

NASSS Board Meeting

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

October 26, 2005

MINUTES

Present: Mary McDonald (mcdonamg@muohio.edu), Steve Walk (swalk@fullerton.edu), Nancy Spencer (nspencr@bgnet.bgsu.edu), Dayna Daniels (daniels@uleth.ca), Dean Purdy (DeanAPurdy@yahoo.com), Christine Dallaire (christine.dallaire@juottawa.ca), Sammi King (kingsj@post.queensu.ca), Toni Bruce (tbruce@waikato.ac.nz), Emma Wensing (emma.wensing@utoronto.edu), Michele Donnelly (michelekdonnelly@hotmail.com), Amy Hribar (amsbar2002@hotmail.com), Bryan Denham (bdenham@clermson.edu), Annelies Knoppers (a.knoppers@usg.uu.nl).

1. Call to Order/Announcements Mary McDonald

2. Approval of NASSS 2004 Board Meetings – Tucson, Arizona

Motion to approve November 3 and 4 meeting minutes.

Moved: Dayna Daniels / Second: Dean Purdy **CARRIED**

Motion to approve November 6 meeting minutes.

Moved: Dayna Daniels / Second: Toni Bruce **CARRIED**

3. Site Selection

Dean Purdy

Proposed sites 2008 NASSS Conference: St. Louis, Austin, Memphis
Dean reported that Memphis had little downtown space and what is there (Peabody) is quite pricy.

Board members were encouraged to talk to conference attendees from these locations to obtain more information and report back by Saturday's meeting.

Future Sites: 2007 Pittsburgh

2009 Toronto / Ottawa / Quebec City

2010 Oakland / Denver / Portland

Item for Business Meeting Agenda: Bids for future conference sites

4. (Item 7 on Agenda) Report on Web page and On-line Voting

Amy Hribar

Amy reported on the significant changes made to the NASSS web site over the past year. She thanked members of the Board for their input and feedback during the changeover process.

After January 1, 2006 the Directory of Experts and the Graduate Studies Programs pages will be updated and made interactive for easier member updates. This is a big job due to the tremendous amount of data contained in the data bases. Both sites need streamlining.

There are currently four NASSS data bases with significant overlap. This results in multiple e-mails and other confusions. These will be streamlined in January 2006.

On-line Voting will use a new system in 2006 using a secure server. The hard copy cost for the 2005 election was \$1000 Cdn. including printing and postage. The on-line voting system will reduce these costs significantly. NASSS site averaging over 1000 hits a month on the main page. 155 people took the on-line NASSS survey. It was recommended that Mike Malec be contacted for links to other sites that can be added to the Web site.

5. Treasurer's Report Dean Purdy
Dean reported that not all registrations are in. Conference costs will be reported later.
There was some discussion regarding a steeper late and on-site registration fee.

6. Proposal to honor Alan Ingham Michele Donnelly / Emma Wensing
For his outstanding contribution to the field of sport sociology, in particular his contributions to the theoretical development of the field, it was proposed that NASSS recognize and honor Alan Ingham in some way at the NASSS conference.
Motion: That a key note address, recognizing Alan Ingham's contributions to sport sociology, be included in future NASSS conference programs. The theme of this keynote is to be Theory and Sport Sociology.
Moved: Michele Donnelly / Second: Emma Wensing **CARRIED**

7. NASSS Newsletter Bryan
Denham
Bryan reported that he has just completed his fourth year as newsletter editor. Each issue of the newsletter is costing \$1500 U.S. for printing and mailing costs. He proposed that NASSS investigate putting the newsletter on-line. This could save ~ \$4500 US per year from the budget. He also explained that because NASSS members can renew their membership at any time during the calendar year, there are different numbers of copies of the newsletter required. This could be remedied with an on-line newsletter. Much of the content is already posted on the section under BLOG and this could be expanded.
Bryan and Amy will meet to discuss putting the newsletter on the Web site.

9. Policies and Procedures Manual Mary
McDonald
Mary reported that there is still a lot of work to be done on the Policies and Procedures manual. Vicky Paraschak is still working on the document and, as Past-President, Mary will be involved. There is a need for a conference checklist and timeline to be included in the manual.

10. French Translation for NASSS 2006, Vancouver Mary
McDonald
Mary asked about the possibilities of obtaining a grant for simultaneous translation into French for the Vancouver conference.
It was reported that SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council) in Canada might be approached for a conference grant for this purpose. It was

also suggested that Legacy 2010, associated with the Vancouver 2010 Olympic organization, might be able to contribute.

