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NASSS Business Meeting
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
October 28, 2005

MINUTES

1. Call to Order Mary McDonald

2. Welcome Mary McDonald

Dr. Alma Clayton-Pedersen was introduced and thanked for her involvement in our conference and work. Dr Clayton-Pedersen, a meeting facilitator and key note speaker for this meeting, was invited as part of on-going NASSS work that was started in Montreal on diversity. REDC suggested a consultant be brought in. Her attendance is for the purpose of meeting and consulting with NASSS members. She will prepare a report for us on her findings by mid-January. Her report will target themes, goals, and recommendations for NASSS on moving forward.

3. Memorial for Jim Curtis Nancy Theberge

4. Memorial for Alan Ingham Rob Beamish

5. Approval of NASSS Business Meetings – Montreal (2004) and Tucson (2005)

Motion to accept the minutes of the Montreal NASSS business meeting.
Moved: Dayna Daniels / Second: Mike Messner **CARRIED**

Motion to accept the minutes of the Tucson NASSS business meeting.
Moved: Dayna Daniels / Second: Jodi Cohen **CARRIED**

6. Awards
 - a. Racial and Ethnic Diversity Committee Louis Harrison

Scholarship Award for a student from an ethnic minority was presented to Bryan Bracey, University of Maryland for his paper/presentation entitled: *Separate as the Fingers: Resegregation, Sport, and the Hip-Hop Generation.*

Members of the REDC committee are listed on the NASSS Web site.

 - b. Barbara Brown Student Paper Award¹ Sammi King

Committee: Chair: Sammi King (Queen's) Ping Kun Chui (National University, Taiwan), Michelle Helstein (Lethbridge), Pete Schroeder (California, Santa Barbara), and Lisa Swanson (Towson).

12 entries were received this year on topics including risk, parental behaviour, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Scottish culture. The committee was extremely impressed by the methodological diversity, theoretical sophistication and overall quality of the papers and I am personally very excited by what this suggests about the future of our field.

Barbara Brown Student Award Winner: Holly Thorpe (Waikato) "Beyond 'Decorative Sociology': Contextualizing Female Surf, Skate and Snow Boarding,"

Honorable Mention: Simon Darnell (Toronto) "Getting his Man: Vengeance and Masculinity in Canadian Media Coverage of the Bertuzzi/Moore Incident"

Honorable Mention: Michelle Donnelly (McMaster) "Neither liquid nor solid: contemporary skateboarding communities."

c. SSJ Article Award²

Toni Bruce

Committee: Chair: Toni Bruce (Waikato), Christine Dallaire (Ottawa), Bob Rinehart (Washington State University), Krista Park (Maryland), Jodi Cohen (Bridgewater State College)

SSJ Article Winner: Jay Scherer and Steven J. Jackson: *From Corporate Welfare to National Interest: Newspaper Analysis of the Public Subsidization of NHL Hockey Debate in Canada*. *Sociology of Sport Journal*, 21(1), 36-60.

Honorable Mention: Nikki Wedgewood: *Kicking Like a Boy: Schoolgirl Australian Rules Football and Bi-Gendered Female Embodiment*. *Sociology of Sport Journal*, 21(2), 140-162.

Honorable Mention: Cathy van Ingen: *Therapeutic Landscapes and the Regulated body in the Toronto Front Runners*. *Sociology of Sport Journal* 21(3), 253-269.

d. NASSS Book Award

Nancy Spencer

Committee: Chair: Nancy Spencer (Bowling Green), David Andrews (Maryland), Cheryl Cooky (USC), Aaron Clopton (Kansas), Christopher Butler (Minnesota - Morris), Robert Pitter (Acadia)

10 book nominations were received. 2 books were eliminated from consideration according to the NASSS guidelines.

NASSS Book Award Winner: Sherri Grasmuck. (2005). *Protecting home: Class, race, and masculinity in boys' baseball*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

- e. Distinguished Service Award Ellen Staurowsky
Committee: Chair: Ellen Staurowsky (Ithaca), Robert Rinehart
(Washington State), Merrill Melnick (Brockport), and Darcy Plymire
(Ithaca).

