



**AGENDA AND MINUTES
NASSS Board Meeting
Ottawa, Saturday November 7, 2009**

Present: Heather Sykes, Geneviève Rail, Samantha King, Bob Rinehart, Pirrko Markula, Callie Batts, Sean Smith, Othello Harris, Parissa Safai, Amy Hribar, Brenda Riemer, Jay Johnson, Nancy Spencer, Stephanie McKay, Faye Linda Wachs.

Regrets: Theresa Walton, Dayna Daniels.

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 7:05 AM

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Approval of the Agenda

Two additional items are discussed immediately:

- a. *SSJ*: Routledge is interested in *SSJ*. We are going to talk to Routledge. Human Kinetics does not have as much access to other social science journals. Sage and Routledge have more options for citations in other social science journals. Routledge wants to capture the US market. Will Human Kinetics sell the name? If not, *SSJ* would still be published with HK and we would have to change the name. *SSJ* does not sell as much to individuals but to a lot of libraries. It would be hard for us to reintegrate a different journal into libraries. Bob Rinehart moves to have an adhoc committee to investigate this option (the *SSJ* Editor should not be on the committee). Seconded by Heather Sykes. The motion is passed unanimously.
- b. *Samantha King Report*: two years ago the board discontinued pre-conference site visits but for this coming year we may have to go as the hotel is off a highway and may not have a lot of walking things nearby. Sammi asks for a site visit because of a need to plan things. Moved by Faye Wachs to approve a site visit for San Diego for the conference planner. Seconded by Brenda Riemer. Unanimously approved.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the November 5, 2009 NASSS Meeting

The minutes are approved without modifications.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Report on the 2009 Conference

Sammi King makes a short report on the conference so far.

7. Transitions (President, President-Elect)

- a. *Transitions and elections:* Genevieve Rail is replacing Darcy Plymire as president. There is no president elect because of this. So we just need to leave that slot blank. Should we do a special election and have a president elect or is Genevieve president for two years? Who does the program? Mary McDonald volunteered to do it with Gen. Gen does not want to be president two years in a row. The Election coordinator would need to look at the next two presidents.
- b. *Elections Chair:* Dayna is willing to continue serving as election chairs. She should be ex officio on the board to keep her updated. Need to make an amendment to the bylaws - needs to be 90 days prior to election. Need to do this in March with elections.
- c. *Elections:* Should the elections be moved up to shortly after the conference? The election overlaps a bit with the conference so people running could be visible at the conference. Genevieve moves to move elections to the end of November. The motion is passed. All approve, except Bob who abstains.
- d. *NASSS name:* Brenda notes that we cannot change our name for at least one fiscal year: re nonprofit status.
- e. *Member liaison:* this person, rather than the treasurer, should take care of liaising with membership prior to votes.

8. 2010 NASSS Conference (San Diego, USA)

Sammi King reports that the conference next year will be in San Diego.

9. Award Committees

Sign up sheets are downstairs. Members at large are chairs of committees - usually decided among themselves who does what. DCC chair is in charge of the Diversity Award person, and the past President has the Service Award. Book, Journal and Student awards: Heather suggests doing the same award two years in a row but Heather also notes that it seems like there is precedent that involves changing committees. Consider operational definition of the award prior to any consideration of the award. Where does this information come from? Nancy Spencer will post on NASSS board and is in booklet. Information needs to be distributed. Othello notes that the service award is worded as an and/or as to NASSS or the field. So the service award can go to either someone contributing to NASSS or someone contributing to the field. The problem was such that this year, this was not decided

until after the vote. Need to make sure each chair of committee has the bylaws and the information. Need to make sure that this is collected and have it added to the policies and procedures manual. Heather Sykes will chair journal article committee, Parissa Safai will do book award, Jay Johnson will do Barbara Brown Student Paper award.

10. (Rolling) Membership

Do we want rolling membership or just annual membership? Some people are complaining because they have to pay the annual fee when they register for the conference (end of the year). Discussed combining registration and conference. Can we combine registration for conference and membership. Can we link? Can do it through regonline. Can do a rolling membership with regonline. But how will this affect the accounting? Onsite registration was heavy this year. Amy and Brenda need to dialogue about this report back.

11. Harjo Case

Laurel Davis wants some approval and wants to know if we will support the case. The document will be circulated to Board members for approval.

12. Change of Name

Logo and name change for NASSS. Ad hoc committee: Bob Rinehart, Geneviève Rail, Sean Smith, Steph MacKay.

13. Other Business

- a. *Process for signing up.* Need to decide do we want paper or online? You must be a member to be on the committee. For this year, we need to use the list, send a message to sign up to the committees for the coming year. List will be forwarded to the chairs. Maybe allow signups by third week in November. Nice to have paper and website. Message sent through listserv to invite them to signup on line and will also continue the paper signup. Giving the OK to chairs of committees to use the lists but to also solicit volunteers if diversity is needed.
- b. *Graduate Student Issues.* Concern about the review process for the student paper award. Want the process to be more standardized way of doing it. And can a graduate student serve on the committee? Rubric for the graduate student paper: Letter of confirmation. What currently exists? Usually selected in October. Committee needs to inform the committee of conflicts of interest. Confidentiality: award winners should learn at NASSS conference.
- c. *Code of Practice.* The code is in the second edit process - round of corrections to the board and then vote on final version at the business meeting in 2010.
- d. *Committees:* Amy will add new names to Google Groups list and update all our new members.

14. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 8:30 AM.