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President's Message

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Fall greetings from Antigonish Nova Scotia! It is hard to believe that only a month ago we gathered in Olympia Greece for the 44th IAPS conference. I would like to officially thank Heather Reid for her outstanding hosting and organization. The conference bus tour began in Athens at the Panathenaic Stadium, then Nemea, and experienced some barefoot races on the ancient track. The winner of the olive wreath crown remains disputed. In the afternoon, we visited Ancient Messene and then made our way to the International Olympic Academy (IOA).

[The 2016 conference program](#) featured three keynotes. **Drew Hyland** opened the conference with a moving keynote on athletics and education. **Irena Martinkova** engaged the audience with a talk on authenticity in sporting actions. I also highlight that there was a panel celebrating the work of **Jim Parry**. The discussion not only demonstrated the importance of Parry's work, but it also revealed the depth and breadth of Olympic Studies in general. Finally, **Heather Reid**, delivered the 2016 Warren Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Address and presented on why Olympia matters for modern sport. Heather is the first woman to win this award for IAPS!! Given the unique location of the IOA, participants were able to easily visit the Ancient site of the Olympics Games, the Ancient Museum, hike to watch the sun rise, and explore the town of Olympia.

At the AGM, **Alun Hardman** was honoured with the IAPS Distinguished Service Award. Alun has been member of IAPS since 1988 and has served as member-at-large, conference chair, and secretary-treasurer. He also organized and hosted the 2015 IAPS conference in Cardiff. Many congrats to Alun for his outstanding service to IAPS! The Kretchmar Student Essay award winner, **Christopher C. Yorke**, was also recognized at the AGM.

A highlight of the program was the philosopher's football match with the 5-foot sink hole on the side of the pitch, and the banquet location which featured a traditional Greek Taverna. The final day of the jammed packed program involved visiting the oracle at Delphi en route to Athens. I sincerely thank everyone who made the trek to Olympia, and trust that you have changed your alarms to a varied play list from classical to hard rock tunes!

Next, I [recognize both outgoing and incoming officers](#). Many thanks to outgoing Members-at-Large Kenneth Aggerholm and Ana Christina Zimmerman. Welcome Javier Lopez Frias and Claudia Pawlenka. Welcome to Chad Carlson (Elections Chair), Paul Gaffney (*JPS* Editor), and Pam Sailors (Conference Chair). I look forward to working with this solid Executive team.

Some highlights in the Minutes from the Executive and AGM meetings:

- 1) IAPS has committed to covering conference registration fees for the Conference Chair and the Secretary-Treasurer. They will also be reimbursed up to 1000\$ USD for conference expenses if necessary.

Group Shots from the IOA and Ancient Site!



- 2) The deadline for conference proposals was also established as **January 1** with the identification of the future conference site by **February 15**. Additional information will follow shortly
- 3) IAPS members have been asked to complete the adoption of the proposed changes to the IAPS constitution via voting on Survey Monkey by October 21st.
- 4) Further, the Executive has voted to rename the Service Award. Details will be shared at IAPS 2017.

I hope to see you all in Starkville, Mississippi 2017. Many kudos to Gregg Twietmeyer who has already been diligently planning for next year. [Please check out conference details here.](#) A formal call for abstracts and additional information will come in December.

Finally, on behalf of the IAPS Executive, congrats to Adam “The Rookie” Pfleegor on the birth of his son James!

Sincerely yours,

Charlene

Note from the Editor

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I hope all who attended the outstanding conference in Olympia have arrived home safe and rejuvenated for the return to the classroom and academic duties. Due to the birth of my son, I was unable to attend but followed along on [Twitter](#) and now [Flickr](#) to experience the conference from afar. For this volume of the newsletter, we are forgoing a few of our new recurring features to provide a more detailed account of our upcoming 2017 conference in Starkville, MS. To provide a personal note, I was fortunate enough to start my career in Starkville, MS at Mississippi State University and had a wonderful experience in the area. I expect that Gregg Twietmeyer and his colleagues will have a superb conference for us filled with Southern charm and deep-fried food. Enjoy the newsletter!

Secretary – Treasurer’s Message

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Greetings, Friends!