This committee is chaired by the Past-President of NASSS. Nominations are solicited from the membership and it is the decision of the committee to present an award or not. The requirements for the Distinguished Service Award are 1. Service to NASSS and/or 2. Contributions to Sport Sociology.

Distinguished Service Award Winner: Nancy Theberge (Waterloo).

7. Nominations / Elections³ Mary Louise Adams
Committee: Chair: Mary Louise Adams (Queen's), Dave Andrews
(Maryland), Darcy Plymire (Ithaca).

The following people were elected to the open positions:

Nancy Spencer - President-elect
Dean Purdy - Treasurer
Christine Dallaire - Member-at-large (Canada)
Katherine Jamieson - Member-at-large (United States)

8. Board Report Mary McDonald
Mary acknowledged Steve Walk, President-Elect and chair of the program committee and the members of the conference program committee for their work on this year's conference.

Thanks for service were given to NASSS Board members whose terms expired in 2005: Emma Wensing (Graduate Student Rep), Sammi King (Member-at-Large, Canada) and Ellen Staurowsky (Past-President).

Ellen Staurowsky was also thanked for her work as the interim editor for SSJ.

Site Selection Committee Report: 2008. The committee was constituted in 2004/2005 to investigate and propose future meeting sites. For 2008 Austin, St. Louis and Memphis are being considered. The committee is collecting information and a decision will be made soon.

Technology / Communication: The newsletter is a \$4500 U.S. annual expenditure. Discussion is on-going about putting the newsletter into electronic format on the Web site.

NASSS Awards: The Board is working to establish greater consistency in the criteria for all NASSS awards and include this in the Policies and Procedures Manual.

Policies and Procedures Manual: Further work is being done to complete this document so that NASSS Boards do not have to rely on 'institutional memory' in its deliberations. Vicky Paraschak was the catalyst for this document and continues to work toward its completion.

Proposal to Honor Alan Ingham: A motion was presented to the Board to create some sort of commemoration at NASSS conferences for Alan Ingham. As NASSS has no specific procedure for posthumously honoring members, naming awards, etc., Sammi King was appointed to write up a naming proposal. The Board did pass a motion to name a keynote address on Theory and Sport Sociology in honor of Alan Ingham at future conferences.

9. Treasurer's Report

Dean Purdy

Dean presented a written report that was distributed to all NASSS members attending the business meeting. In particular he indicated that NASSS membership is up, there is a growing student membership, an increase in members paying for two years out, and an increase in students choosing not to receive SSJ.

Dean responded to a question relating to getting a better return on NASSS savings. He prefers to stay on a conservative path, but will investigate other options.

10. Conference Registration Report

Dean Purdy

The use of SPORG for automatic receipt delivery is a cost/time saver. It was very successful this year and will continue to be used in the future.

11. Conference Manager's Report

Winston-Salem had 237 (+4) registrations. This is down from 2004. There are more participants who are not presenting papers which is a good growth point for the conference.

Conference costs will be sent out once all the income/expenses are finalized. There was enough profit from Tucson (~\$2100 U.S.) to pay for the pre-conference costs for Winston-Salem. However, the current conference fee of \$120 U.S. is making things tight for running the conference.

12. 2006 NASSS Conference

Dean Purdy

2006 conference will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from November 1 – 4. The conference hotel will be the Renaissance Hotel. City view rooms will cost \$149 Cdn., Harbour view rooms will cost \$179 Cdn.

There is a need to streamline NASSS' four data bases for cost and efficiency considerations. This work will begin in January 2006.

SPORG will be used to provide interactive access to members for the updating of their personal information in the database.

13. SSJ Report⁴

Annelies Knoppers

2004/2005 was a transition year for SSJ. There was a change in Editor and HK has instituted an on-line manuscript submission system which has helped to streamline turn around times.

Thanks to Ellen Staurowsky for her work as interim editor and to Mary McDonald for editing the special edition on whiteness.

Annelies took over the Editor position on January 1, 2005.

The on-line manuscript submission has reduced the amount of time from first submission to first review to 74 days.

There has been a significant increase in the number of manuscripts submitted.

