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AGENDA AND MINUTES
NASSS Board Meeting
San Diego, Saturday, November 6, 2010 (7am)

Present: Geneviève Rail (president); Heather Sykes (former MAL); Demetrius Pearson (DCCC member); Jason Laurendeau (MAL); Faye Wachs (pres. Elect); Brenda Riemer (treasurer); Emily Houghton (grad rep); Stephanie McKay (grad rep); Parissa Safai (MAL); Amy Hribar (web manager); Jay Johnson (MAL); Nancy Spencer (archivist); Samantha King (conference director); Kathy Jamieson (secretary).

Regrets: Othello Harris (DCCC chair); Theresa Walton (Membership Liaison).

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by G. Rail at 7:04AM.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Incoming board members include: Faye Wachs (president elect); Emily Houghton (grad rep); Kathy Jamieson (secretary); Jason Laurendeau (MAL). Returning board members include: Geneviève Rail (president); Brenda Riemer (treasurer); Stephanie McKay (grad rep); Parissa Safai (MAL); Amy Hribar (web manager); Jay Johnson (MAL); Nancy Spencer (archivist); Samantha King (conference director).

3. Approval of the Agenda

Board invited to review and amend agenda. No amendments were made. Unanimous approval.

NEW BUSINESS

4. ALESDE and NASSS

G. Rail explained a proposal to formalize the relationship between ALESDE and NASSS. MOTION (J. Coakley brought by G. Rail): NASSS will provide 5 free conference registrations to ALESDE Board Members on an annual basis, and ALESDE will reciprocate. Registrations will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. The arrangement will be assessed and revised as needed at the 2012 NASSS conference. Second: P. Safai. Vote: unanimous support.

5. Chairs for 2011 Awards Committees

Distinguished Service Award – The Board agreed to invite B. Rinehart to chair the DSA. Should B. Rinehart decline, the Board will invite H. Sykes to chair the DSA. Barbara Brown Student Paper Award: J. Johnson. Book Award: P. Safai. SSJ Article Award: J. Laurendeau.

6. Conference Site Committee

Samantha King reported that after deliberation, the committee decided to continue to survey members following each conference and identify any patterns of rotating sites that may lead to a proposal for a fixed conference site rotation in the future. Additionally, the committee discussed the possibility of altering the current conference site coordinator role into two Board positions. Motion to split the current conference site coordinator role into two Board positions: conference locator and on-site conference coordinator. Second: Brenda Riemer. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Required Actions: Bylaw change: must be on this year's ballot and be announced to membership 3 months prior to vote.

7. Diversity and Conference Climate Committee

D. Pearson, in place of O. Harris, reported on three items:

- a) EMERGENCY FUNDS. First the DCCC requested additional Executive Board clarity regarding the availability, assignment, and purpose of emergency funds for international participants in NASSS meeting who hail from category B or C countries. It was suggested that an informal process has been in place; that the Board also ought to solicit in-kind support (e.g., room-sharing, etc.); and that "emergency" may not be an accurate name for the fund. G. Rail suggested the DCCC review the policy and procedure manual in order that they may prepare a more firm proposal to the Board.
- b) FEE STRUCTURE FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS. The DCCC felt ill-informed and passed the issue back to the Executive Board. G. Rail suggested the conversation be postponed to an online discussion item for the Board, and offered to examine other organizational examples of sliding scales for membership fees.
- c) RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPOTLIGHT SESSION FOR NEW SCHOLARS OF COLOR. The DCCC seemed to need more time to filter through this item and a potential new, related award. G. Rail suggested the DCCC take more time and present a proposal to the Board in the near future.

The DCCC also raised a question for the Executive Board: "How has the diversity climate been assessed and what is the ongoing plan?" N. Spencer suggested that the DCCC and Executive Board review the plan that emerged from the Alma Clayton Patterson consultation regarding NASSS's organizational diversity. Lastly, the DCCC reminded the Board that it is time to elect a new chair of the DCCC.

8. Membership

A year ago, Theresa Walton had asked the Board to discuss the potential sale of NASSS membership directory. To date, there has been no decision made by the Board. G. Rail suggested the Executive Board handle this business online in the near future. Board members present were in unanimous agreement. Required Actions: secretary will follow-up with membership liaison and treasurer to secure background information and will request a formal decision from Board no later than Board Meeting #1 at 2011 conference.

9. Environmental Impact Ad Hoc Committee

Stephanie McKay reported that the committee was established by and directed by graduate students. Others were invited to join the committee (e.g., faculty). There was question as to how the committee ought to proceed: it was agreed that the committee ought to continue for one more year under the direction of the graduate students and as an Ad Hoc committee. Required Actions: Assessment of the committee's role and form will take place at the 2011 NASSS meeting.

10. Logo and Name Ad Hoc Committee

G. Rail opened a discussion of NASSS name change: three possible new names were NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SOCIOCULTURAL STUDIES IN SPORT (NASSSS); NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SOCIOCULTURAL STUDIES OF SPORT AND PHYSICAL CULTURE (NASSS OR NASSSPC); and SOCIETY FOR SOCIOCULTURAL STUDIES OF SPORT AND PHYSICAL CULTURE (SSSPC). B. Riemer suggested that the IRS will not allow the organization to officially change its name, but perhaps adding a tag line could be an option. G. Rail suggested the Ad Hoc committee continue its work on this issue, especially with a focus on the possibility of a tag line.

11. HK Relationship (SSJ) Ad Hoc Committee

The ongoing question is whether or not to separate from HK for the publication of NASSS's journal, SSJ. Additionally, questions of format, production, and ownership of the journal arose. At the meeting, a handout regarding pros and cons of staying and leaving HKP was provided. The two members of the ad hoc committee came to opposite conclusions (Coakley suggests to stay with HK while Rhinehart suggests to move to Routledge). Not enough time for a thorough discussion of this issue and so will have to sign SSJ contract with HK and entertain more discussion on this. G. Rail suggested adding a couple more members to the Ad Hoc committee, especially as it seems there is a history of deliberations about which not all committee members are aware. Required Actions: secretary will identify terms of current contract with HK; review the handout; request a firm proposal be made by the Board no later than Board Meeting #1 at 2011 conference.

12. Varia

None added.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:10AM.