

2015 NASSS Archivist Report

By Nancy E. Spencer

I regret that I was not able to attend this year's NASSS in sunny Santa Fe☺ However, I have enjoyed following the sessions via Twitter. Below is a summary of where we stand with the NASSS Archives.

The NASSS Archives have been housed in the Jerome Library at Bowling Green State University (BGSU) since the Archivist position was created in 1986. Eldon Snyder, an original member of NASSS and a sport sociologist at BGSU was the first archivist. He served in that position until 2008. When Eldon retired, I was appointed to the position of archivist. At that time the materials in the Archives were filed as preliminary. In June 2012, the register for our documents was completed by an undergraduate student assistant with revisions by the Curator of Manuscripts (Marilyn Levinson). An outline of materials that are available can be found at the following link: https://lib.bgsu.edu/finding_aids/items/show/927

In 2013, NASSS approved the hiring of BGSU graduate student, Nathen Eldridge, who assisted in digitizing and organizing the following documents:

- **Programs** from past NASSS meetings (1980-2012)
- **Minutes** from Annual Business Meetings (1983, 1985, 1987-1988, 1990-1996, 2000-2004)
 - [*Note: Many documents since 2004 were not digitized since they are available as computer documents]
- **NASSS Steering Committee Meetings** (1981-1983, 1986-1987)
- **NASSS Board of Directors Meetings** (1984, 1992, 2001, 2003, 2004)
- **SSJ Editor's Annual Reports** (1985, 1989, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005)
- **Treasurer's Reports** (1982-1983, 1985-1987, 1989-1991, 1993-1994, 2001-2004)

Some of the above digitized documents have been distributed to NASSS Board members per requests. The Board has discussed posting above reports on the website so they are more readily available to NASSS members.

More recently, I have discussed with Associate Dean Colleen Boff at BGSU the possibility of posting documents (such as NASSS programs) on SCHOLARWORKS. An overview of this site is available at the following link: <http://scholarworks.bgsu.edu/communities.html> [Note: It would be possible to post Keynotes and/or Presidential Addresses on this open access if approved by the NASSS Board].

I look forward to receiving feedback from NASSS members via the Board.

Sincerely,

Nancy E. Spencer, NASSS Archivist

Barbara Brown Student Paper Awards Report

NASSS Executive Board Meeting

Santa Fe, NM

Submitted by Lisa McDermott

November 2, 2015

The composition of this year's committee was: Rachel Allison (Mississippi State University), William Bridel (University of Calgary), Audrey Giles (University of Ottawa), Amanda Paule-Koba (Bowling Green State University), and myself (University of Alberta). In total we received seven submissions this year, of which one was for the MA award while the remaining six were for the doctoral one. Overall the committee worked well together with all process-related questions being dealt with very collegially. This included providing me feedback on how the "Instructions to Students" could be revised (see Revised BBSP Award Instruction document) to ensure better consistency across the papers.

Regarding the MA submission, even though there was only one all but one of the committee members believed that it was a very accomplished paper. The year's winner is Matt Crockett from San Jose State University (Supervisor: Ted Butryn) for his very well-written paper "A Spatial Ethnography of the CrossFit Gym."

In terms of the PhD award, the quality of the six submissions varied, but there was complete committee unanimity on the quality of this year's winner Matt Hawzen from Florida State University (Supervisor: Joshua Newman) for his very sophisticated paper "Reading Tim Tebow: Sporting celebrity, whiteness, and the cultural politics of morality in America." In addition, two other PhD submissions will receive honourable mentions at the business meeting: Katelyn Esmonde from the University of Maryland (Supervisor: Shannon Jette) for her paper "From "obesogenic" to "fitogenic": The "obesogenic environment", physical activity, and the sociology of sport;" and Shawna Marks from the University of Adelaide (Supervisor: Chris Beasley) for her paper "Transgressing the 'Imaginary Body' of the 'WAG': News media representations of Tania Hird during the 'Essendon Supplements Saga'."

Book Award Committee Report

Submitted by Maureen Smith, November 3, 2015

Book Award Committee members:

Judy Liao, Jeff Montez de Oca, John Paul, Ellen Staurowsky, Faye Linda Wachs

Many thanks for their hard work all summer.

We began with 15 books...and whittled it down to 6, which we vigorously debated. Ultimately, we decided upon one winner and two honorable mentions. All three will be honored at the business meeting.