14. Graduate Student Committee Report

Michele Donnelly

Michele sent thanks to all the faculty members who participated in the Take-a-Student-to-Lunch event. More participated than ever before. Over 30 faculty members signed up either on-line before the conference or on-site.

The 2nd Annual Graduate Workshop, "Negotiating post-Ph.D. Terrain" was well attended. Thanks were given to the faculty members who sat on the panel: Mary Louise Adams (Queen's), Michael Atkinson (McMaster), Amy Hribar (Montana State), and Kim Schimmel (Kent State).

The graduate student breakfast was attended by over 20 students. This was a good percentage with many first time attendees.

There will be additions to the Web site for graduate students including resources for conference attendance and e-mail communication for the graduate student list. Thanks were extended to Amy Hribar for her assistance in this area. Thanks were given to Emma Wensing, the outgoing graduate student rep to the NASSS Board.

There were three nominations for the new graduate student rep to the NASSS Board and the first election for this position needed to be held in many years was encouraging. The incoming graduate student rep to the NASSS Board is Jennifer Sterling (Maryland)

15. Racial and Ethnic Diversity Committee Report

Louis Harrison

The purpose of the REDC is to increase and retain NASSS membership from persons representing racially and ethnically diverse populations. The committee meets by e-mail and there has been a lot of interaction since inception. Some of the recommendations of the REDC to the NASSS Board include: hiring a consultant, conference workshops and sessions on race / ethnicity, suggestions for future NASSS conference sites, Vice-President or Member-at-Large for Diversity, free membership to NASSS, conference topics, SSJ guidelines. Louis thanked Laurel Davis-Delano for her efforts to get this committee created and for chairing.

The report of the REDC can be found on the NASSS Web site.

16. Web Committee Report

Amy Hribar

Amy gave a virtual tour of the redesigned NASSS Web site.

An ad-hoc Web committee was established in 2004 which included Amy Hribar, Chair (Montana State), Alan Aycock (Wisconsin – Milwaukee), Jane Stangl (Smith), and Michelle Helstein (Lethbridge).

The committee redesigned the site with a lot of feedback from the Board. Thanks were given to Alan Aycock for maintaining the previous site and for helping with the transition. The new site was on line on April 18, 2005. There have been 6548 hits to date - ~1000 per month.

Errors / corrections to the site should be sent to Amy.

Session proposals for the 2006 conference will be on-line.

Elections could be held on-line next year (if this By-law passes).

Directory of Experts and Graduate Student Program databases will be updated after January 1, 2006. An interactive process will be established so members can update their own information.

After January 1, 2006, NASSS will only have one data base so the problems with multiple e-mails will be eliminated.

Mary McDonald, on behalf of the NASSS Board, presented to Amy the four volume set of the new *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World Sport* as a token for all her work on the Web site.

17. Announcements

Bryan Denham – An experiment of putting the NASSS newsletter onto the Web site in PDF format will be undertaken.

18. Proposed By-law Changes

A full copy of the By-laws with highlighted changes was created and distributed to all NASSS members. Copies of this document are available on the NASSS Web site.

The changes to the NASSS By-laws came from the 'Rethinking NASSS' session that was held in Tucson.

Motion: That the Web Manager position is recognized in the By-laws as an ex-officio (without vote) member of the Board of Directors.

Moved: Mary McDonald / Second: Christine Dallaire **CARRIED**

Motion: The Web Committee is added to the list of standing committees within NASSS. Members will serve staggered three-year terms to enhance continuity.

Moved: Mary McDonald / Second: Kathy Jamieson **CARRIED**

Motion: Create a new elected Board member position, Chair, Diversity and Climate Committee. This position will serve as a member of the Board and as Board liaison to the program committee and will chair the proposed Diversity and Conference Climate Committee.

Moved: Mary McDonald / Second: Toni Bruce **CARRIED**

Motion: The Diversity and Conference Climate Committee is added to the list of standing committees within NASSS. Members will serve three-year terms to enhance continuity.

Moved: Mary McDonald / Second: Camille O'Bryant **CARRIED**

Motion: Conduct annual election of officers electronically.