I hope all is well with you. I have been working on:

- Finalizing 2016 IAPS expenses
- 2017 membership
- Researching our IAPS investments

IAPS Membership as of October 11, 2016

Standard	143
Student	32
Total Membership	175 (consisting of about 26 different countries!)

*For comparison, our total membership 2014 was 141; 2015 was 163.

Remember, IAPS memberships are January 1st to December 31st!

In the near future, you will be receiving some reminders/notices about renewal, but if you want to get ahead of the game....

New and renewing members may register for 2017 IAPS membership by:

1. Visiting the Association's website at <http://www.iaps.net/>
2. Clicking "Join IAPS"
3. Then clicking on "Renew your IAPS membership" (hyperlink below the 'Online Registration Directions' header)

If you have any questions regarding the renewal of your membership, please contact me (pmh12@psu.edu) or Human Kinetics representative Kim Scott at kims@hkusa.com

Questions related to JPS subscriptions should be directed to Jacqueline Tearle at Routledge, jacqui.society@tandf.co.uk

Student Travel Funds

Many thanks to all that contributed to the Student Travel Award funds. We had 13 students take advantage of this opportunity.

News from the Journal of the Philosophy of Sport

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As I write this report the print version of *JPS* issue 43.3 is soon to appear. We are busy preparing articles for *JPS* issue 44.1, which will appear in March of 2017. That issue will feature a Special Section on the theme "Sport, Narrative, and Drama." Contributors will be Leon Culbertson, Leslie Howe, Jeffrey Fry, Scott Kretchmar, and John Gleaves.

I mentioned in my last report that some members have experienced difficulties receiving *JPS* issues in the past year, in a variety of ways: late or non-arriving issues, issues mailed to wrong addresses, or multiple copies, etc. The production team at Taylor and Francis told me that they were aware of the problem (they have experienced it with some of their other journals as well) and they would work on it. I hope the problem has been largely resolved by now, but anybody with continuing problems or questions should feel free to contact me directly. I will follow-up on this.

At the Editorial Board meeting in Olympia, Greece (September 22nd, 2016) we discussed a number of concerns. The production team at Taylor and Francis suggested that, in the interest of maximizing space, we eliminate the blank pages between articles as well as the Table of Contents page at the beginning of the issue. Although some expressed a slight preference for beginning all articles on the odd (right-hand) side, we agreed that efficient usage of our space was the more important consideration. This gives us a chance to include more articles and bring more people into our discussions. So you will see that change in the November issue.

We declined to eliminate the Table of Contents page. The production team at Taylor and Francis thought it was unnecessary because that information is found on the back cover of the issue, but because issues are often bound in the archiving process we might lose that information. So the Table of Contents will remain in the front of the issue.

The Editorial Board also discussed the *JPS* policy on word limit, which is 6,500. We re-confirmed our policy, for a number of reasons. First, this word limit policy allows for more people to get their work published; second, generally speaking, policy improves the quality of the writing.

Looking ahead, 2018 represents something of a special year for the philosophy of sport and IAPS because 50 years ago some seminal works in our field were published, and the some of the first organizational efforts were made. To celebrate this, we will publish a 50 year retrospective study as a special section in July 2018 (*JPS* 45-02). This special section will be co-authored by Cesar R. Torres, Douglas W. McLaughlin, and Mark Dyerson.

[Click here](#) to view the most recent issue of *JPS*.



Conference Chair's Report

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A New Conference Chair

Greetings for my final time as IAPS Conference Chair. With this newsletter, I officially pass the conference chair responsibilities to Pam Sailors. Pam is an exceptional scholar and leader and we are fortunate she is dedicating her talents to serving IAPS in this capacity. Personally, it is a wonderful feeling to pass the responsibilities of conference chair to such an accomplished individual.

IAPS Takes over Greece

By now, the nearly 70 participants at the 2016 IAPS conference in Olympia, Greece, have certainly returned home with memories and learning that will last a lifetime. For this, we owe Heather Reid and the International Olympic Academy our sincere thanks. Heather organized a magnificent conference while managing to play tour guide, activity planner, and keynote scholar at the same time. Few could accomplish this Herculean feat, and Heather certainly deserves our sincere gratitude. IAPS is indebted to Heather's service.



