

# 2018 IAPS Annual General Meeting Agenda, Minutes & Reports

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**IAPS Annual General Meeting**  
 11:30-12:30, September 9<sup>th</sup> 2018  
**Auditorium Norges idrettshøgskole, Oslo, Norway**  
**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER: 11:32am.**

Alun thanked conference hosts, particularly Kenneth. All that we involved in planning. Special note to young scholars' workshop. Recommends it as an on-going occurrence.

- 1. Recognition of Officers:** [Incoming officers/committee members in brackets]. **Recognized.**
  - President:** Alun Hardman
  - Conference Chair:** Pam Sailors\* [Emily Ryall] **Extra-special thanks to Pam for all her hard work.**
  - Elections Chair:** Chad Carlson [Chad Carlson]
  - Secretary Treasurer:** Peter Hopsicker [Peter Hopsicker]
  - Journal Editor:** Paul Gaffney [Paul Gaffney]
  - Newsletter editor:** Adam Pfleegor
  - Members at large (even year):**
    - Francisco Javier Lopez Frias\* & Claudia Pawlenka (**apologies**)\* [Signe Højbjerg Larsen & Soraia Chung Saura (**apologies**)]
  - Members at large (odd year):**
    - Dennis Hemphill (**apologies**) & Doug McLaughlin
  - Web Editor:** Colleen English
  - HAFS:** Kevin Krein\* (Chair), Lisa Edwards, Gabriella Tymowski-Gionet (**apologies**), [Adam Berg]

\*Special thanks for the dedicated service of outgoing officers.
- 2. Confirmation of agenda.**
  - a. Carwyn moves; Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup>.**
- 3. Approval of minutes** from previous meeting September 9th 2017, Whistler, Canada.
  - a. Colleen moves; Sigmund 2nds.**
  - b. No further matters arising from minutes.**
- 4. Officers Reports.**
  - a. President. Alun Hardman (question/answer based on reports distributed below Aug 29. 2018).
    - a) Briefly mentioned negotiation of T&F/Sage contract. **Deferred Paul Gaffney.**
    - b) Acknowledge passing of Bob Simon. Cesar Torres and Peter Hager going to Bob Simon's Celebration of Life on October 8.
  - b. Secretary Treasurer: Peter Hopsicker
    - a) Student Travel Award Winners
    - b) No questions on report.
  - c. Conference Chair: Pam Sailors
    - a) Nothing to add to report. (we had a good problem of having many submissions).
  - d. Journal Editor: Paul Gaffney
    - a) We have been approached by other publishers. We are hearing them out. Any new contract would begin 2020. Submissions to JPS are steady. Nothing else to add to the report.
  - e. Newsletter editor: Adam Pfleegor
    - a) Adam suggested that more people put their name in for service.
  - f. Webmaster: Colleen English
    - a) Nothing to report.

## 5. Update on Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.

None to Report

## 6. New Business.

### b) Updates from 2018 Exec Meeting

1. Need a nomination for HAFS committee.
2. Adam Pfleeger will be stepping down as newsletter editor after next year.
3. Student travel award: 3 times only; cannot get one if home institution is hosting.
  - a. Discussion that maybe cap of # with a competitive process. Will consider for the future.
  - b. Questions about undergraduate, master's students, PhD. Number of years in program varies.
  - c. Discussion about retention and retaining students who do more than 3 years.
  - d. Discussion that this may be a fair distribution of resources. Not funding everyone for all years.
  - e. Discussion about generous notion of offer. There are really no criteria as to who comes or not. You apply, you get it.
  - f. Discussed about how generous the offer is compared to other students.
  - g. Suggestion that students submit budget with criteria. Depending on how far you're travelling, may be more or less significant.
  - h. Depending on location of conference, we may have more or less students.
  - i. Suggestion that maybe after 3<sup>rd</sup> year, amount would decrease.
  - j. Suggestion that we go with 3 years.
  - k. Consideration that we reconsider if numbers do not stay at a high # of applications.
4. Discussion of "bundling" JPS and SEP. Reduced rate for having both subscriptions. Alun suggested that as long as there is no detrimental impact on IAPS finances (royalties), seems like something to pursue.
5. **Reminder to have accurate EMAIL and journal MAILING ADDRESS in PayPal.**

### c) Presentation for IAPS 2018 Conference

1. Kyoto, Japan. 17-20 Sept.

## 7. Other Business

- a. John Pike BPSA April 2-5, Trinity College, Oxford, UK. Invites IAPS membership to attend.
  - i. Identified keynote speakers.
- b. Awards
  - i. Kretchmar Student Essay Award: Matteo Cacchiarelli.
  - ii. Heather Reid Service Award: Peter Hopsicker

**Meeting adjourned: 12:30.**

**Saturday September 9, 2017 @ 12pm.**  
Westin Hotel, Whistler, BC, Canada

Call to order: 12:18pm PST

- Starting unique tradition of passing on of Olive Wreath that must be worn by president at final AGM meeting.
- Thanked those who have served

**1. Recognition of Officers [incoming in brackets]**

1. **Welcome Officers:** [Incoming officers/committee members in brackets].
  - a. President: Charlene Weaving [Alun Hardman]
  - b. Conference Chair: Pam Sailors
  - c. Elections Chair: Chad Carlson
  - d. Secretary Treasurer: Peter Hopsicker
  - e. Journal Editor: Paul Gaffney
  - f. Newsletter editor: Adam Pfleegor [Adam Pfleegor]
  - g. Members at large (odd): Claudia Boger & Junko Yamaguchi [ Dennis Hemphill & Doug McLaughlin]
  - h. Members at large (even): Francisco Javier Lopez Frias & Claudia Pawlenka
  - i. Webmaster: Colleen English
  - j. HAFS: Vergard Moe [Gabriella Tymowski-Gionet]
  - k. Special thanks for the dedicated service of outgoing officers.

