

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 1995

The annual business meeting of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by President Joan Paul, May 28, 1995 at 10:46 a.m. in the Britannia Salon of the Queen Mary Hotel, Long Beach, California.

There were about 102 individuals present.

It was MOVED, Don Morrow, and seconded that the minutes of the 1994 annual business meeting be approved as published in the 1994 annual Proceedings. PASSED (unanimously).

The report of Synthia Slowikowski's Election Committee was read by Joan Paul. Those elected in the Spring of 1995 were:

President-Elect	Patricia Vertinsky
Secretary-Treasurer	Ronald A. Smith
Council	John E. Findling
	Andy Kozar
	Victoria Paraschak
	Barbara Pinto-Green (student)
Publications Board	Nancy B. Bouchier
	Allen Guttmann
Distinguished Lec. Comm.	Gerald Gems
	Mary McElroy

Margaret Costa gave an update of the Convention at which about 200 participants were in attendance.

Nancy Struna gave a report of the Program Committee. The quality of the program was noted with much help coming from the Program Committee (Bruce Kidd, Chuck Korr, and Patricia Vertinsky) and participants. There were many student and international participant presentations. She noted the effectiveness of working with Margaret Costa, the Convention Manager for 1995. She noted working the local history into the program as NASSH as done in the past. There were a number of

thematic sessions, and all sessions had commentators, for the first time. There were several plenary sessions. A couple issues remain: 1) too many presenters do not get their papers to commentators on time, 2) there are too many withdrawals of papers from organized sessions. There were 29 sessions and 10 entirely completed sessions by organizers. About 60 percent of the abstracts were accepted.

A question was raised about keeping a reserve list of presenters who might fill in sessions that were not filled. There were various opinions about reserved sessions and poster sessions.

A question was raised about the purpose of open sessions and if the number of open sessions was increasing? The criteria for open sessions is the same, but the papers did not fit into a thematic session.

The Secretary-Treasurer's Report was presented by Ron Smith, who indicated that NASSH is financially secure with a slight decrease in individual members but an increase in institutional membership.

It was MOVED (Richard McGehee) and seconded that Council look into the possibility of diversification of NASSH Savings Funds presently held in CD's. PASSED (unanimously).

Sam Regalado gave the Publications Board report. He noted:

- 1) Richard Cox (BSSH) presented and the Publications Board voted to support in principle:
 - collaborative work with the BSSH
 - technology advancement in sport history
 - International bibliographical data bank
- 2) Dave Wiggins was chosen the next editor of the JSH to succeed Joe Arbena in the near future.
- 3) The Publication Board voted to consider aligning the JSH with a university press in the future. It would take into account questions of marketing, control, finances, and fostering sport history.

A new chairperson of the Publications Board will be chosen following the Business Meeting.

Joe Arbena gave a Journal of Sport History Editor's report. He said that the Journal is back on the correct time schedule with this Spring issue. The JSH has continued even with his major health problems. He thanked three specific individuals:

Synthia Slowikowski - Book Review editor

John Schleppey - Journal Abstracts

Dave Wiggins - Assistant Editor.

He noted the four special historiographical issues that have been completed in his term as editor. He asked for additional manuscript submissions.

Jan Todd gave the Time and Site Committee Report.

(Lynne Emery, Gary Koroluk, and Mim Shelden on the Committee)

1996 - Auburn University

1997 - Springfield College (hosted by Stevie Chepko and Dennis Gildea)

Possibilities also existed for:

1998 - University of Windsor bid for 1998 (Alan Metcalfe)

1998-99 - University of Montreal

1999 - Hawaii

2000 - Banff(already scheduled)

Joan Paul brought up the question of whether the membership wants to keep the NASSH Convention on the weekend of the U.S. Memorial Day, that has been traditional. A straw vote was taken. It was unanimous to allow flexibility in allowing the conference to move to another date a week either way of the U.S. Memorial Day weekend. A question was raised by Mike Salter about keeping the session the same date because of other international conferences.

Joanna Davenport gave a 1996 Convention update at Auburn, May 24-27, 1996 that could include a special session at the Olympic Games site in Atlanta. Facilities at Auburn would be new and self-contained.

Bob Barney noted that the By-Laws (Constitution) were published in the 1994 Annual Proceedings. He said that there was no need for an indemnity clause in the Constitution because of the protection of Maryland Law. He said that the project of Bim Schrodt to update the job descriptions of officers and committees has been completed.

A summary report of NASSH Council actions taken was given by Joan Paul:

- 1) NASSH Directory of Scholars will be published in the near future.
- 2) NASSH Guide to Sport History. Are there persons interested in carrying out such a project? Nancy Struna should be contacted if there are individuals interested in carrying out the project.
- 3) BSSH was invited to meet jointly with NASSH at Springfield in 1997 after Richard Cox of BSSH raised the question of a joint meeting.

- 4) Possibility of a Committee on Computers (technology) and sport history. Nancy Struna will form a committee.
- 5) Distinguished Lectures Committee is looking for lecture nominations.
- 6) The JSH Index has been completed (440 pages) by Jackie Ettinger and the index will include book reviews and footnotes as well as articles. Upon final editing the 20 volume index will be published.

As announcement was given by Gertrude Pfister of the Freie University of Berlin (ICHPER Congress, Chair). In two years it will meet in Bulgaria, France, or Italy. This year it is meeting in Cape Town, South Africa.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Smith
NASSH, Secretary-Treasurer



**Special Recognition Award Winner
Maynard Brichford**