Moved: Mary McDonald / Second: Jodi Cohen **CARRIED**

Motion: Change the name of the Outstanding Student Paper Award to the Barbara Brown Outstanding Student Paper Award. When warranted offer up to two awards, one for a Master's Student and one for a PhD student.

A friendly amendment was proposed to have the paper named the Barbara A. Brown Outstanding Student Paper Award. The friendly amendment was accepted.

Motion: Change the name of the Outstanding Student Paper Award to the Barbara **A.** Brown Outstanding Student Paper Award. When warranted offer up to two awards, one for a Master's Student and one for a PhD student.

Moved: Mary McDonald / Second: Christine Dallaire **CARRIED**

19. NASSS Position Statement on the Use of First Nation and Native Americans as Sport Mascots. Ellen Staurowsky

A proposal was prepared by Laurel Davis-Delano, Dayna Daniels, Richard King, Vicky Paraschak, and Ellen Staurowsky for a NASSS Position Statement on the Use of First Nation and Native Americans as Sport Mascots.

Motion:

WHEREAS the continued use of Native American symbols, names, imagery, culture and personas in sport offer up stereotypical, misleading, monolithic, and flat images that demean Native Americans;

WHEREAS the continued use of Native American symbols, names, imagery, culture and personas in sport reflects a history of stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination directed against indigenous peoples in North America;

WHEREAS the continued use of Native American symbols, names, imagery, culture and personas in sport by educational institutions, corporations, and sport franchises allows them to profit from racially exploitative practices;

WHEREAS the continued use of Native American symbols, names, imagery, culture and personas in sport has been perpetuated by many media outlets through biased coverage, reliance on shoddy research, and general acceptance of widely held but flawed ideas about race;

WHEREAS the continued use of Native American symbols, names, imagery, culture and personas in sport inhibits teaching and learning about the realities of Native Americans for individuals who have had little or no interaction with Native Americans;

WHEREAS the continued use of Native American symbols, names, imagery, culture and personas in sport often transforms stadiums and classrooms into hostile environments for many Native Americans and their allies;

WHEREAS the continued use of Native American symbols, names, imagery, culture and personas in sport negatively impacts self concept and self worth among Native American youth;

WHEREAS the continued use of Native American symbols, names, imagery, culture and personas in sport undermines the sovereignty of native nations, including their ability to represent themselves to a broader public;

WHEREAS the continued use of Native American symbols, names, imagery, culture and personas in sport denigrates Native American spirituality;

WHEREAS the continued use of Native American symbols, names, imagery, culture and personas in sport has been condemned by numerous civil rights groups, educational associations, health organization, and the vast majority of Native American advocacy groups;

AND, WHEREAS NASSS is committed to the communication and application of accurate knowledge about sport and society through teaching, research, and social action;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that NASSS joins the United States Commission on Civil Rights, the American Anthropological Association, the American Psychological Association, the National Congress of American Indians, Native American Journalists Association, National Coalition for Racism in Sport and the Media, and numerous other professional, advocacy, and civil rights organization to call for the discontinuation of Native American symbols, names, imagery, culture and personas in sport and to provide meaningful teaching and research about living Native American people, current Native American issues, and the rich variety of Native American cultures in North America.

Moved: Ellen Staurowsky / Second Dave Ridpath

A friendly amendment was proposed that – **in principle** - in the event of this resolution passing that the language used to refer to the Indigenous peoples of Canada and United States be carefully reviewed to reflect an accepted and inclusive language. The friendly amendment was accepted.

Motion: See complete statement above.

Moved: Ellen Staurowsky / Second Dave Ridpath **CARRIED**

20. Passing the Gavel

Mary McDonald

The virtual gavel of the NASSS presidency was passed to Steve (Wise-cracker) Walk.

Steve thanked Mary for all her work in her year as President.

21. Adjournment

¹ (Full Report submitted by Sammi King)

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the really hardworking members of this year's Barbara Brown Student Paper Award committee: Ping Kun Chui, of the National University, Taiwan; Michelle Helstein, of the University of Lethbridge; Pete Schroeder, of the University of California Santa Barbara; and Lisa Swanson of Towson University.

