

**NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

May 23, 2003

The 31st annual meeting of the NASSH Council was called to order by President Allen Guttmann at 9:10 a.m., Friday, May 23, 2003, in Room 230, Pfahl Hall, at the Blackwell Center, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Present were: Gerald Gems, Steve Gietschier, Allen Guttmann, Shelly Lucas, Don Morrow, Catriona Parratt, Ronald Smith, and Ying Wushanley.

Others present were: Bob Barney, Tom Jable, and Alan Metcalfe (past presidents), Janice Forsythe and Allison Wrynn (newly elected Council members) Nancy Wardwell (Conference Manager), Maureen Smith (2004 Conference Manager), Scott Martyn, (Information-Technology Committee), Kevin Wamsley (Time and Site Committee Chair), Steve Riess (Publications Board Chair), Mel Adelman (Journal editor), Michael Lomax (Proceedings Editor), and Jean-Francois Loudcher (visitor from France)

Not present were: None

The 2002 Council Minutes were approved as published in the 2002 Proceedings. PASSED (unanimously).

Gerald Gems, Program Chair, reported that he had he received 121 abstracts for papers. Several were rejected, and a few who had papers accepted were unable to attend.

Nancy Wardwell presented the Convention Manager's Report. Registrants for the conference came from 30 states and 5 Canadian provinces. Other countries represented were Australia, Brazil, France, Germany, Korea, New Zealand, and United Kingdom. Graduate students numbered 32.

Kevin Wamsley gave the Time and Site Report. Subject to acceptance by members at the Business Meeting, the 2004 Conference will be held, May 28-31, 2004 will be at Asilomar,

California, the week after the U.S. Memorial Day weekend. While there are several possibilities, there are no recommendations for conferences sites for 2005, 2006, and 2007.

It was noted that Arnd Krueger in Germany suggested hosting a joint NASSH-CESH (European Committee for Sport History) in the future, possibly for 2004 or 2005 to be held at a site in Europe.

Don Morrow gave the Roberta Park Graduate Student Award Report. There were 17 students who applied for funds. A question was raised whether students outside of North America were available for funds. It was decided to take this question to the Business Meeting.

Don Morrow gave the Distinguished Lectures Committee Report. The Committee, composed of Morrow, Dick Crepeau, Larry Gerlach, and Stephen Wenn chose two lecturers: Doug Booth (Howell International Address) and Catriona Parratt (John R. Betts Address). Three honor awards will be given. A tribute will be given in honor of Bruce Bennett (1917-2003) by Darwin Semotiuk at the Honor Awards banquet.

Allen Guttman gave the Student Essay Award Report. There were seven submissions and the winner was Kenneth Cohen of the University of Delaware. Tina Parratt asked if the essay entries can have substantial editorial help and if an essay presented at NASSH can be submitted for the award the following year. It was agreed that editorial help may be given, but the essay should not have been presented previously at a NASSH conference.

Gerald Gems reported that Nancy Bouchier and Scott Martyn have agreed to continue on the Information-Technology Committee.

Gerald Gems noted that Linda Borish would like to continue promoting NASSH at international conferences. Allen Guttman noted that all of us should join in this effort whenever possible.

Ron Smith gave the Secretary-Treasurer's Report. Individual membership is down, continuing a trend for the past few years, but there has been only slightly lower number of institutional members. While NASSH is financially healthy, the savings balance was down about \$12,000 to \$119,000 because of the drop in the financial markets.

Steve Gietschier gave a report on the NASLIN joint conference with NASSH. There will be four sessions jointly with NASSH.

Tina Parratt reported the drafting of a statement on sexual harassment. She described the policy at the University of Iowa, where third-party responsibility for reporting sexual harassment is now official policy. There was extended discussion.

It was Moved (Tina Parratt) and seconded that NASSH will not tolerate sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is defined as persistent, repetitive, or egregious conduct directed at a specific individual or group of individuals that a reasonable person would interpret, in the full context in which the conduct occurs, as harassment of a sexual nature. Passed (unanimously). This motion will be brought to the annual Business Meeting for discussion and action.

It was Moved (Tina Parratt) and seconded that Council recommend to the Business Meeting that the above motion be communicated to the membership both in writing and orally at the annual convention. PASSED (5-2). (The question of the need for an oral presentation was the discussion point.)

A question of a need for a general Code of Ethics for NASSH was raised by Ron Smith. This would deal with issues such as racial, religious, ethnic, or other harassment, plagiarism, and first authorship in publishing.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that the next President appoint a committee of three to present a NASSH Code of Ethics for future consideration. PASSED (unanimously).

Tina Parratt will chair an ad-hoc Committee on Ethics and will collect policies relative to the broader ethical questions from members of Council and others.

A 10 minute recess was taken at 11:00.

