

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 26, 2000

The 28th annual meeting of the NASSH Council was called to order by President Don Morrow at 9:07 a.m., Friday, May 26, 2000 in Room 251 Bell, Banff Centre for Conferences, Banff, Alberta.

Present were: Mel Adelman, Linda Borish, Allen Guttmann, Scott Martyn, Don Morrow, Ronald Smith, Jan Todd, and Patricia Vertinsky. Also present were: Past Presidents Dick Crepeau, Alan Metcalfe, and Robert Barney; Convention Manager Gary Koroluk; Proceedings Editor and Publications Board member Catriona Parratt; Technology Committee Chair Nancy Bouchier; and Kevin Wamsley, potential convention manager for 2001.

Not present was: Publications Board Chair Steve Pope.

The 1999 Council Minutes as printed in the 1999 Proceedings were approved. PASSED (unanimously).

The Convention Program Report was presented by Allen Guttmann. The Committee was composed of Colin Howell, John Nauright, Nancy Struna, and Chair Allen Guttmann. A number of papers, as usual, were shaped into sessions. Three abstracts were rejected and 25 were sent in late and were not accepted. Several graduate students had abstracts accepted but could not afford the cost of the Banff Conference. There was a suggestion that more female moderators might be selected in the future.

The Convention Manager's Report was given by Gary Koroluk. He suggested that a protocol for convention managers with a timetable be developed for future convention managers. He said there were about 175 registrants.

The Roberta Park Graduate Student Endowment Report was presented by Patricia Vertinsky. She noted that there were several late applications that were accepted so that 18 students were to be given \$150 each following their presentations. A question was raised whether there should be a minimal amount given to each student presenter or to distribute the money available to as many students as possible. There was no resolution. The question of desiring more contributions to the Park Fund would be made at the annual business meeting.

The Time and Site Committee, chaired by Jody Davenport and including Betz Hanley, presented no written report. The University of Western Ontario was presented as the one site proposed for 2001.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that NASSH Council propose to the annual Business Meeting that the University of Western Ontario be the site for the 2001 convention. PASSED (unanimously).

The need was expressed for developing NASSH Convention Guidelines so that prospective site bidders would know the minimum requirements and would be able to get internal support to put on a conference. Don Morrow would set up a committee to prepare guidelines and would report to the Council as soon as possible.

It was noted that the Time and Site Committee should be looking several years in advance for sites. The President will appoint a new Time and Site Chair for choosing sites beyond 2001.

David Grindley, manager of the Banff Centre for Conferences, asked if NASSH needed anything additional for the Conference.

The Secretary-Treasurer's Report was distributed and verbally presented by Ron Smith. He indicated that NASSH is in good financial condition and that membership remains constant. He said that the surplus invested in Fidelity Investments in Boston was available for future contingencies with excess for projects that are proposed and accepted. An addition mistake was noted in the financial "Receipts," and it will be corrected before the annual Business Meeting.

It was MOVED (Linda Borish) and seconded that the Secretary-Treasurer's Report be accepted pending the "Receipts" revision. PASSED (unanimously).

A 15-minute break took place.

The written Distinguished Lectures Committee Report was presented by Patricia Vertinsky. Her committee included Margaret Costa, Mike Cronin, Chuck Korr, and Don Kyle. Two individuals were chosen to give an Honor Address from eight individuals nominated. John Bale, University of Keele, and Peter Donnelly, University of Toronto, were chosen.

The Graduate Student Essay Committee Report was presented by Don Morrow. The Committee was composed of Jan Todd, Steve Pope, and Stephen Wenn. Two individuals were chosen to present papers, Greg Gillespie of the University of Western Ontario and Annemarie Jutel of the University of Otego.

Scott Martyn presented the written nassh.org report for the NASSH Website Maintenance Committee. It is composed of Bob Barney, Scott Martyn, and Wayne Wilson. The Committee has been successful in improving the nassh.org website. Martyn reported that nassh.org domain name will expire on April 21, 200. He recommended that NASSH register for no less than five years and up to 10 years with InterNIC of Network Solutions.

It was MOVED (Jan Todd) and seconded that the nassh.org domain name shall be registered for 10 years with InterNIC. PASSED (unanimously).

Martyn discussed the possibility of creating a NASSH address directory bulletin board under nassh.org so NASSH officials can post one-way messages.

Also discussed were the possibility of an SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) for payment of membership dues or conference registration on-line. This appeared more promising for conference registration than for dues, because of the costs associated to paying with credit cards.

It was MOVED (Patricia Vertinsky) and seconded that the NASSH Website Committee be given the authority to set up a SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) service when it is requested. PASSED (unanimously).

Martyn noted that the nassh.com use had about tripled in the May 1999 to May 2000 period over the previous year, over 9,000 viewers from about 3,000 viewers worldwide.