We received 12 entries this year on topics including risk, parental behaviour, Arnold Scharzenegger, and Scottish culture. The committee was extremely impressed by the methodological diversity, theoretical

sophistication and overall quality of the papers and I am personally very excited by what this suggests about the future of our field.

The decisions we had to make were difficult, and I really encourage those students who did not win this time to enter again next year.

And so, it is with great pleasure that I announce our three prizewinners:

Noting the timeliness of his topic, the well developed nature of his argument, and the depth of his analysis, the committee selected Simon Darnell, of the University of Toronto, to receive an honorable mention for his essay, "Getting his Man: Vengeance and Masculinity in Canadian Media Coverage of the Bertuzzi/Moore Incident"

This year's other honorable mention goes to Michelle Donnelly, of McMaster University, whose paper was titled, "Neither liquid nor solid: contemporary skateboarding communities." The committee noted that Michelle assembled an impressive range of materials to make a sophisticated and unique contribution to the literature on skateboarding and subculture.

And finally, the committee saw in our winning paper, "Beyond 'Decorative Sociology': Contextualizing Female Surf, Skate and Snow Boarding," by Holly Thorpe, of the University of Waikato, a well written, readable argument that shows great potential to make a contribution to the field: As one reviewer wrote, "Whether one agrees with the author or not as to the merits of radical contextual cultural studies vs social history as a means of providing contextualization, the paper puts an important debate into scholarly discussion. Such theoretical debates are healthy and necessary for the continued growth of a scholarly field and the paper has the potential to inspire strong and spirited reactions from those working within the field of sport sociology."

² (Full Report submitted by Toni Bruce)

Committee Chair (1)

Toni Bruce, Department of Sport and Leisure Studies, University of Waikato, New Zealand (chair)

Committee Members (4)

Christine Dallaire, École des sciences de l'activité physique, Université d'Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada

Bob Rinehart, Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling Psychology, Washington State University, Washington, USA

Krista Park, Graduate Fellow, Dept. of American Studies, University of Maryland, Maryland, USA

Jodi Cohen, Department of Sociology, Bridgewater State College, Massachusetts, USA

WINNER:

Jay Scherer and Steven J. Jackson: From Corporate Welfare to National Interest: Newspaper Analysis of the Public Subsidization of NHL Hockey Debate in Canada. *Sociology of Sport Journal*, 21(1), 36-60).

At the time of publication Jay Scherer was at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand but he is currently at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada

Steve Jackson is at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand

TWO HONORABLE MENTIONS

1. Nikki Wedgewood: Kicking Like a Boy: Schoolgirl Australian Rules Football and Bi-Gendered Female Embodiment. *Sociology of Sport Journal*, 21(2), 140-162.

At time of publication Nikki Wedgewood was at the University of Sydney, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

2. Cathy van Ingen: Therapeutic Landscapes and the Regulated body in the Toronto Front Runners. *Sociology of Sport Journal* 21(3), 253-269.

At the time of publication, Cathy van Ingen was at Brock University, St. Catherines, Ontario. Canada.

³ (Full Report submitted by Mary Louise Adams)
NASSS Nominations Committee Report 2005

Members of the nominations committee were: Darcy Plymire, Dave Andrews, and Mary Louise Adams.

The positions up for election this year were: president-elect, treasurer, member-at-large (Canada) and member-at-large (United States).

The objectives of the committee were to make sure that each open position was contested and that the nominations and election process contributed as much as possible to current efforts to increase the diversity of both the NASSS membership and the executive.

A call for nominations was circulated among the membership in February. Names were submitted by NASSS members and all nominees were contacted by the committee to make sure they were willing to run. The ballot included 2 nominees for president, 2 for treasurer, 3 for Canadian member-at-large and 5 for the member-at-large for the United States.

Following past practice, ballots were sent to all members who were paid up for 2005 and for 2004 (on the understanding that many members do not renew their memberships until they register for the conference in the early fall). The total number of ballots sent was 347. We received back 135 completed ballots (39%).

The following people were elected to the open positions:

Nancy Spencer - President-elect
Dean Purdy - Treasurer
Christine Dallaire - Member-at-large (Canada)
Katherine Jamieson - Member-at-large (United States)

Good luck to them in their work on behalf of the organization.

