

NAASE Executive Committee Meeting

10:15 am, July 1, 2012 – San Francisco, CA

Attendance: Rob Simmons (President), Skip Sauer (President-elect), Victor Matheson (Secretary), John Solow (Treasurer), Ross Booth (VP), Stefan Syzmanski (VP), Mike Leeds (incoming President-elect – by invitation), Brad Humphreys (incoming VP – by invitation), Dennis Coates (incoming VP – by invitation), Joe Price (VP)

Recognizing past presidents/executive committee members – approved a logo baseball

Secretary Report – Minutes and election results. Mike Leeds was chosen as President-elect. Brad Humphreys and Dennis Coates were chosen as vice presidents. Minutes from 2011 election will be available on the NAASE website shortly.

Treasurer Report - 126 members in good standing representing 14 countries. 170 persons have been members at one time or another. Current balance as of June 26, \$7,391.70. Current liabilities are not entirely clear since we owe \$5 per copy for each subscription into the future. As a rough guess we have maybe just north of \$3,000 in liabilities. Suggestion was made to include a 3-year option for membership.

Membership for ASSA. 300 members needed. Discussed options for a “semi-merger” of NAASE, IASE, ESEA. Europeans have joint conferences between ESEA and ISEA. Placido of IASE suggests that it may serve as an umbrella organization where NAASE and ESEA are automatically members. Umbrella organization allows independent control by member organizations.

ESEA will be associated with IJSF. Decision to table discussions until we get closer to membership numbers that would suggest a joint membership.

Discussion to create a membership brochure available at all NAASE sessions at WEAs, EEAs, SEAs, etc.

Proposals – Proposed amendments to bylaws

Brad Humphreys – Changing terms of officers (approved for presentation at general meeting)

Article IV, Section 1 currently reads:

The Association shall have the following elected officers: a President, a President elect, and four Vice Presidents. The terms of the President and the President-elect shall each be one year, and the terms of office of the four Vice Presidents shall each be two years, with two of the four Vice Presidents’ terms to expire each year.

Proposed amendment: Change Article IV, Section 1 to

The Association shall have the following elected officers: a President, a President elect, and four Executive Committee at-large members. The terms of the President and the President-elect shall each be two years, and the terms of office of the four Executive Committee at-large members shall each be four years, with one Executive Committee at-large member's term expiring each year.

Article IV, Section 4 currently reads:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the ex-President who last held office, and the four Vice Presidents. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall not be entitled to vote in the Executive Committee's meetings.

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Rationale

These changes provide continuity in the leadership of NAASE and foster a leadership group that takes a long run view of the organization and its goals.

Dennis Coates – Revisions of outdated bylaws (approved for presentation at general meeting)

Articles VIII and IX currently read:

Article VIII. Ratification of this Constitution

The constitution will be considered ratified when 10 people have agreed to its terms, publicly expressing intent to join as regular members via the Sports Economics list server at: SPORTS-ECONOMICS-L@LISTSERV.UIUC.EDU.

Article IX. Initial Officers

Upon ratification, those having expressed intent to become regular members will decide upon a method of nomination and balloting for the initial set of officers of the Association.

Since neither of these serves any purpose now, I propose that they be dropped from the bylaws.

My second proposal is to add the following, which would become Article VIII:

Proposed Article VIII: Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

1. The Association will form a standing Sponsorship Committee whose members will seek and maintain outside funding sources for the organization. The committee will consist of a Chairman, and two of the Executive Board members, not including either the President or President-elect. The Association Treasurer will be an ex officio member of the committee. The Chairman is appointed by the Executive Board. There is no term limit for the Chairman of the Sponsorship Committee.
2. The Association, acting through the Executive Board, can form Ad Hoc Committees as needed.

The rationale for this is two-fold. First, the existing bylaws don't seem to allow for creation of committees. I know Brad had tried to create an ad hoc sponsorship committee but without any luck. I think such a committee might be useful as a standing committee simply because ongoing funding of the organization could be less precarious. The second rationale is to have a more intentional outreach and search for additional funding. A more substantial and consistent flow of funds would allow us to engage in more activities. For example, we have talked about giving support to graduate students doing sports economics, but we have no funds for doing so. Conferences I have attended in Europe have had substantial support from sports organizations. Having a committee working toward those goals seems a worthy effort and one that ought to be a permanent structure of the organization.

John Solow – originally 9 sessions and 35 papers, now we have 19 sessions, 2 panels, and 75 papers. Suggestion to have a program committee. President elect and 2 members. More structure and control. Volunteer sessions and organized sessions.

Discussion regarding WEA sessions. (See full proposal in notes for general meeting.)

Mike Leeds - Grad student prize.

Last item – Leo Kahane, editor of JSE. Leo owns the rights to the journal. Potential transfer of ownership of journal in mid to distant future needs to be on radar screen.

Motion to adjourn. Passed