

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY'S
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 2002

- The 30th annual Business Meeting of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by President Allen Guttmann at 8:35 a.m. on Sunday, May 26, 2002, Room Hoosier B, French Lick Resort, French Lick Indiana.
 - There were about 85 present.
- The minutes of the 2001 annual business meeting were unanimously approved as printed in the Annual Proceedings.
- The Election of the Nominating Committee was conducted. There were six nominees chosen by Council: Larry Gerlach, Don Kyle, Tara Magdalenski, Vicky Paraschak, Susan Rayl, and Dave Zang. There were no additional nominees from the floor. The three members chosen as the Nominating Committee were: Larry Gerlach, Vicky Paraschak, and Dave Zang with Larry Gerlach as Chair.
- John Findling gave the Convention Managers Report. There were 170 registered for the conference.
- Gerry Germs gave the Program Report indicating that there were over 100 abstracts submitted for papers. There were 96 presentation noted in the Program Booklet, with an additional two Distinguished Lectures and a Student Essay presentation.
- Ronald Smith gave the Secretary-Treasurer's Report. His written report indicated that while he had to take \$10,000 out of savings because of a cash flow problem, additional revenues were generated out of membership fees from institutions collected in the Fall, and the financial outlook was good. He said that the approximately one percent loss in the savings account was much less than the general loss in the U.S. of stocks and bonds during 2001.
- Don Morrow gave the Roberta Park Graduate Student Fund Report indicating funds would be given to 15 students this year. Each would receive \$200 from the endowment following their presentations.

- Allen Guttman gave the Student Essay Report. There were nine essays submitted of high quality, and the individual chosen was Jennifer Guiliano of Miami University of Ohio.
- Nancy Bouchier and Scott Martyn gave the Information Technology Report. The four members of the IT Committee were: Michael Lomax, Proceedings Editor. Maureen Smith, Directory of Scholars Editor, Scott Martyn, WEB master, and Nancy Bouchier, chair. An Operating Code has been created. Alan Metcalfe will work with posting job positions on the WEBSITE. There has been some dissatisfaction with timeliness with WEBSITE updates. On-line updating with a password for the Directory of Scholars will be instituted in the near future. The style sheets for the Proceedings and Journal will be on the WEBSITE.
- There has been an increase of from 16,700 WEBSITE hits to nearly 160,000 hits 2001 to 2002. There were 16,800 individual WEBSITES hits during the year. NASSH email service works so that directs access to offices and committees can be done through the WEBSITE. There have been 263 of those uses. There were 32 queries to the WEBmaster regarding the WEBSITE in 2002.
- Bob Barney, past-president, noted the importance of having WEBSITE include the Bylaws and Constitution of NASSH and that any changes be included on the WEBSITE.
- It was MOVED (Council) that the two committees, WEBSITE and Technology, be merged into the Information Technology Committee. PASSED (unanimously).
- Steve Riess gave the Publications Board Report, a committee composed of Linda Borish, Colin Howell, Steve Riess, Chair, Synthia Sydnor, and Dave Zang. The Operating Budget for the JSH is about \$30,000. Thomson-Shore is the printer. The Operating Code is being revised and will be presented to Council. The Publications Board recommended an only on-line Proceedings be delayed for a year or two.
- Kevin Wamsley gave the Time and Site Committee Report, a committee composed of John Findling, Vicky Paraschak, Jan Todd, and Kevin Wamsley, Chair. For 2003, there is one bid by Ohio State University with Nancy Wardwell and Melvin

Adelman in Columbus. Nancy Wardwell gave a short presentation of the site. If chosen, it will be the first meeting at Ohio State since the initial meeting of NASSH in 1973. It would be held in the Fisher Conference Center. Costs will be similar to the French Lick Resort. NASSH may be able to challenge the “Muffins” historical baseball team, a team NASSH members tied, 6-6, in the “famous” 1987 game at Capital University.

- It was MOVED (Council) that Ohio State University be the site of the 2003 Convention, May 23-26, 2003. PASSED (unanimously).
- The proposal for the 2004 convention is being seriously considered by California State University Sacramento and Stanislaus, led by Sam Regalado and Maureen Smith.
- Colin Howell has proposed the 2005 meeting be held at St. Mary University in Halifax.
- It was MOVED (Council) that the printed copy of the Proceedings will be continued until after the 2003 Proceedings. PASSED (with two opposed).
- There will be a questionnaire sent to members to determine the membership desire about the printed copy of the Proceedings. One of the arguments for continuing the Proceedings in written form was the potential bad timing of eliminating it when the Journal of Sport History is a year behind and institutional members (libraries) are considering eliminating membership in NASSH.
- Allen Guttmann asked that those desiring membership or who are late in continuing NASSH membership make payments at this meeting.
- There is a possible joint meeting with the Australian Society for Sport History and NASSH in January 2004 in Australian or Fiji Island. It would not replace the annual NASSH meeting. The consideration is being led by Tara Magdalenski.
- Steve Gietschier is arranging a joint meeting of NASLIN and NASSH at the Ohio State University in 2003. The NASLIN group totals about 35 members, and their sessions would be held jointly with NASSH sessions.

- Colin Howell is working on a possible affiliation of NASSH with the Canadian Historical Association and is seen positively by both the CHA and NASSH. Sessions of NASSH members at the CHA will be possible. However, both NASSH and CHA hold meetings at similar time of the year. The CHA has about 1,400 members.
- Council has recommended that NASSH have an official statement about sexual harassment. It should be developed and placed on the WEBSITE and other places.
- It was MOVED (Linda Borish) and seconded that a broad statement be written about discrimination in any form be not tolerated. A specific statement on sexual discrimination should be included.
- After an array of amendments, friendly amendments, seconds, and lack of the seconder agreeing with the friendly amendments, the original motion was VOTED DOWN.
- It was MOVED (Jan Todd) and seconded that the President appoint a small committee to draft a statement about discrimination in general and sexual discrimination in particular and that the statements be brought up for action at the next annual NASSH business meeting. PASSED (unanimously).
- ISHPES will meet in Kanazawa, Japan this year. The president is Thierry Terrett of the University of Lyon. In 2003, it will meet in Italy.
- Council has decided that it would be logical to exert a greater effort at collecting material about the history of NASSH. Council has decided to create the position of NASSH Archivist and Records Manager.
- Allen Guttmann asked if there were graduate students who might be interested in writing the history of NASSH. This would also be a good time to consider doing oral histories of those who have been involved in NASSH over a period of years.
- Don Morrow, Distinguished Lectures Committee asked for nominations for Distinguished Lectures for 2003. In addition, nominees for the NASSH Honor Awards were also called for.

- It was suggested that NASSH Honor Awardees and a list of past-presidents be placed in the Program of each Convention.
- Allen Guttmann raised Council's concern about of sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination.
- Jan Todd raised the question about the slight loss of membership in NASSH over the years and the possibility that this is related to the timing of the meeting close to that of the North American Society for Sport Sociology meetings. It was suggested that the Time and Site Committee look at this question.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald A. Smith, NASSH Secretary-Treasurer



Sunday Garden Party