

# **NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY**

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

May 22, 1998

The meeting of the NASSH Council was called to order by President Patricia Vertinsky, May 22, 1998 at 9:15 a.m., Rose Room, Vanier Hall, University of Windsor, Ontario.

Present were: James Coates, Joanna Davenport, Sam Regalado, Maureen Smith, Ronald Smith, Nancy Struna, Patricia Vertinsky, and Dwight Zakus. Also present were ex-presidents Robert Barney, Richard Crepeau, and Alan Metcalfe, and Nancy Bouchier for the Publications Board, and Wayne Wilson for the Amateur Athletic Federation of Los Angeles.

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) and seconded that the minutes of the 1997 Council Meeting be approved as published in the 1997 Proceedings. PASSED (unanimously).

Don Morrow could not make the meeting and asked Ron Smith to note changes and corrections in the Program.

Ron Smith gave the Secretary-Treasurer's Report. He indicated that the membership was up slightly over 1996 and that the financial situation was good. No increased NASSH membership dues are called for. A question was raised how to increase student membership, but no major suggestions were made.

Alan Metcalfe gave a Convention Managers Report. He indicated that 158 have registered. The Conference preparations are in good shape. He believed that the \$100 Canadian Registration and \$70 U.S. registration fee will be enough to just about break even for the Conference.

Nancy Struna gave the Distinguished Lectures Committee Report. The members of the Committee were: Bruce Kidd, Steven Hardy (elected) and Paula Welch, and Linda Borish (appointed), and Nancy Struna, chair. The two chosen were Richard Pound, Vice President of the USOC, from Montreal, and Chuck Korr of the University of Missouri-St. Louis. No Service Award will be given. Two Recognition Awards will be made.

Nancy Struna gave the Roberta J. Park Endowment Fund for Graduate Students Report. Six students will divide the approximately \$2000 from the Park Fund this year. There were a number of students giving papers at the conference who did not apply for the funds. In the future, we need to make sure that students know how to apply for the funds.

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) and seconded that 10% of the total funds from the Park Endowment Fund be available for use each year for students presenting at the NASSH Conference. PASSED (unanimously).

Patricia Vertinsky gave the Student Essay Award Report. The Committee consisted of Debbie Cottrell, Larry Fielding, and Colin Howell. She noted that it is important that the Program Chair makes information about student essay awards available through newsletters of allied organizations. There were three excellent papers, of which that of Susan L. Forbes of the University of Western Ontario was chosen.

The need to clarify committee structures, appointments, and elections was discussed.

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Patricia Vertinsky gave the Promotions Committee Report for John Findling, Chair. The process to become an American Historical Association affiliate is simple. If approved, NASSH would be listed in a directory, be able to sponsor joint sessions at the AHA, and have a table at the meeting for handing out NASSH materials. The AHA would be able to appeal for membership to the AHA by use of the NASSH mailing list every five years. Affiliation with the Canadian Historical Association, Organization of American Historians, and other organizations differ. Findling asked that NASSH proceed with affiliation with the AHA.

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) that the Promotions Committee proceed with dispatch to complete the process of affiliation with the American Historical Association and other appropriate historical societies in Canada and the U.S. and to proceed to affiliate with other multicultural and international organizations. PASSED (unanimously).

Richard Crepeau raised a question about sponsorship of sessions by NASSH members in other historical associations. Should there be a procedure in NASSH related to sponsorship of sessions? Should NASSH officially sponsor sessions or should it be left to the individual/s? A question was raised about commercial sponsorships of sessions? It was consensus that this issue was not part of the Promotions Committee and should be dealt with separately.

Joanna Davenport gave the Time and Site Report. She asked Ron Smith to give details about the 1999 Convention at Penn State. Banff will be the site in 2000 with Gary Koroluk as Conference Manager. Notre Dame has bid for the 2001 convention at the Football Hall of Fame and Notre Dame with Bernie Kish as the Conference Manager. She is asking for site proposals for 2001 and 2002.

