

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY'S
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2002

- The 30th annual Council of the North American Society for Sport History meeting was called to order by President Allen Guttmann on May 24, 2002 at 9:03 a.m. in the Director's Room at the French Lick Resort, French Lick, Indiana.
- Present were: Gerry Gems, Steve Gietschier, Allen Guttmann, Shelley Lucas, Don Morrow, Catriona Parratt, Steven Riess, Ronald Smith, and Ying Wushanley.
- Also present were: Past-Presidents Bob Barney, Richard Crepeau, Alan Metcalfe and Patricia Vertinsky; John Findling, Convention Manager; Linda Borish, Ambassador for NASSH, 2001, Nancy Struna, Chair of Book Award, Scott Martyn and Nancy Bouchier of the IT Committee, and Mel Adelman, incoming JSH editor.
- The 2001 NASSH Council minutes were approved as published in the Proceedings.
- Gerry Gems, Program Chair, said that 94 papers were accepted for the Convention. Six were turned down for lateness, lack of quality, or lack of information to make a judgment. Seven withdrew after acceptance. A question arose whether a paper should be allowed to be read when the writer of the paper is absent. There is an unwritten policy that this should not be allowed, though it previously has been breached in certain circumstances at the discretion of the Program Chair.
- John Findling gave the Convention Manager's Report. There are about 160 registrants, and NASSH exceeded the room allotment negotiated with the French Lick Resort and Spa. He said that in the future getting information about the convention to non-members who are presenting papers should be improved. The WEB site needs to have a registration form included.
- John Findling gave the Time and Site Committee Report. Nancy Wardwell and Melvin Adelman have offered to host the Convention for 2003 at Ohio State University. For 2004, Maureen Smith and Sam Regalado have tentatively offered to have a conference sponsored by California State University,

Stanislaus and Sacramento. It might be held at Monterey, California. For 2005, Colin Howell has suggested St. Mary's University.

- Don Morrow gave the Park Endowment Fund Report. He said there were 17 graduate students who were eligible for funding. Several others have withdrawn from the Conference after having abstracts accepted, and there were several with institutional funding. There is about \$3,500 available for funding.
- Don Morrow gave the Distinguished Lectures and Awards Committee Report. There were no nominations for Honor Awards. The two Distinguished Lectures will be given by Gertrud Pfister (Howell International Lecture) and Dave Zang (Betts Lecture).
- Allen Guttman gave the Graduate Student Award Report. The Committee was composed of David Barney, Susan Forbes, Keith Harrison, and Allen Guttman. There were 9 solid submissions. The winner was Jennifer Guiliano of Miami University of Ohio. Shelley Lucas suggested that a comment sheet be returned to students relative to the strength and weaknesses of each paper.
- Ron Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, said that NASSH is doing well financially with the new membership fee. Membership has remained constant. The investment holdings lost a slight amount of money during 2001. The question was raised about how we might retain our older, retired members, but there were no definitive conclusions.
- Nancy Struna provided a written report for the Book Award Committee. Thirty-five books were submitted, and 3 to 5 books were chosen to make the final cut.
- A break was taken at 10:35, and the meeting was resumed at 10:50.
- The state of the WEB site was raised. The need for current information updates and the access to the Directory of Scholars was specifically noted. We may have to spell out technical and editorial functions of the WEB master so that information for the Directory of Scholars, Newsletter, Conference information,

Registration, and Membership information is timely and up to date.

- There is a new proposed Operating Code for the Information Technology Committee. No action was taken.
- The question of a paid Secretary-Treasurer was raised by Allen Guttmann. The present Secretary-Treasurer does not want to be compensated, but he raises the possible need for a future paid Secretary-Treasurer. Should there be a \$5,000 or \$10,000 stipend? Should there be an Executive Secretary? Should it remain a voluntary position in the tradition of NASSH and part of building community? Should we have an apprentice to work with the present Secretary-Treasurer?
- There was a general feeling that the position should remain as a voluntary position in the NASSH tradition, and that it is important to the organization that official positions remain voluntary for the good of NASSH.
- Bob Barney stated how important it is to keep our historical records such as By-Laws and Operating Codes in such documents as the Proceedings, WEB site, or Convention Programs.
- An outgrowth of historical records was the question of having a NASSH historian appointed to insure the important records of the business of NASSH are collected and sent to the NASSH Collection at the Penn State University Archives. It might be better termed Records Manager, as a way station between the organization and the archives. A discussion was held on a proper title for the position.
- It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that we create the position of NASSH Archivist and Records Manager. PASSED (unanimously). The president should appoint an individual to this position.
- The question of conducting a NASSH oral history will be raised at the NASSH Business Meeting.
- The lunch break began at 12:10 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m.