An amended report will be submitted post-business meeting announcement.

Conference Site Selection Committee Report 2015 (for site selection NASSS 2017)

Committee: Michelle Helstein (Chair), Toni Bruce, Mary McDonald, Andrew Meyer, Ken Muir (joined in October), Josh Newman, F. Michelle Richardson, Nicholas Schlereth, and Maureen Smith

Report submitted by: Michelle Helstein

Context:

My previous term as conference locator (chair, conference site selection committee) was to end after selection of the NASSS 2016 site, though I had agreed to work alongside a new locator for the 2017 selection. Difficulties with appointing a replacement extended into March and so I agreed to stay on for the 2017 site, and work with someone new through the 2018 cycle. The work of this committee was delayed due to that late start, combined with my appointment as an associate dean and the unexpected 6-week absence of a colleague for whom I also had to cover in that administrative office. Generally, a contract is signed prior to the current NASSS conference, but this year the work is still ongoing. My sincere apologies to the NASSS Board and membership for this delay. The work of the committee is now back on track and we are well positioned to recommend at 2017 site by end of the year (with a contract anticipated by January, 2016 at the latest).

Action:

At NASSS 2014, Canada was identified by the Board as the site for NASSS 2017 (as per the general rotation which sees NASSS in Canada at least every 4-5 years). See the last 15 years, below:

2016 Tampa	2008 Denver
2015 Santa Fe	2007 Pittsburgh
2014 Portland	2006 Vancouver
2013 Quebec City	2005 Winston-Salem
2012 New Orleans	2004 Tucson
2011 Minneapolis	2003 Montreal
2010 San Diego	2002 Indianapolis
2009 Ottawa	2001 Colorado Springs

In agreement with and based on this direction, the site selection committee considered Canadian options (based on both member and committee recommendations). Four cities have been identified as potential sites (Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, and Windsor). A Request for Proposals (RFP), with a deadline date of November 13, 2015, has been circulated within each of those cities and the committee awaits the bids.

As is typical, the bids will be compared between cities and additional information will be gathered (accessibility, flight cost comparisons from various regions, walkability, public transportation, etc.). Based on that information a city will be selected for a site visit, at which point all venues in that city which bid will be vetted. The site visit includes touring the conference facilities (meeting and ballroom spaces, common spaces, guest rooms, suites, etc.), asking questions of clarification regarding the bids, getting a sense of the hotel locations relative to amenities, and negotiating where possible. The intent is to do the site visit in December, 2015 and make a recommendation to the Board in December-January such that a contract can be signed in January, 2015.

The cycle for the 2018 selection will then proceed according to the more normal timeline – with the committee's discussions for NASSS 2018 beginning in February 2016 (and a contract signed by the end of September 2016). Both the current (me) and incoming conference site locator will collaboratively complete the 2018 selection cycle.

Conference Manager Report

Submitted by Maureen Smith, November 2, 2015

As of November 2, 309 people (including keynote speakers, exhibitors, ad space purchases) had registered for the NASSS conference, bringing in just over \$59,000 in revenue. A small error in registration charged graduate students the regular price during the early bird period. This was discovered the weekend prior to the conference, and \$50 refunds were issued to approximately 75 graduate students. In addition, several grad students were provided free registration in exchange for working registration.

Primary responsibilities:

Worked with Convention Center personnel to establish schedule for use of rooms, room setups, and AV. We were provided with complimentary AV – HOWEVER – this is for most breakout rooms, but not the rooms used for the keynotes. As a result, I worked with a local AV company to contract for the AV for the keynote rooms Thursday-Saturday and the business meeting held in the hotel on Friday. These were unanticipated costs (based on complimentary AV) – of around \$5400.

Worked with hotel staff to keep track of room block, upgrades to rooms, comp rooms. We just barely filled room block prior to deadline and will receive all contracted comp rooms (and a 10% discount on food and beverage).

Scheduled graduate students to work at registration table throughout conference.

Worked with hotel and convention staff to cater two receptions, 5 coffee breaks, meetings of SSJ Board, NASSS Board, Grad Student luncheon, and DCCC committee. Total costs for catering, including taxes and fees, will be just under \$33,000. SSJ will reimburse NASSS for their meeting/breakfast charges.