The NASSH WEB Site was discussed by Bob Barney with a written report by Scott Martyn. The Site was set up by Scott Martyn. The question of financing the WEB and what we want to have on the WEB was brought up. The need for a WEB Site Maintenance Committee was discussed.

It was MOVED (Jody Davenport) and seconded that a WEB Site Maintenance Committee be formed to supersede the Computer Committee and be appointed by the President. It is to be a working committee of three to five members who will report annually to the Council. The mandate to the Committee is to maintain the site and disburse expenses in conjunction with the Treasurer for maintenance not to exceed \$2,000 per year without consulting Council. PASSED (unanimously). (It is recommended that both a student and a long-time member of NASSH be on the Committee).

Dwight Zakus, Chair, and Nancy Bouchier presented the report of the Publications Committee.

The Publications Board recommended that the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles (Wayne Wilson) be allowed to publish back issues of the Journal of Sport History and NASSH Proceedings on the WWW ([www.aafla.org](http://www.aafla.org)). An annual fee of \$3,000 would be paid to NASSH for this project as a non-exclusive agreement to supplement NASSH's loss of sale of publications. There would be a two year time lag on the publishing of back issues and a renegotiation of the agreement after five years. The WEB site would be accessible through the NASSH WEB site.

It was MOVED (Dwight Zakus) and seconded that the Publications Board recommendation relative to the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles be allowed to publish back issues of the JSH and Proceedings. An annual fee of \$3,000 would be paid to NASSH by the AAFLA. There would be a 4 issue time lag and a renegotiation of agreement after 10 years. A mutual agreement of less than 10 years would be possible. PASSED (unanimously, one abstention).

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David Wiggins told the Publications Committee that the flow of manuscripts and book reviews is good.

It was MOVED (Publications Board) that an editorial assistant be created for the Journal of Sport History, whose duties would include bringing in advertising to the JSH.

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) and seconded that the editorial assistant position recommended by the Publications Board be returned to the Publications Board for further review. PASSED (Unanimously, one abstention). (To be reconsidered would be the title of the position and the nature of work to be done.)

The Publications Board recommended that the Computer Committee become the Computer and Technology Committee as a standard committee of three members. The chair would become ex-officio member of the Publications Board.

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) and seconded that the above recommendation be passed. The Committee will be appointed by the president (PASSED, one abstention).

It was MOVED (Publications Board) that the chair of the Computer and Technology Committee be added to the Publications Board as ex-officio. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Publications Board) that Special Issues of the JSH must be peer-reviewed. PASSED (unanimously).

The Gretchen Ghent proposal for making sport history resources more widely available on electronic databases was discussed.

It was MOVED (Publications Board) that there is scholarly value in the Gretchen Ghent Project and recommends that NASSH officially endorse the project in the event that she applies for funds from granting agencies. PASSED (unanimously).

The president was asked to write a letter to Gretchen Ghent regarding the Project,

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) and seconded that the Publications Board be instructed to pursue the Gretchen Ghent recommendations to get the JSH in indexes (sport history data base), that was submitted two years ago, be completed. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) and seconded that the NASSH Officers' International Travel Guidelines be as follows: "To develop and maintain active relations with sport history associations abroad, NASSH will pay [out of the Max and Reet Howell International Fund] the expenses for up to two people designated by the president to represent the Council in travel to one overseas conference (e.g., ISHPES, BSSH, ASSH) annually. Reasonable expenses incurred for economy class travel to and from the conference, as well as during the conference (e.g., lodging, meals, taxi, rental car), are eligible for reimbursement, or an advance if necessary. The treasurer will reimburse the officers in full upon receiving receipts. The NASSH representative(s) will report back to Council. PASSED (unanimously).

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Council nominated individuals for the annual business meeting election of the Nominating Committee. Nominated were: Linda Borish, Mark Dyreson, Steve Geitschier, Garth Paton, Peggy Stanaland, and Kevin Wamsley.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Smith  
Secretary-Treasurer