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IAPS to Mississippi, USA

Please mark your calendars for September 6-9, 2017 as the IAPS annual conference is heading to Mississippi State University. Gregg Twietmeyer will be the conference organizer and is already preparing to welcome IAPS back to the United States having been in Brazil, Wales, and Greece the last three years. Please contact Gregg directly by email at gjt67@msstate.edu should you have any questions regarding travel, accommodations, or activities.

Important Announcements!

IAPS Joins flickr!

Bringing us further into this century, IAPS has joined the free photo-sharing site flickr! [Please visit the page](#) to post, view, and share pictures from this year's conference. If you have any questions concerning the site please contact our Web Administrator, Colleen English at cue113@psu.edu.

Call for Papers – Special Issue in *Fair Play*

Colin Kaepernick. Is He a Moral Entrepreneur? On the Role Athletes Play in the Public Sphere

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More shots from our 2016 conference! To share and view photos from all our members, visit our new [Flickr page!](#)



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Important Information:

- Deadline for submissions: April 30, 2017
- Publication Date: June 2017
- Languages: Spanish, Catalan, Portuguese, Italian, English

Fair Play. Journal of Philosophy, Ethics and Sports Law is an electronic journal devoted to the analysis of sport from the point of view of the philosophy, ethics and the theoretical-legal perspective. Besides the philosophical concern, the journal will accept works coming from the legal field given the obvious connections that arise in many occasions with philosophical issues. The journal is directed mainly to researchers, professional and advanced students. It has a biannual periodicity, and his issues will be published in April and October.

Journal of the Latin Association for the Philosophy of Sport (ALFiD). Indexed in DOAJ and CiteFactor.

Call for papers

At the beginning of a pre-season match between San Francisco 49ers and Green Bay Packers, Colin Kaepernick, quarterback of the team from San Francisco, decided not to stand for the flag during the pre-match event, where both the national anthem and flag are honored by the participants in the athletic event. Kaepernick's decision was motivated by several cases of police violence against members of the Afro-American community occurred some days before the match. To emphasize and call attention to an unfair situation that outraged him, Kaepernick kneeled during the national anthem. To justify his action, he said: "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color. To me, this is bigger than football and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way. There are bodies in the street and people getting paid leave and getting away with murder."

Colin Kaepernick's act of protest resembles those of other black athletes like Tommy Smith and John Carlos and Mohammed Ali. All of them attempted to raise critical awareness on the racism in American society, but at the same time, other interesting philosophical questions emerged. One such philosophical question is the role athletes play in the public sphere given that they are admired and celebrated public figures. Such a question is at the core of the debate on whether or not athletes are role models. A debate that ties with broader questions like the relationship between politics and sports, and the value and status of sport in society.

Fair Play aims to publish a special issue around Colin Kaepernick's act of protest that discusses some of the issues mentioned above. In doing so, the editors of such a special issue would like to invite all those who want to participate in the issue to submit a work related to the Kaepernick case. Some of the topics to address are the following:

- The moral and social responsibility of athletes
- Athletes as role models
- The relationship between politics and sports
- The pedagogical and moral aspects of sport
- Acts of protest and civil disobedience in sport

IAPS 2017 – Starkville, Mississippi, USA

As preparations get in full swing for the 2017 conference, take a look at a few of the highlights courtesy of Gregg Tweitmeyer and the team at Mississippi State University!

Key Details:

- September 6th – 9th
- Registration - \$225 for members, \$150 for students

- Includes behind the scenes tour of the Mississippi State University athletic facilities
- Attendees will have access to the MSU recreation facilities
- As a small Southern town, there are a variety of restaurants and entertainment within walking distance to the hotels and conference venue



Conference Venue:

The conference will be held at The Mill Conference Center. Originally opened in 1902 as a cotton mill, the space was repurposed as a conference center and local hub in 2015.

Travel:

- The Golden Triangle Regional Airport (GTR) features three flights a day from Atlanta. Members flying into GTR can catch a free shuttle to the conference venue. Please book early as flights are limited!
- Other options include flying into Birmingham, AL (BHM), Memphis, TN (MEM), or Jackson, MS (JAN). These airports are all within 3 hours driving distance to the venue.

Accommodations:

- Courtyard by Marriott (attached to The Mill)
- Comfort Suites (walking distance to The Mill)
- Hampton Inn (walking distance to The Mill)