Worked with publishers and exhibitors to reserve table space for book displays.

Lightly assisted with Theresa Walton in managing ad space, including allowing the ad space to be paid for on regonline.

Consulted with treasurer Brenda Riemer to establish food and beverage budget and to pay for AV.

Worked with Cheryl Cooky and program committee to determine session rooms and schedule.

2015 NASSS Elections Committee Final Report

Committee Members: Jessica Chin (chair), Othello Harris, jay johnson
Prepared by Jessica Chin

2014/15 Timeline: We put out a call for nominations on the NASSS Listserv on February 10, 2015, then identified and contacted potential candidates for President-Elect, Member at large, Treasurer, DCCC Chair, and Grad Student Representative. Candidates who stood for office included:

- President-Elect—Ted Butryn and Theresa Walton-Fisette (elected);
- Treasurer—Brenda Reimer (elected);
- Member at large--Rachel Allison (elected), Shannon Jette (elected), and Ronald Mower
- DCCC Chair -- Algerian Hart (elected)
- Graduate Student Representative -- Donna Fickes, Nick Schlereth, and Samuel Twito (elected)

Candidates were sent a template from which to construct their bios. This format worked out well, providing consistency to the ballot. However, the question was raised whether we should allow longer bios (2-page max?).

Names were listed in alphabetical order by last name on the ballot, to change from the reverse alphabetical listing in the prior year (2014).

Elections were run electronically with technical support from Robert Pitter and David Blackwell. Elections ran from March 18-April 3, 2015. We asked that everyone have their membership status up to date by March 16. An email with a link to the ballot was sent to everyone who had current NASSS membership status as of March 16, 2015 by David Blackwell. For those who renewed membership after the ballots were sent, they were instructed to contact Jessica Chin to request a ballot. Jessica had temporary access to the current membership list (only during the voting process) so that she could verify membership status for voting purposes. Once a member's status was verified, a ballot was sent to that member via email by David Blackwell.

A run-off election was conducted for the second MAL position. Per the NASSS by-laws, candidates must receive a majority of the votes to be elected; Mower and Allison had each received approximately 36%. A separate ballot was sent to the membership for this run-off election.

This was the first year that we conducted the grad student rep (GSR) election electronically. With the help of the grad student reps (Dain TePoel and Courtney Szto), grad student membership was canvassed. Ballot bio template was sent to eligible grad students interested in running. Grad reps in consultation with elections chair slightly modified the bio template for grad student reps. Of note, the grad student ballot was ONLY sent to grad students (so, they received two separate ballots: general membership and GSR).

After elections concluded, David Blackwell sent the results to the Elections Chair, who informed the Board, the candidates and then the membership about the results.

Policy and Procedures Manual Recommendations:

1) The call for nominations on the Listserv worked well by providing potential candidates with a fair amount of information; it can be used as a general template with this inserted in the P&P Manual as an appendix:

Call for Elections General Template (send to NASSS listserv and post on social media)

The NASSS Elections Committee (Vicky Paraschak - parasch@uwindsor.ca; Jessica Chin - jessica.chin@sjsu.edu; Othello Harris - harriso@muohio.ed) is looking for members who would like to stand for various NASSS Board positions for 2014. These positions are:

1) President-Elect (3 years - one as president elect when you are responsible for the organizing of the NASSS conference, then a year as President of NASSS, followed by a year as Past-President),

2) Member at Large (Canadian)(2 years) - you must be a Canadian or at a Canadian institution, and in this position you chair a different committee each of those two years, either the Barbara Brown Student Paper Award, the SSJ Article Award or the Book Award, while also participating in Board meetings over email during the year and at Board meetings while at the conference in November

3) Secretary (2 years) - you take minutes at all Board meetings, and ensure that actions of the Board continue to move forward and are documented for the organization throughout the year.

If you are interested in finding out more about these positions, it would be great to contact a current or past NASSS Board member in those positions (currently President Elect is Jane Stangl - jstangl@smith.edu; Member at Large (Canadian) is Mary Louise Adams - mla1@queensu.ca; Secretary is Katherine Jamieson - kmjamies@uncg.edu). You can also read up on these positions in the Constitution and Bylaws and in the Policy and Procedures Manual, both of which are posted on our NASSS website (NASSS.org).