This year's election cost NASSS just over \$600 (Cdn). An additional \$400 worth of envelopes and student envelope-stuffing-labour were donated, as was the time of one of our grad students who took the ferry over the border to Cape Vincent, New York so that ballots for US members could be mailed at US domestic postal rates.

Next year, NASSS will move into the twenty-first century with on-line elections, thanks to Amy Hribar's much-appreciated efforts as NASSS's web wizard. One expects the new technology will not just save time and money but also attract a higher rate of participation among members.

Thank you to everyone who agreed to run and to all those members who took the time to make nominations. And thanks to Amy for her work on behalf of next year's committee.

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SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT JOURNAL

Annual report 2005
(YTD: October 1, 2005)

MANUSCRIPT DATA

1. Manuscripts (YTD)

- 1.1. Number of manuscripts received: 111 (2004: 67)
- 1.2. Waiting for reviewers' scores): 12
- 1.3. Number of manuscripts reviewed: 99

2. Initial decisions

- 2.1. number rejected immediately: 46 (47%) (2004; ~12: ~20%)
- 2.2. number rejected after review: 36 (36%) (2004; 34 = 59%)
- 2.3. number reject and resubmit: 9 (9%)
- 2.4. number major revision: 7 (7%)
- 2.5. number minor revision: 1 (1%)

- 3. Number accepted to date (October 1, 2005): 2 (2%)
(Note: October 2004: 3 (5%))

4. Special issue Sport and Whiteness (Mary McDonald, guest editor)

Number of manuscripts received: 33

- 4.1. Rejected: 17 (52%)
- 4.2. Revise and Resubmit; 14 (42%)
- 4.3. Minor/major revisions: 02 (6%)
- 4.4. Number accepted; 07 (21%)

Total acceptance 2005 YTD: 7%

5. Country/region of authors

- US & Canada: 50% (56) (USA: 45; Canada: 11)
- Europe: 35% (39) (UK: 18; NL/Fr/Gr/Turkey/Sp/Ger:10; Scandinavia: 11)
- Asia: 8% (9) (Taiwan, Hong Kong, S.Korea, China (9)
- Australia/N. Zealand: 5% (5)
- Other: 2% (2) South America: 1, Africa: 1

6. Gender of first author:

- Women: 33% (37)
- Men: 67% (74)

REVIEW PROCESS

1. Reviewers

1.1. Editorial board (2005 -2006): 5 women, 5 men

Alan Ingham passed away April 14, 2005

1.1.1. Retiring:

- Vernon Andrews
- Susan Birrell,
- Hart Cantelon (book editor)

1.1.2. Remaining;

- Andrews, David, University of Maryland
- Atkinson, Michael, McMaster University
- Bairner, Alan Loughborough University
- Chalip, Larry University of Texas
- Duncan, Margaret Carlisle University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee
- Howell, Frank Mississippi State University
- Jamieson, Katherine University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- Markula, Pirrko University of Bath
- McDonald, Mary Miami University
- Spencer, Nancy Bowling Green State University
- Sykes, Heather University of Toronto
- Theberge, Nancy, past editor University of Waterloo
- Knoppers, Annelies, editor University of Utrecht

1.1.3. New members;

- Carrington, Ben University of Texas
- Davis-Delano, Laurel Springfield College
- King, Samantha Queen's University
- Melnick, Merrill SUNY Brockport
- Parker, Andrew University of Warwick
- Sam, Michael University of Otago

1.1.4. Book editor

- Rinehart, Robert, book editor Washington State University

1.2. Guest reviewers:

- 55 (of whom 5 reviewed more than one paper); 21 women (38%); 34 men (62%).

2. Process data:

- Average number of days from submission to first decision; 74
- Average number of days reviewer's turnaround: 34
- Average number of days editor turnaround: 12

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Editorial transition

2. Editorial support

3. Electronic submission: Transition to Manuscript Central

4. Special forum issue: (Post)Identity and Sporting Cultures: A Symposium;

Guest Editors: Samantha King, Queen's University & Mary McDonald, Miami University