutes of the 1994 NASSH Council as published in the 1994 Proceedings. **PASSED** (unanimously).

Nancy Struna gave the Convention Program Report indicating that there were 29 sessions with 112 different people involved. There were two plenary sessions. Sunday afternoon was left free. The Committee wanted broad representation outside America, and this has been accomplished. China, Europe, South Africa, and Australia are represented. A number of first time presenters have been included. There will be very few duplications of individuals as presenters and commentators. There are commentators for all traditional sessions, papers being restricted to 20 minutes and comments to 10 minutes. A problem exists for commentators who did not receive papers in sufficient time to prepare comments. This traditional problem had no simple solution. A second problem existed in late withdrawals of papers, especially those from graduate students. Foreign presentations were also problematic as funding is a particular problem. The possibility of holding a foreign session was considered for future conventions.

The Secretary-Treasurer's Report was presented by Ron Smith. He noted that the financial status of NASSH was stable. The drop in membership seen in 1993 has been corrected for 1994. The Max and Reet Howell International Fund account has been doing well with Fidelity Investment "Equity-Income II" mutual fund.

Jan Todd gave the Time and Site Report. There has been a bid by Springfield College for 1997 from Stevie Chepko at Springfield.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that Jan Todd present the Springfield College site for 1997 at the Annual Meeting. PASSED (unanimously). Several suggestions for future sites were noted included Vancouver and Colorado State. The question was raised whether Memorial Day weekend was sacrosanct. It is not, but it has become traditional.

Bob Barney gave the Distinguished Lectures Committee Report. He noted committee members, Don Morrow, Garth Paton, Mike Salter, and Dave Wiggins. The Committee chose Michael Oriard for the Seward Staley Lecture and Joan Chandler for the John Betts Lecture. Mary Lou LeCompte will be given the NASSH Service Award and Maynard Brichford will receive the NASSH Recognition Award at the annual award ceremony to conclude the convention.

The Election Committee report of Synthia Slowikowski was read by Ron Smith. The Election results were:

President-elect	Patricia Vertinsky
Secretary-Treasurer	Ronald Smith
Council Members	John Findling Andrew Kozar Vicky Paraschak Barbara Pinto-Green (student)
Publications Board	Nancy Bouchier Allen Guttmann
Distinguished Lectures Committee	Gerald Gems Mary McElroy

The Student Essay Contest Report (John Dewer, Larry Gerlach, and Paula Welch members) was presented by Joan Paul. Greg Bennett of Auburn University was elected winner among 14 entrants.

Sam Regalado presented the Publications Board Report. He noted that Richard Cox would present a computer bibliography project of the British Society for Sports History.

Sam Regalado said that a new editor for the Journal of Sport History is being discussed.

Regalado indicated that the possibility of affiliating with a major university press is being discussed. Any potential affiliations will be brought to the Council in the future.

Bob Barney presented the Constitution and By-Law update from Bim Schrodt and Bob Barney. The job descriptions and by-laws were passed out to the Council. Several committees have not met in years--the Budget and Fiscal Committee and the Membership Committee.

Nancy Struna noted that at least 2 members in addition to the Program Chair shall make up the Program Committee.

Jan Todd asked about the need for the Time and Site Committee to choose the U.S. Memorial Day weekend in late May as being the official meeting time. A straw vote was taken several years ago that favored U.S. Memorial Day weekend as the time for the convention. This is traditional, but there is a need to be flexible, that this was only a guideline.

Alan Metcalfe brought up the idea that if major changes were made in the By-Laws, these should be brought to the membership at the Annual Business Meetings and not left just to Council. This has been NASSH's tradition. Operating codes have more flexibility.

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) and seconded that the NASSH Operating Codes be viewed as guidelines for future operations. PASSED (unanimously).

Nancy Struna asked whether the President or Past-President should make the appointments to the Distinguished Lectures Committee. The consensus was that the President should make this type of appointment.

Bob Barney brought up a By-Law question raised by Barbara Schrodt regarding the need for an audit of the Treasurer's records periodically.

It was MOVED (Sandy Young) and seconded that a periodic audit (every four years) of the Treasurer's records be carried out. PASSED (unanimously).

(The President will arrange for an audit, likely from the location of the Treasurer and likely a CPA.)

The question was raised by Bim Schrodt of the need for a NASSH Archivist to bring materials to the NASSH archives located at Penn State University Archives. No action was taken.

It was MOVED, Bob Barney and seconded that an official and permanent Parliamentarian position be created and that the Parliamentarian be appointed by the President. PASSED (unanimously).