Shelly Lucas noted the graduate students' appreciation of the annual graduate-student breakfast that began in 2002. Janice Forsythe (newly elected Council student representative) suggested that some of the older members have a panel session for graduate students to discuss job opportunities other than teaching. Also raised was the question of having job interviews at the Convention, though our convention may be a bit late in the year to be effective.

Scott Martyn, NASSH Webmaster, gave the Information-Technology Committee Report. The cost of accessing the NASSH site (nassh.org) has been increasing. The services have been moved to Toronto to keep cost down. There has been a marked increase in the use of the website, from 11,000 to nearly a half-million hits. The use of the Journal of Sport History on the Amateur Athletic Foundation Website (www.aafra.com) included over 80,000 visits. There were 324 on-line form downloads (mostly conference related).

Martyn noted that the employment of DBMan, a full-featured database manager that provides a web interface to add, remove, or modify records, makes possible a name-identifier for NASSH individuals to have their own password and allow updates on the on-line Directory of Scholars. This will be available by the Summer 2003.

Maureen Smith, volunteering as conference manager for NASSH 2004 meeting at the Asilomar Conference, near Monterey, proposed that NASSH meet May 28-31, 2004. Three airports, San Jose, Monterey, and San Francisco, are available to serve participants. Prices for accommodations, including meals, are reasonable.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that NASSH continue publishing the Proceedings in printed form as well as on-line. PASSED (unanimously). The main point was that with the

lateness of publishing the Journal, it would not be wise to cut back on printed matter received, especially by institutional (library) members.

Scott Martyn suggested the Proceedings be published in CD form for libraries if they so wish.

Allen Guttmann raised an affiliation question. J. W. "Bill" Fittell has inquired about affiliation and joint meetings with the Society for International [Ice] Hockey Research. The SIHR is a small research group looking at the early history of ice hockey. It was suggested that the SIHR members join NASSH as individuals and propose sessions on the history of ice hockey.

Tom Jable asked that a letter be drafted NASSH to NASSH's first president, Marvin Eyer. It was decided that a letter, to be composed by several members who were at the creation of NASSH, will be sent to Marvin Eyer. This will be read at the 2003 Honor Awards Banquet, included in the Proceedings, and sent to Eyer.

A question of NASSH's early history was raised by Tom Jable. A discussion on how to gather material from early leaders ensued. One possibility is to collect written memoirs from past members of NASSH. Past presidents will be asked to write memoirs.

Allen Guttmann raised the question of NASSH members officially representing NASSH at international conferences. President-elect Jerry Gems will represent NASSH at ISHPES 2003 in Urbino, Italy.

Allen Guttman reported that Douglas Booth has suggested that an additional book award for edited collections be created. Questions arose over what type of edited work would be eligible such as anthologies of research article, original articles, or edited letters. It was decided that the Book Award Committee, chaired by Booth, should prepare a formal proposal for the Council.

Steven Riess gave the Publications Board Report. He noted that the JSH status is on solid grounds with the first issue of new

editor Mel Adelman. A schedule has been set for the future to get on time by publishing four issues per year for the next three years.

Quality manuscripts are being submitted. The "Forum" issues are going well.

Editor Mel Adelman noted the use of the Journal of Sport History (84,000 hits) on the Amateur Athletic Federation of Los Angeles website. The most numerous inquiries have dealt with combat and war articles found in the Journal.

Adelman noted that financial considerations have prevented Ohio State University from providing as much support as had been expected.

Adelman discussed the process of putting out the Journal, noting the editorial system is working effectively, including the work of technical editor JoDee Dyreson and the printing at Thomson-Shore printers.

Michael Lomax said that he is updating the Proceedings Operating Code for future editors. The cost of the Proceedings is about \$6,500. The hardbound version could be dropped for financial considerations, but should be printed at least until JSH is back on schedule.

Linda Borish gave a Promotions Committee Report. A panel was conducted at the recent American Historical Association meeting in Chicago. The Great Lakes and Mid-America Conference worked effectively in the promotion of NASSH.

It was MOVED (Gerald Gem) and seconded that a new Directory of Scholars be produced. PASSED (unanimously).

Scott Martyn volunteered to be the next editor of the Directory of Scholars.

A question of lapsed membership was raised. Gerald Gems suggested that we might attract new members from other organizations, considering joint membership with members of other organizations, keeping presentation slots open for other

organizations at our convention, and creating a new NASSH brochure. It was decided to prepare a brochure and distribute it through the membership.

Ron Smith volunteered to help develop a brochure that would include a membership form.

Alan Metcalfe raised the question of what members to recognize with Honor Awards and who to memorialize. The consensus was that each situation should be dealt with on an ad hoc basis.

The Council adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald A. Smith
Secretary-Treasurer



NASSH Recognition Award Winner Jody
Davenport with Ron Smith and Allen Guttman