President’s Report

As your outgoing President, it has been my pleasure to serve the North American Society for Sport History during these first two years of its existence. I believe the Society is strong and will continue to grow stronger under the leadership of your new president, Professor Guy Lewis.

Our third annual Convention in April in Boston is unique in that for the first time we are meeting in conjunction with another historical association, the Organization of American Historians. We are indebted to OAH for their collegiality and their support for this joint endeavor. I am delighted to report that NASSH is presenting Honor Awards to Professor John A. Krout and to Mr. Robert W. Henderson for their contributions to sport history.

The Chairman of the Program Committee, Professor Guy Lewis reports some 47 papers for this third annual Convention. Professor Alan Metcalfe has indicated that the third volume of the Journal of Sport History will be in our hands in time for our April meeting. You have just received Volume III of the NASSH Newsletter from Professor Ronald Smith. In additions, we are in receipt of the 1974 Proceedings edited by John Lucas and Ronald Smith which covers the 2nd Annual Convention held at the University of Western Ontario. The members of NASSH are mindful of the debt of gratitude we owe to Professors Lewis, Lucas, Metcalfe, and Smith for their dedication and expertise. The present status of NASSH is directly related to the efforts of these members.

In accordance with a motion passed at the last annual Business Meeting, your President appointed a committee to develop guidelines for the named Lectures. The committee consisted of Bruce Bennett, John Lucas, Alan Metcalfe, Betty McCue, David Voight and was chaired by Margaret Woodhouse. In addition, the committee was to invite the 1975 speakers for the John R. Betts Lecture, the Maxwell Howell Lecture and the S. C. Staley Lecture.

A Constitution Committee made up of Ms. Myrtis Hemdon and Dr. Richard Wettan, Chaired by Dr. Marianna Trekell was appointed to study the Constitution and make recommendations for change. Recommendations from the named Lecture Committee may necessitate constitutional changes.

A Membership Committee chaired by Dr. Mary L. Remley and including Ms. Mary Keyes and Dr. Paul Mills was appointed. A copy of their report will be available in Boston.

In accordance with Article X, a Nominating Committee chaired by Dr. Kevin Jones and including Dr. Mary LeCompte and Dr. Harold Ray was charged with developing a slate of officers for the 1975 elections. The slate includes: For President-elect Maxwell Howell and Mary Lou Remley; for Secretary-Treasurer Ronald Smith, for Editor Alan Metcalfe; for Members-at-large, Dr. Robert Barney, Dr. Leona Holbrook, Dr. Kevin Jones, Dr. Nicolaas Moolenijzer, Dr. Joan Paul, and Dr. Ray Thurmond.

Since there are several problems before us regarding affiliations, a committee was appointed made up of Dr. Nicolaas Moolenijzer, Dr. Lorne Sawula and chaired by Ms. Myrtis Hemdon. A report is expected at Boston.

The Time and Site Committee made up of Dr. Kevin Jones and chaired by Dr. John Lucas will have their report ready for the Boston Convention. It may be necessary to have an alternate plan for the 1976 Quebec City International Congress of Sport Sciences.

The Chairpersons of Standing and Presidential Committees have been asked to develop operating codes for submission to the Council at our Boston Meeting.

Your President was invited to represent NASSH at the World Scientific Congress in November 1974 in Moscow; at the International Seminar on the History of Physical Education and Sport at the University of Leuven April 1-5, 1975; and at the International Scientific Conference in Prague, June 30. He accepted the Leuven invitation and read a paper on “The Teaching of the History of Physical Education and Sport in the United States and Canada.”