- Linda Borish gave the Ambassador's Report on visiting the ISHPES Congress in Montpellier, France, August 26-31, 2001. She organized two sessions at the ISHPES Congress. She also introduced several international scholars to the Journal of Sport History and to NASSH activities, including its annual convention. She was also on a roundtable panel sharing information about women's sport history and American rural history.
- Linda Borish also attended the Wingate Institute in Israel and represented NASSH at the July 2001 meeting.
- Linda Borish has been working on the Promotions and Publicity for NASSH. She has worked with several organizations, including our NASSH affiliation with the American Historical Association. A session of NASSH members, titled "Sport in Chicago," will be held at the AHA at its annual convention in Chicago, January 2-5, 2003.
- Linda Borish has been asked to be chair of the Promotions and Publicity Committee to 2003, and a third person will be added to the Committee in addition to Linda and Thierry Terret of the University of Lyon.
- Steve Riess presented the Publications Board Report. The updating of the Publications Operating Code has been discussed and will be ready soon to present to the Council.
- On a clarification of copyright ownership, it is NASSH Council's belief that the Journal of Sport History as a publication is owned by NASSH, but the authors own the rights to their individual articles.
- Steve Riess gave the budget report. The cost of printing, editing, mailing, and editorial expenses is estimated to be \$30,000 for three issues.
- A question was raised whether a hard copy of the Proceedings should continue for the 2002 and possibly 2003 issues rather than being only on-line. The Publications Board favored this action. The issue will be brought before the membership at the Business Meeting. There will a survey of NASSH membership, and Council will make a recommendation for the 2003 meeting.

- It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that the motion to have the Proceedings go only to an on-line publication be delayed for at least one more year. PASSED (unanimously).
- It was clarified that Publication Board membership is for 4 years.
- Scott Martyn gave the WEBSITE report of the Information Technology Committee. The NASSH Server is now on the Dell Server System. The NASSH Website has grown dramatically in the last year.
- Nancy Bouchier spoke to the need for lines of communication to get material to the WEBmaster and of the importance of the Operating Code of the Information Technology Committee. There was a suggestion that the WEBSITE be updated monthly. There is a need to appoint a person to update present official positions and convention material. There is a need to have guidelines for submissions to both the Proceedings and the JSH and timelines for submissions to each. We may need a closed email list to report NASSH news to individuals. For changing individual material on the Directory of Scholars, we need to have individual passwords to get into the Directory to change our own material.
- It was MOVED (Tina Parratt) and seconded that we initiate an update on the WEBSITE of the Directory of Scholars with individual passwords. PASSED (unanimously).
- It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that we accept the Operating Code of the Information Technology Committee. PASSED (unanimously).
- Colin Howell raised the question of affiliation with the Canadian Historical Association by NASSH. The CHA affiliation is taking place at the CHA in late May 2002. Because the CHA meets at approximately the same time as NASSH, it is difficult to have sessions by NASSH members at CHA meetings. Materials, however, could be exchanged.
- Howell noted a new proposal for a new organization to be called the Canadian Association for Sport Studies that could combine research and the promotion of sport for social and

- cultural purposes in Canada. There was a recommendation for a network of individuals rather than a new CASS organization.
- The North American Sport Library Network (NASLIN) meets every 1½ years and is considering a joint meeting with NASSH. Generally about 35 individuals meet, representing Halls of Fame, Libraries, commercial organizations, USOC, etc. Presentations are made about the nature of the sport libraries, but the size of the organization is rather small with a small budget. The possibility of meeting jointly with organizations such as NASSH has been raised. The NASLIN meetings generally run 1½ days with only one session at a time. There was a feeling that concurrent sessions early in the NASSH convention might work well for both groups.
 - It was MOVED (Tina Parratt) and seconded that NASSH invite NASLIN to meet with NASSH during the regular NASSH meetings. PASSED (unanimously).
 - Council considered names for nominees for the Business Meeting election of the Nominating Committee. The president was asked to contact a list of individuals (with potential alternates) to see if they would be willing to serve. [Those who agreed to be nominees were Larry Gerlach, Don Kyle, Tara Magdalenski, Vicky Paraschak, Susan Rayl, and Dave Zang].
 - Tara Magdalenski discussed a possible joint Australian Society for Sport History – NASSH convention site for January 2004 with a location on Fiji Island or a place in Australia. This would not be a replacement for the annual NASSH convention. The possibility will be raised at the annual convention.
 - Ron Smith will find out what the cost of paying NASSH membership by credit card and present his findings to the Council.
 - Tina Parratt raised the question of the need for a NASSH sexual harassment statement. Council asked Tina to draw up a statement on sexual harassment that will be presented to Council for consideration, and if accepted to be published in appropriate venues.
 - A question was raised through Sam Regalado that Council consider a permanent David Voigt Baseball Symposium at the

annual NASSH Conference. Council believed honoring individual such as David Voigt was worthy but that that creating permanent symposiums might lead to the “Balkanization” of the conference program.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald A. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer



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