

NASSS Board of Directors Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia
November 1, 2006

MINUTES

Present: Steve Walk (swalk@fullerton.edu), Nancy Spencer (nspencer@bgnet.bgsu.edu), Dayna Daniels (daniels@uleth.ca), Dean Purdy (DeanAPurdy@yahoo.com), Christine Dallaire (christine.dallaire@uottawa.ca), Mary McDonald (mcdonamg@muohio.edu), Toni Bruce (tbruce@waikato.ac.nz), Amy Hribar (amsbar2002@hotmail.com), Michele Donnelly (michelekdonnelly@hotmail.com), Rich King (crking@wsu.edu), Louis Harrison (lharrison@mail.utexas.edu), Kathy Jamieson (kmjamies@uncg.edu), Jennifer Sterling (jster@umd.edu).

Regrets: Bryan Denham (bdenham@clemson.edu), Annalies Knoppers (a.knoppers@usg.uu.nl).

1. Call to Order/Announcements Steve Walk
Thanks to Louis Harrison for representing DCCC in the absence of Othello Harris
2. Approval of NASSS 2005 Board Meetings – Winston-Salem, North Carolina
MOTION to accept Minutes of 10/26/2005 (Daniels/Dallaire) **CARRIED (as amended)**
MOTION to accept Minutes of 10/27/2005 (Daniels/Bruce) **CARRIED**
MOTION to accept Minutes of 10/29/2005 (Daniels/Dallaire) **CARRIED**
3. Site Selection Update Dean Purdy
All sites from 2007-2010 are set (2007 = Pittsburgh; 2008 = Denver; 2009 = Ottawa; 2010 = San Diego).
4. Web Page Update Amy Hribar
As of this meeting, there have been 22,333 hits on the NASSS web page. We are getting good global coverage. There are, on average 444 hits /month on the blog.
The Experts and Graduate Program databases are updateable, but there has been little use of this option. A public search interface for these two databases will be set up in 2007.
There is an increase in activity in the questions / comments section. These include interlibrary loan requests, research advice, and inquiries about books, videos, and syllabi.
The on-line voting process through SPORG saved NASSS ~\$1200.00 in mailing costs. Problems occurred with members not using the exact e-mail address while attempting to vote that they used to sign-up on SPORG. Addresses must match exactly. We reached quorum through on-line voting, but response was only about 1/3 of the eligible NASSS members.
Web Page Problems
There are problems with databases and passwords.
The entire site needs to be overhauled –
 - Make log-in easier
 - Give access to more locations
 - Databases needed for videos, books, syllabiOn-line archives
Need search interface for Experts and Grad Program databases
Need to streamline pages
Automated messages from SPORG produce multiple mailings to the same address.
Amy will work to cut out the redundancies.

Conference Problems

Due to a change in the server that put all settings back to default, some abstracts were lost.

Streamlining the conference information will help with program planning and conference program editing.

Conference abstract forms will be modified to include mandatory fields for submission and better communication with session organizers and conference committee.

Web Committee

Amy recommended bringing an additional person with HTML coding skills onto the web committee. She was approached in Winston-Salem by an interested individual.

On-going / Developments

Members need to update their own information through SPORG – especially changes to e-mail addresses.

Updating of the Experts and Graduate Programs databases.

Amy will create on-line tutorials for various web page / SPORG functions

Bulletin Boards within the site could be useful for committees and members.

A post-conference web-survey, with a standardized form, needs to be developed.

All committee records need to be archived for future reference / research.

YAHOO groups could be set up for committee communications.

5. Treasurer's Report

Dean Purdy

The NASSS budget has taken a \$10,000 hit for assistance to the SSJ Editor (however, this is balanced with the \$4500 savings from going to an electronic newsletter.

The last conference registration fee increase was 1997. In order to maintain the standards of the conference, the Board might consider an increase in the conference fee in the near future.

NASSS is okay, but expenses are always rising. We need revenues from other sources than membership and conference fees. Dean suggested the possibility of a Fund Raising committee to develop some creative revenue streams.