11. NASSS Awards Consistency Toni Bruce

Toni expressed concerns regarding a lack of specificity in the guidelines for the SSJ Award. The committee this year struggled with papers that were completely “done” and those that were theoretically challenging, but less ‘finished’. This has potential impact for the entire field – not just the awards.
It was recommended that all NASSS awards criteria be reviewed as they are currently presented in the Policies and Procedures manual.
12. NASSS Awards Committee Membership Mary McDonald

Sammi and Toni were asked to work over the course of the conference to solicit names for membership on all the NASSS awards committees. A sign up sheet will also be posted on the conference bulletin board.
13. Code of Ethics Committee Membership Steve Walk

Steve reported that the REDC (Racial and Ethnic Diversity Committee) suggested that a NASSS Code of Ethics be considered and a committee struck to look into this. Steve will solicit membership for this committee.
Discussion followed in which questions were asked about whether this Code of Ethics was for NASSS members and conference conduct or for the profession.
14. Elections 2006 Steve Walk

Board members were asked to approach members regarding running for open positions on the NASSS Board. In 2006 NASSS will elect President, Secretary, Treasurer, Member-at-Large (non-Canadian).
15. Adjournment

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1. Call to Order Steve Walk

2. SSJ – Further information Mary
McDonald
Mary reported that the Pacific Sociology Association Journal has 602 institutional subscribers and receives \$25,000 U.S. in profit sharing! They are with The University of California Press.

3. Old Business Steve Walk
 - a. Policy and Procedure Manual
Vicky Paraschak and Mary McDonald will continue to work on this.

 - b. Site Selection – 2008
Time is getting critical for a decision re hotels and options. Decision for 2008 must be made by the end of November.
Discussion regarding needing more rooms for meetings and breakouts took place. This must be considered by the Conference Committee.
Dean indicated that we would need ~250 sleeping rooms to get more meetings without incurring more costs. Our room rental costs for conferences are ~ \$15,000 U.S.

 - c. Code of Ethics Committee
We need to ask for volunteers committee members through the Web site. Some names suggested were: Sarah Fields (Ohio State), Marg Holman (Windsor), and Bill Bridel (Ottawa).
Steve will appoint the chair.

Board Nominations for 2006
Positions needed for 2006 elections: President-elect, Secretary, Member-at-Large (not Canada), Chair REDC Committee
Discussion took place regarding recruiting nominees and keeping former nominees and Board/committee members actively involved in the workings of NASSS.

d. SSJ / HK

There is too much work for the SSJ editor because of a very large number of submissions.

Discussion took place regarding possible solutions for dividing up preliminary work. It was asked: "What does Annelies want?"

Motion: That Steve Walk be authorized to offer up to \$3000 for SSJ editorial support. If this amount is to be exceeded, he must return to the Board for authorization.

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

Next Steps with HK: Ask HK for what we need – profit sharing, looking at the books. Get some feedback by mid-December.

Committee of former SSJ editors will continue to be consulted.

e. Conference Manager Job Description

Steve Walk

A committee, chaired by Ellen Staurowsky, was set up to look into the position of Conference Manager. There are two steps to consider:

1. Does the Board desire to create such a position?
2. If so, how do we seek applications?

What are the exact roles and responsibilities?

It was recommended that the NASSS Board decide on the position.

Discussion around this issue included that NASSS is a voluntary organization where all the work is done by volunteers – why have this paid position? This led to a discussion of the possibility of a NASSS secretariat. Do we want staff?

It was recommended that the Board create a Conference Manager Committee. Names for possible membership need to be given to Steve.

Recommendation: Board rise and continue meeting agenda at lunch.....

Revisit: Site 2008

Memphis does not appear to be a viable site. St Louis looks the most promising at this time. Dean will continue to investigate.

Revisit: SSJ Editorial Support

Steve reported that Annelies Knoppers would require \$6000 U.S. to obtain the needed support for the SSJ editor in the Netherlands.

Motion: That the NASSS Board approve an up to \$6000 U.S. expenditure for editorial support for the SSJ editor.

Moved: Dayna Daniels / Second: Toni Bruce **CARRIED**

4. New Business

a. Diversity and Conference Climate Committee

Discussion took place suggesting a possible on-line evaluation of this conference. Questions need to be clear, general, and structured to provide informative feedback on the positive/negative aspects of the conference.

***Board members are asked to submit questions to Nancy Spencer for an on-line conference evaluation right away.

Questions were asked about getting the results of the recent NASSS on-line survey. Results need to be posted to the Web site. Toni Bruce will help Nancy Spencer with this task.

b. LCD Projector Policy

To be discussed on-line.

c. Collaborative Research

To be discussed on-line.

5. Awards Committee Chairs for 2006

Barbara Brown Student Award	- Toni Bruce
SSJ Award	- Christine Dallaire
Book Award	- Kathy Jaimeson

6. Adjournment