If you are interested in having your name stand, you can self-nominate by sending an email to any member of the Elections Committee. You then need to send us a brief bio that we can post along with your name on the ballot (we will send you the format). Our intention is to have nominations open until February 25th, then have elections run from March 1-31st. If you are elected, you would begin your duties by attending Board meetings at our November 2014 conference in Portland Oregon November 5th -8th. You need to be a current NASSS member to run for office, and a current NASSS member to vote. We look forward to addressing any questions you may have. Please approach others who you feel may do a good job for these positions as well; you can nominate them as long as you have their permission. Having an effective Board is key to operating as a responsive and proactive organization; we look forward to supporting all those who are interested in participating in this important service.

2) The current Policy and Procedures Manual and By-laws are not consistent with new, current practice for GSR election.

Section 4: Election

Change from: “One Graduate Student Representative will be elected by the graduate students at the annual Conference each year, at a meeting called for them and chaired by the continuing Graduate Student Representative.”

Change to (and add to PPM): “One Graduate Student Representative will be elected by the graduate students via electronic ballot in conjunction with the general membership election.”

(wording suggestions welcome)

3) To move in line with current practice, revise the bylaws and PPM (Section 4) to: “The votes are electronically tabulated and the results sent to the Elections Committee Chairperson, who will certify...” , and that “The Elections Committee Chairperson shall forward this slate to the Elections technician, along with a current list of NASSS members, and the technician will electronically mail...”

The underlined portions below may need modifications accordingly.

Section 4: Election

Elections shall be conducted in the following manner: Each January the Elections Committee shall canvass the membership and the Board of Directors for nomination suggestions and shall then prepare, after having secured the permission of each nominee, a slate of nomination for the election of officers. The slate shall contain at least two candidates for each office. The Elections Committee Chairperson shall forward this slate to the Treasurer, who will electronically mail to each member no later than March 1 an invitation to vote that will include the slate of candidates, instructions for voting, and a link to an electronic ballot. The slate shall include, but not be limited to: (a) a list of candidates for each office, (b) a brief statement by each candidate expressing his or her qualifications for the office, (c) a summary of his or her publications, (d) a report on his or her other professional activities, and (e) a brief statement on his or her desired vision for NASSS. The ballot may also include other pertinent information on candidates and offices, as long as the additions are the same for each candidate for each office. The ballots must be completed no later than April 1. The nominees receiving the majority of the votes will be elected, provided that ballots are returned by twenty percent (20%) of the Active Members. In the case of a tie, ballots for a run-off election shall be electronically mailed out to the membership no later than May 1 and must be completed no later than June 1. The Elections Committee Chairperson shall count the votes, certify the elections results to the Board of Directors, and report the elections results to the members. In keeping with the Bylaws, Officers shall hold office until their successors have been duly elected and until their terms of office shall have begun as herein provided. One Graduate Student Representative will be elected by the graduate students at the annual

Conference each year, at a meeting called for them and chaired by the continuing Graduate Student Representative.

4) The Template used for biographies of the various candidates has worked well. Recommend that it be placed in the Policy and Procedures Manual as an appendix as outlined below:

Template for Information for each Candidate: (should be kept to one page maximum)

Member at Large (Canadian)

Mary Louise Adams is Associate Professor in the School of Kinesiology and Health Studies, the Department of Sociology and the Graduate Program in Cultural Studies at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

Vision for NASSS: My vision for NASSS builds on the accomplishments of the Board and volunteers over the past decade: an increasingly open and transparent governing structure; a commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion; greater procedural efficiency and financial stability. We need always to be trying to make it easier and more desirable for members, with various levels of experience, to become involved in the running of their organization. I believe NASSS would be strengthened by recognizing and nurturing the important contributions made by international members. In this vein, I hope NASSS will expand on recent efforts to build connections with Latin American and Caribbean sport studies organizations and scholars. My ideal NASSS is a welcoming, vibrant and challenging intellectual environment that pushes us to be better students, teachers and scholars, that helps critical scholarship on sport, physical activity and the body to find new audiences, inside and outside the academy. For intellectual, environmental, and financial reasons, we need to explore new ways of achieving this ideal - perhaps through online seminars, live chats or other digital forms of real-time communication that could help facilitate interactions among NASSS members (and others interested in our work) - beyond the annual conference.