A recess was taken at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Ron Smith gave an update of the Journal Index project. The Index for the first 20 volumes of the Journal has been completed at the University of Washington by Jacqueline Ettinger under the leadership of Jack Berryman.

Margaret Costa, convention manager, noted there were about 175-200 participants. Several newspapers will be printing accounts of the convention.

The question of paying expenses for individuals attending the NASSH conference was raised. In the past, foreigners giving Distinguished Lectures presentations have not had expenses paid by NASSH. Sometimes expenses at the Conference have been picked up by convention managers, such as registration fees, room, and meals.

If special sessions are created in which outsiders are brought in, should we charge them registration fees?

It was MOVED (Sandy Young) and seconded that outside presenters and commentators be treated as guests and not be charged registration fees when they are coming to the Convention for one session. PASSED (unanimously).

Should Distinguished Lecturers be paid expenses at NASSH conventions?

It was the intent of the Maxwell and Reet Howell International Fund to pay expenses for foreigners who are invited to present the Maxwell and Reet Howell International Address, if the Distinguished Lectures Committee chooses to present the Maxwell and Reet Howell International Address.

Should NASSH pay for future guests who are brought into make presentations at NASSH Conferences? The 1995 invitation to pay expenses was an experiment to pay for two outsiders and charged to the expenses of the convention. The 1995 experiment was to be evaluated and a decision would be made at a later date.

Richard Cox of the British Society for Sports History discussed some concerns about the British Sport Council and the funding of British participants in NASSH Conferences. Cox noted that Chris Harte had asked the British Sport Council not to fund future travel to NASSH because NASSH had a specific feminist agenda. Ron Smith had written to Richard Cox in February about NASSH's usual policy to remain neutral with regard to political problems in other organizations. The letter from Ron Smith to Richard Cox was read to the Council.

Nancy Struna noted that Nancy Bouchier had raised the question of including an indemnity clause in the NASSH Constitution. The state of Maryland indicates that no officer of NASSH is liable to be sued under normal conditions. It will be noted at the Business Meeting.

It was MOVED (Sandy Young) and seconded to produce another issue of the Directory of Scholars. PASSED (unanimously). (Ron Smith will attempt to find an appropriate person to do the task.)

A question was raised by Ron Smith of the possibility of the sponsorship of a NASSH Guide to Sport History. Potential interest in the project will be raised of the membership at the annual business meeting.

Richard Cox of the British Society for Sports History Executive Committee asked if NASSH would be interested in two possibilities:

- 1) A Bibliographic Data Base of Sport History, and
- 2) A future BSSH-NASSH joint conference.

The Bibliographic Data Base project will be given to the NASSH Publication Board for discussion and recommendation,

The possibility of a joint BSSH-NASSH meeting was discussed. Special sites, such as Bermuda, Gibraltar, London, New Castle, were noted. Sites associated with a specific event, such as Highland Games, Cotswald Games, Henley, or Wimbledon, were suggested. No action was taken.

It was MOVED (Jan Todd) and seconded that NASSH invite the BSSH to a joint conference of NASSH-BSSH at Springfield in 1997. PASSED (with one abstention).

Joan Paul asked that each officer and committee place a timeline for specific actions of each committee and officer. This should be sent to Joan Paul.

Nancy Struna discussed a possible Sport Network (E-mail) for NASSH. She asked that a computer committee be established to discuss the various possibilities, such as journal article submissions and team research. The president will set up an ad-hoc committee.

Nancy Struna noted a trade show letter from Human Kinetics. Would NASSH be open to have a Human Kinetics exhibit in the future? It was decided that NASSH will grant permission but that all negotiations will be made by publishers with host institutions.

Nancy Struna raised the question of a NASSH Treasurer's audit. Ron Smith will recommend several CPA's from which the President will chose.

Sam Regalado gave an updated Publication Board Committee. The Council noted that an ad-hoc committee will be struck to include items presented by the Publication Board.

- 1) Data Base Project (unanimous approval)

- 2) Computer (Technology) Committee (unanimous approval)
- 3) International Data Base on Sport History (unanimous approval)

David Wiggins has been chosen to take over the editorship of the JSH no later than January 1997. Negotiations will be taken up with George Mason University to move the editorship to GMU.

The Publication Board will explore the possibility of affiliation of the JSH (marketing, control, financial support, promotion of sport history) with a publisher.

The meeting was adjourned, 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Smith  
NASSH, Secretary-Treasurer.



**Service Award Winner  
Mary Lou LeCompte**