6. Newsletter

Steve Walk for Bryan Denham

NASSS saved ~\$4500 by going to an on-line journal.

Bryan will stay on as Newsletter Editor through 2007, but NASSS needs to begin soliciting volunteers to take over.

It was suggested that a committee be struck to review the job description of the newsletter editor and to look at how the Newsletter and the Web Page can work more closely together.

7. Awards

Barbara A. Brown Student Award

Toni Bruce

Committee Members: Toni Bruce (Chair), Laura Chase, D.P. Pearson and Michael Silk.

Due to the limited number of master's submissions (5, of which 3 were eliminated for various reasons), we decided not to award a Master's level paper this year. This year it was a clean sweep for the Canadians!

WINNER: "I Play Hockey and I'm Gaie But Don't Call me Butch!": Discursive Constructions of Gender and Sexuality in Quebec Women's Sport, by Barbara Ravel, Universite de Montreal

HONORABLE MENTION: Recognizing the Colonial in Sport: A Postcolonial Look at FIFA and International Football, by Tosha Tsang, University of Alberta

Toni recommended that the submission date for papers be changed to July 15. She will take this suggestion to the Graduate Student group for feedback.

A discussion took place over the year about clarification of single vs. multiple author paper – especially when the co-author is the student's adviser. How much work is actually the student's, etc. Other discussions centered on what constitutes publication in some circumstances.

Toni will work on clarifying the rules for paper submission: not published or accepted for publication, authorship, what is supervisor's input, etc.

SSJ Award

Christine Dallaire

Committee Members: Christine Dallaire (Chair), University of Ottawa, Faye Linda Wachs, Department of Sociology and Psychology, Cal Poly Pomona, David Ridpath, Department of Kinesiology, Mississippi State University, John Nauright, Department of Hospitality, Tourism and Family Consumer Sciences, Georgia Southern University, Parissa Safai, School of Kinesiology and Health Sciences, York University.

2005 SSJ outstanding article winner:

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio (2005) "Athletes as Agents of Change: An Examination of Shifting Race Relations Within Women's Netball in Post-Apartheid South Africa", SSJ, 21(1), 59-77.

2005 SSJ honorable mentions (in no particular order):

Richard Pringle & Pirkko Markula. Pain is Sane After All: A Foucauldian Analysis of Masculinities and Men's Experiences in Rugby. 21(4).

Michael Silk & Mark Falcos. One Day in September / A Week in February: Mobilizing American (Sporting) Nationalism. 21(4).

Cheryl Cooky & Mary McDonald. "If You Let Me Play": Young Girls Insider-Other Narratives of Sport. 21(2).

NASSS Book Award¹

Committee Members: Kathy Jamieson (Chair), Jennifer Bruening, Emmett Gill, Janelle Joseph, and Jane Stangl,

In all, 17 books were nominated (plus one after the deadline), with 10 of those being deemed eligible.

2006 NASSS Book Award winner:

Giardina, Michael. D. (2005). *Sporting pedagogies: Performing culture & identity in the global arena*. New York: Peter Lang.

MOTION: That, beginning in 2007, the NASSS Book Award be based on a competition of books from a single calendar year (the 2007 award will be selected from books with a 2006 publishing date). (Jamieson / Dallaire) **CARRIED**

Kathy reported that most of the nominations for 2006 came from publishers rather than individuals.

There needs to be further clarification on the eligibility of edited collections.

8. NASSS Non-profit Standing

Dean Purdy

There is currently a problem with the tax-exempt status of NASSS as all forms have not been completed / submitted.

9. Journal Issues Update

Steve Walk

HK rep, Myles Schrag, will attend the Board meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday November 2, 2006. Steve was not entire sure about what Myles want to say to us.

We are not happy with the offer that NASSS received from HK, but at the moment we have no alternative. Taylor and Francis has indicated a lot of interest. Alan Abes (NASSS attorney) sent a letter to T&F to clear up some issues around an offer. We are not yet committed to T&F.