Qualifications for Office: I have been a member of NASSS since 1997 and have attended the NASSS conference annually since 2001 – presenting, organizing sessions, participating in workshops for grad students. I have served on a number of NASSS committees over the years: the Barbara Brown Outstanding Paper Award Committee, the Conference Program Committee, and a Special Committee Regarding the Annual Conference. I have served as chair of the Nominating Committee and as a member of the editorial board of the *Sociology of Sport Journal*. I currently serve as the Book Review Editor of SSJ. I am a former president of the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Studies Association and I have done committee work for the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association (now the Canadian Sociology Association).

Summary of Publications: I am a historical sociologist, currently working on a history of feminist sport activism and on a critical study of the ways that walking has, over the past 150 years, been promoted as a means of improving health. I have published two books with the University of Toronto Press: *Artistic Impressions: Figure Skating, Masculinity and the Limits of Sport* (2011) and *The Trouble With Normal: Postwar Youth and the Construction of Heterosexuality* (1997). My work has been included in anthologies related to the history and sociology of sport and in collections related to Canadian postwar history, and to the study of citizenship, sexualities and gender. My sport-related publications have also appeared in *Body and Society*, the *International Review for the History of Sport*, *Sport in History*, and *Sociology of Sport Journal*.

5) Clarify whether A) President appoints three (3) members of elections committee or B) only appoints elections committee chair, the latter of whom then selects the other two (2) committee members. Points in question underlined below:

Article 6. Section 2: Elections Committee. At each annual meeting of the Society, the President shall appoint, subject to the confirmation of the Board of Directors, an Elections Committee consisting of three (3) members of the Society, none of which shall be members of the Board of Directors, who shall continue in office for one year. The Chairperson, selected by the President, shall be responsible for selecting the other committee members. This Committee is responsible for the preparation of a list of nominees for the elected offices of the Society, in accordance with Article IV, Section 4 of these Bylaws. The Chairperson shall report the results of the election back to the Board at their next Annual meeting.

Recommendations for elections heretofore:

- 1) Continue with electronic ballot for GSR, using revised grad student template.
- 2) Send clear message to grad students, alerting them that they will receive two separate ballots.
- 3) Post elections slate on website ahead of the elections, so that membership can read about the candidates prior to using their unique link (which can only be accessed once) to access the ballot.
- 4) Continue to push for members to renew membership early to avoid issues with providing ballots to members who join AFTER the ballots have already been sent. This message most effective coming from Pres and/or Pres-elect (thanks to Cheryl and Jane for helping in this regard!).
- 5) Encourage members to start thinking early about running (running for a position, that is).

2016 elections slate. The Elections Committee will oversee an election for the following positions:

President-Elect (1 year position, followed by 1 year as President, and 1 year as Past-President)

Secretary (2 year position)

Member at Large (Canadian) (2 year position)

Graduate Student Representative (elected by the graduate students)(2 year position)

2015 NASSS Graduate Student Update
Board of Director's Meeting
November 6, 2015
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Report submitted by email by Courtney Szto (Simon Fraser University) and Dain TePoel (University of Iowa) (Graduate Student Reps 2015-2016).

2014-2015 Activities

1. Revised the registration process for Take a Student to Lunch with faculty members signing up first, and then students making their choices from the list of faculty provided.
2. Continued providing the Student Room Share program.
3. Moved the student election process online to coincide with the other Board Elections. Samuel Twito (University of Texas - Austin) was elected as the 2015-2017 Graduate Student Representative.
4. Planned grad student luncheon in combination with the Graduate Student Panel (with assistance from Maureen Smith) for Santa Fe. The 2015 Panel is titled, "Sharing is caring: Making you and your work accessible to the public." The panel was comprised of Dr. Nicole Lavoie (University of Minnesota), Dr. Kristine Newhall (Smith College), Matt Ventresca (Queens University), and Cathryn Lucas (University of Iowa).
5. Arranged for discounted shuttle transportation through RailRunner Shuttle.