The new NASSH Directory of Scholars will be placed on nassh.com in 2000 as well as be published in hard copy.

Nancy Bouchier, chair of the Technology Committee, gave a verbal report of its discussions. The Gretchen Ghent Project on electronic databases in sport is still in progress. The Committee is discussing electronic journals, the need for demonstrations of technology for NASSH conferences, the possibility of developing greater technological competencies of NASSH members, and creating an on-line survey of NASSH members. A question was raised on the possibility of using Los Angeles Amateur Foundation money (\$3,000/year) on technology projects. Nancy also raised the question of creating its own listserve similar to the Sportsthist list or a closed NASSH Info (email) bulletin board for informing NASSH members of important information.

It was MOVED (Linda Borish) and seconded that the Webmaster develop a closed email info dissemination list to all members for official NASSH Business. The Webmaster will determine who can post official business that includes NASSH officers, committees, and other designees. PASSED (unanimously).

Ron Smith raised the question of using the Los Angeles Amateur Foundation money to create a file of visual images (photos, illustration) from members' and other's collections that would be included on the nassh.org website. Those images could be used by anyone who wished to do so in teaching courses or other educational purposes. Scott Martyn said at the present time the 20-megabyte limitation of the website would preclude numerous images as envisaged by this project.

As an outgrowth of this discussion, Patricia Vertinsky suggested professional resources such as course outlines could logically be placed on the nassh.com site. Jan Todd suggested that NASSH should consider spending money on enhanced technology at our conferences. Jan suggested that a master index of website information would be worthwhile. The Technology Committee will discuss the possibility of implementing these suggestions.

Don Morrow asked about NASSH's affiliation with the American Historical Association.

Ron Smith indicated that he was given the report material from the NASSH Promotion Committee, and because it entailed a lengthy report that had not been completed, he only recently completed and mailed the packet to the AHA. We will know about the affiliation status in about six to eight months.

Council agreed that NASSH should move forward with other affiliations such as the Canadian Historical Association.

The Promotions Committee chaired by Sam Regalado had no report. Linda Borish will join the committee to work on the promotion of NASSH. A question was raised where the Journal of Sport History is rated in numbers of citations, with a note that we were rated seventh of all historical journals in the 1980s.

Maureen Smith is nearing completion of the 2000 Directory of Scholars in Sport History. It will be in both hard copy and on the NASSH website. Scott Martyn said that it is possible to update individual web entries by the individual if each is given a password to do so. No action was taken on that issue.

Patricia Vertinsky presented a written report by Roberta Park on her Howell Fund international ambassadorship to the 1999 ISHPES Congress in Budapest, Hungary.

Allen Guttmann's motion to encourage greater participation in the international ambassadorship program from the Howell Fund for members who need financial help was withdrawn after a discussion of the original intent of the program. It was "to develop and maintain active relations with sport history associations abroad, . . . to represent the Council in travel" to overseas conferences.

The report of the Book Award Committee chaired by Nancy Struna and including Mark Dyreson, Larry Gerlach, and Catriona Parratt, indicated that 24 books were received with a consensus on three books from which it will choose one for the Book Award for the best book in English published in 1999.

Council considered nominations for the Nominating Committee for the Fall 2000 Election for NASSH Officers. The nominees, who needed to agree to serve on the Nominating Committee if elected, were: Nancy Bouchier, Mark Dyreson, Michael Lomax, Maureen Smith, Stephen Wenn, and Susan Zieff. The election will take place at the annual Business Meeting on May 30th.

The written report of the Publications Board, chaired by Steve Pope was received. Other members of the Publications Board include: Patrick Miller, Catriona Parratt, Steven Riess, and Syndy Sydnor. It noted the need for choosing a new Journal of Sport History editor by 2001 to replace Dave Wiggins. The copyediting and printing of the JSH has changed from George Mason University and Kirby Printers in Baltimore to Charles Petit in Urbana,

Illinois. Linda Borish has stepped-down from her position as co-editor of book reviews.

There was a discussion of the need for the Publications Board to meet annually at the NASSH Convention and for the JSH editor to be present.

It was MOVED (Jan Todd) and seconded that the Council ask the chair of the Publications Board to insure that it meet annually at the Convention; that guidelines for the new Journal Editor (criteria for the editorship) be developed by the Publications Board; and that an appropriate tone of the Publications Board's Report be considered before presentation to Council. PASSED (unanimously).

Linda Borish suggested that we consider a different name for the NASSH Promotions Committee.

Jan Todd suggested that Power Point be available for use at all future NASSH Conventions.

Council believed that in the future the timing of the Business Meeting should be earlier in the Convention than this year's last day.

It was pointed out that long-time NASSH member, Sandy Young, has had a return of cancer that was under remission.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Smith

Secretary-Treasurer.