Other inquiries have come in. Many other organizations are in the same situation as NASSS. Steve has been in contact with Joe Maguire and a woman from UC Press who have both been extremely helpful.

MOTION: That the NASSS Board approve an expenditure to send a representative from NASSS to Washington, D.C. to meet with SPARK around publishing concerns. (McDonald / Dallaire).

AMENDMENT: That two NASSS representatives be sent to SPARK. (Accepted as a friendly amendment). **CARRIED**

Steve requested recommendations of names of NASSS members to go to Washington, D.C. It was proposed that the meeting take place before the end of November or, at the very least, that the meeting be set up before the end of November 2006. Jay Coakley was suggested as one rep.

Board Strategy: When the NASSS Board has appropriate options on which we might act, we get the membership to formally endorse a group to move ahead in contract negotiations.

10. Policies and Procedures Manual
(Item delayed)

Mary McDonald

11. Code of Ethics Committee Update
(Item delayed)

Steve Walk

12. Elections 2007

Steve Walk

Steve thanked Sammi King and her committee. The on-line voting was successful for the most part and provided a savings in mailing costs.

13. NASSS Dialogue Session

Steve Walk

There will be 10 tables set up for this session discussing issues from DCCC. All Board members are asked to 'host' the discussion at tables.

14. Adjournment

¹ September 27, 2006

CONFIDENTIAL

To: NASSS Executive Board

From: Katherine M. Jamieson, Book Award Committee chairperson

RE: 2006 NASSS Book Award procedures and outcome

The following is a succinct outline of the work of the 2006 NASSS Book Award Committee. The committee consisted of Jennifer Bruening, Emmett Gill, Janelle Joseph, Jane Stangl, and myself. In all, 17 books were nominated (plus one after the deadline), with 10 of those being deemed eligible. The committee selected the following book to receive the 2006 NASSS Book Award:

Giardina, Michael. D. (2005). *Sporting pedagogies: Performing culture & identity in the global arena*. New York: Peter Lang.

Please remember that the above information is to remain confidential until formally announced at the NASSS meeting.

Notes on Procedure:

Our procedures followed that of previous committees and included a) committee formation; b) call for nominations; c) management of nominations and publisher contacts; d) reading and evaluating; e) making the award; and f) wrapping up (what I am doing in this memo). Unique aspects for the 2006 committee are described below.

Call for Nominations: the typical format for nomination call was used, but an “application form” was created and employed (attached). The form was an attempt to put some of the labor onto the nominator, primarily, a) assessing eligibility prior to nominating, and b) providing complete contact information for nominator and publisher. The form did not seem to decrease nominations, and may have saved the committee chair time early in the process. I think we also moved the call and the deadline to earlier dates, thus allowing the committee a couple extra weeks in the summer for reading.

Reading and Evaluating: A rubric was developed based on previous evaluation guidelines. The rubric was edited and approved by the committee prior to employing it in the evaluation of the books. Given the volume of books, we assigned readings in two categories – perusal and close/full evaluation. Each committee member “read” every book, but they were randomly assigned which books to read closely and which to peruse. Each book deemed eligible was read closely by three committee members and perused by two. Thus, each committee member read six books closely and each perused four. I made an executive decision to set our target date for completion at September 15, 2006 – not sure how this jives with previous completion dates.

Recommendations:

Nominations: Move the nominations process up to open at the NASSS meeting (or immediately following) and close on December 31. I further recommend setting a book delivery date of January 31, thus allowing committee members to read books closely and evaluate more comprehensively.

Eligibility: If we make the change above, we should also make the publication date range a two-year range. Given the delays in publishing, do we really want to be awarding a book that was published three years ago?

Committee Perks: Committee members should receive priority for submitting a book review to SSJ based on one of their “assigned” readings for the book award. It is nice to receive “free” books, but this takes a-lot of time from NASSS members, and they ought to get some scholarly productivity out of the process.

Management: As nominations come in, keep track of the source of the nomination (e.g., publisher, NASSS member, author, etc.). Tracking trends in nominations may help us to make future decisions regarding volume from any one source, etc. . .