Student participation at NASSS

1. ___ students attending the Graduate Student Lunch & Panel
2. 55 students and 42 faculty members participating in Take a Student to Lunch
3. 20 students utilized the Room Share at the Eldorado Hotel & Spa.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Best Regards,

Courtney (cszto@sfu.ca) and Dain (dain-tepoel@uiowa.edu)
Grad Reps 2014-2015

Job Responsibilities and General Recommendations for the NASSS listserv administrator

The listserv administrator needs to know and be able to do:

1. If and how the University (or external resource) can host the listserv.
2. Add new NASSS members (herein referred to as “members”) to the listserv monthly based on a report provided by the NASSS Board of Directors (herein referred to as “Board”).
3. Process as needed requests to add or remove NASSS members, or change of status, to the listserv in a timely manner.
4. Evaluate requests to post material (e.g., jobs, books, conferences, CFPs, etc.) to the listserv that meets the listserv posting requirements as defined by NASSS policy.
5. Enforce NASSS policy on the operation of the listserv including suspending or removing listserv members.
6. Contribute to the listserv by making relevant posts.
7. Remind listserv members on an annual basis of the listserv policies.
8. Respond to the Board and members requests to post material to the listserv and questions regarding posting to the listserv.

General Recommendations for the listserv administrator:

1. Because the listserv administrator is aware of posts to the listserv and is a resource for communication amongst members and the Board, it is recommended that the listserv administrator serve as an un-officio member of the Board.
2. The listserv administrator:
 - a. is selected by the Board and is not a voting member on the Board.
 - b. should successfully fulfill the requirements of the position and be evaluated annually by the Board.
 - c. sets up the initial infrastructure to manage the listserv which can take several hours from research to loading of email addresses and developing a basic understanding of the functioning of the listserv system.
 - d. is a volunteer position requiring an average of 30 minutes of work per week distributed unequally throughout the week, especially as requests arise.

Given the conditions outlined in Section 2a-d, the suggested minimum term for the listserv administrator is three years, which can be renewed by the

Board at the end of the term for another three-year period. The listserv administrator should be evaluated annually by the Board to determine if the responsibilities of the position are being fulfilled. It is recommended that there be no limit on the number of times the listserv administrator position can be renewed.

2015 SSJ Editor Notes
Board of Director's Meeting
November 6, 2015
Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA

Submitted by Michael Giardina, Editor, *Sociology of Sport Journal*, November 2, 2015

I. Overview

The state of the journal is strong. Journal Year (JY) 2014-2015 (i.e., November to November) was marked by a full-scale editorial transition. I replaced Michael Atkinson to become Senior Editor after having served two three-year terms as Associate Editor. Kim Schimmel also completed her term as Associate Editor. As such, two new Associate Editors were appointed: Simon Darnell (University of Toronto) and Jayne Caudwell (University of Brighton, UK - now at Bournemouth University, UK). The new editorial team worked well together, and has functioned in a way similar to previous Editor/Associate Editor relationships with SSJ.

II. New Board Members

In November 2015, three editorial board members will cycle off: Carly Adams, Shari Dworkin, and Shannon Jette. Six new editorial board members will cycle on: Ketra Armstrong (University of Michigan, USA), Alex Channon (University of Brighton, UK), Sarah Fields (University of Colorado-Denver, USA), Simone Fullagar (University of Bath, UK), Kerry McGannon (Laurentian University, Canada), and Stanley Ilango Thangaraj (City College of New York, USA).

III. Submission Numbers

Based on available reporting data from Human Kinetics via Manuscript Central, the journal received 178 original article submissions, 12 book reviews, and 4 research notes, for a total of 194 actionable manuscripts during JY 14-15. Manuscripts were received from 29 countries, though the vast majority were from the United States (76), Canada (43), the United Kingdom (11), and New Zealand (5). The journal averaged 16 submissions per month. 37 articles were accepted for publication during JY 14-15, which keeps the acceptance rate at roughly 18% (note: a handful of those final decisions were made to manuscripts that were submitted earlier in 2014 but which had a decision occurring after November 2014). Approximately half of the submissions were given desk rejections as they were deemed inappropriate/poor fit, which is in keeping with trends over the last few years.

IV. Special Issues

At present, a Special Issue undertaken by Paul Potrac, Martin Roderick, and Andy Smith on the topic of "Sociology of Sports Work, Emotions, and Mental Health" is currently in the latter stages of manuscript submission. The Editorial Board recently approved a Special Issue on the topic of sport, physical culture, and the environment, to be edited by Jonathan Casper and Kyle Bunds. The CFP for that Special Issue has been circulated and will be posted to the HK SSJ

website.

V. Changes for 2016

2016 will bring a formatting change to the journal, moving from the current 'digest' format (6x9) to the increasingly standard full-page (8.5x11) layout utilized by Human Kinetics as well as other publishers such as Sage. The Editor in accordance with NASSS policy approved this change, which was proposed by Skip Maier at Human Kinetics. The change will allow the current and future editor additional flexibility to manage backlog/queues, as the full-page format allows roughly twice the content space at less overall pages.

VI. Other Editorial Duties

As SSJ Editor, I chaired the SSJ Early Career Researcher Award. Past-editor Mike Atkinson and NASSS President-elect Cheryl Cooky comprised the three-person committee. The committee was tasked with not only adjudicating the award for this year, but also for establishing the criteria and framework through which future awards will be decided in this category. Those criteria have been submitted for inclusion in the NASSS PPM. The winner of the 2015 award is Holly Thorpe.

NASSS Web Committee Report

Submitted by Robert Pitter

October 30, 2015

1. General Summary:

This year has been somewhat of a transitional year. My role as committee chair was supposed to end in 2014. There was, however, some confusion concerning the nature of my position as web-committee chair and the web committee as a whole. I agreed to stay on for another year as the board searched for a new web-committee chair. Around late spring or early summer Jennifer McGovern took on the role of maintaining the NASSS web-site and acting as member liaison. I continued to process memberships using RegOnline and updating the membership list on the NASSS web-site. Bárbara Schausteck de Almeidas continued to be responsible for updating the NASSS blog.

Our president, Jane Stangl, worked closely with the web-committee to improve the look of our web-site and ensure it was kept up-to-date. Her activities included providing advice on changing the colour scheme and alphabetizing the tabs. She also occasionally made updates herself.

Earlier this year I met with President Jane Stangl, President Elect Cheryl Cooky, and Secretary Jeffrey Montez de Oca. We discussed the future of web-committee. We noted that it might be helpful to replace the web committee with a communication committee. The communication committee would be chaired by a board member with the responsibility of overseeing the various facets of NASSS communications. These facets would include, the NASSS web-pages, twitter, face book, the list serve, RegOnline, etc. Members with roles such as updating the web page, membership liaison, list serve manager, membership management, etc. would continue in their role under the auspices of the board member chairing the communications committee. New positions could be created and filled by the chairperson as needed or as advised by the board. One such position might be Facebook liaison.

2. Overview of specific activities:

- a. Membership reports were submitted monthly to the treasurer, listserv manager, secretary and Human Kinetics usually on the first of the month or shortly after.
- b. Website maintenance was done by myself initially. Jennifer McGovern has taken on responsibility for website updates with the exception of membership.
- c. The main information that was delivered via our web-site concerned posting the conference information, updating information such as membership lists, board info, etc. We also continued to run the NASSS elections with help from iConcept.
- d. I worked with iConcept and the conference chair to continue to use the new system to collect conference abstract submissions on-line. This system seemed to work well.
- e. Over the last year I continued to hear about the possibility of a member's only section. Two possible types of content for that section have been suggested by our membership: 1) a user-editable film database of resources that could be used for teaching and 2) a repository for various teaching and pedagogy materials. I think

these are both very good ideas. I did investigate one no-cost strategy for accomplishing the first suggestion, but it did not work out. I think NASSS should consider investing in such a system. I believe iConcept would be able to develop a system that meets our needs and integrates with the web services they already provide. However, it may be worthwhile to investigate other options.

3. Ideas and concerns for the future:

- a. Having a member's only page has been discussed for several years. I think this is a good idea and it could be implemented relatively easily. Before creating a members' only page, the board needs to provide the web-committee with direction concerning:
 - i. What content should be for members only
 - ii. The date at which people who have not paid the annual membership lose their access to the members' only page (I suggest March 31)
 - iii. Whether all types of members will have access to the members' only page.
- b. I have learned that we could possibly improve how NASSS uses RegOnline for membership registration. Whoever set up the system for membership did so in a way that requires setting up a new form every year. This is confusing to the membership when they register (e.g. new membership vs. renewal) and makes long-term membership tracking difficult. I suggest the board consider instructing the web-committee chair and treasurer to investigate and implement an improved membership registration system using Reg-Online or perhaps moving to iConcept or another vendor who can consolidate our needs (web page, on-line elections, on-line abstract submissions, etc.).