**2. Confirmation of Agenda.**

CONFIRMED:

**3. Confirmation from minutes from AGM Friday September 23 2016, Olympia Greece.**

Colleen; Carwin.

**4. Officers and Committee Reports.**

- a. President. Charlene Weaving (*leads question/answer based on reports distributed below Aug 18. 2017*). **NO QUESTIONS BASED ON REPORTS.**
- b. Secretary Treasurer: Peter Hopsicker
- c. Conference Chair: Pam Sailors
- d. Journal Editor: Paul Gaffney
- e. Newsletter editor: Adam Pfleegor
- f. Webmaster: Colleen English

**5. Update on Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.**

- a) 2017 Conference Move
  - Thanked John Russell; difficult decision to make but the right decision to make.
  - Thanked acknowledge Gregg Tweitmeyer for his understanding.
  - Due to move there will be additional expenses that will be detailed in next year's (2017-18) budget (nothing that will break the bank). Executive agreed to absorb any additional cost.

**6. New Matters**

- a. Updates from 2017 Exec Meeting
  - Thanked Pam Sailors for excellent program/abstracts.

- Student essay awards new rules: 1) over length will no longer be reviewed; 2) will no longer allow 2x winners.
- Discussed healthy numbers for future conferences.
- HK has dropped us for membership services. Please hold off on renewing 2018 membership until notice is given from IAPS. (Alun asked if anyone is aware of services that will work, please forward them to him).
- Donation to Joy Desensi scholarship was acknowledge (\$100).

b. Presentation for IAPS 2018 Conference

Kenneth Aggerholm: Norwegian School of Sport Sciences, Oslo, Norway: September 5-8, 2018.  
300 Euros registration; 120-190 Euros for hotels. Options to tent outside.

**7. Other Items/Business.**

a. Acknowledgement of IAPS members' participations in APA conferences

Doug McLaughlin (Pacific APA and ensuring 1 female presenter). Kevin Krein, Paul Gaffney, Gabriella Tymowski-Gionet)

b. Cesar Torres, ICSSPE + UNESCO

Acknowledged his efforts.

**8. Presentation of Awards + Announcements**

a) 2017 IAPS Distinguished Service Award Winner\*

a. Now named as Heather Reid Distinguished Service Award. Emily Ryall was 2017 winner.

b) 2017 R. Scott Kretchmar Student Essay Award Winner

a. Christopher Yorke

c) 2018 Distinguished Scholar Award Announcement

a. Carwyn Jones

d) 2017 Student Travel Grant Recipients

a. Sec/Tres announced names.

Final round of applause for John Russell for organizing the conference.

Alun Hardman installed as new IAPS president—in his own particular idiom.

BPSA: April 12-14 Swansea.

Thanking Charlene for her incredible work over the last several years.

Adjourned: 12:45pm PST

[IAPS 2018 - President's Report](#)

Alun Hardman, [ahardman@cardiffmet.ac.uk](mailto:ahardman@cardiffmet.ac.uk)

I am under no illusions that my tenure would be a tough act to follow – but thanks to the sterling work of Charlene Weaving, my predecessor, the transition has been fraughtless. In addition having wonderful association officers and committee members, the work of IAPS has continued efficiently over this past year.

**JPS Publishing Contract**

This remains the main job of work for the Association at the moment. While there is no doubt that the move to Taylor and Francis publishers has coincided with a significant increase in income, we will push again for the best deal possible for our association. Paul Gaffney, supported by sage advisors is leading on this task and will expand on progress more fully.

**Oslo 2018**

Many thanks to Kenneth Aggerholm at Norges idrettshøgskole and the IAPS Conference Committee led by Pam Sailors. Many thanks in advance for their exceptional efforts.

**Bob Simon**

Many of you will know by now of the sad passing of our dear friend Bob Simon. Bob died peacefully at home on May 31, 2018, of pancreatic cancer.

He was a prolific and gifted, scholar, orator and coach whose company and good grace was a pleasure to experience. The field of the philosophy of sport in general and the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport in particular are indebted for his incredibly valuable, engaging and progressive contributions, both at conference and in the JPS

In 2016, an issue of the *Journal of the Philosophy of Sports* [was dedicated to Bob's scholarship](#) and as the author of *Fair Play: Sports, Values and Society*. He raised many important sporting issues such as gender equity, comparable worth, moral judgment, and the use of performance-enhancing drugs in sports and was recognized widely for this work, including being elected President of the Philosophic Society for the Study of Sport (now IAPS) and inducted into the Kirkland Sports Hall of Fame. He was named one of the 100 Most Influential Sports Educators by the Institute of International Sport.

We look forward to recognizing Bob's work and contribution to the Association at this year's opening reception

[IAPS 2018 Secretary-Treasurer Report](#)

Respectfully submitted, Peter Hopsicker

Summary

Memberships are at a five-year high (199).

Remember that IAPS memberships are on a calendar year. To join IAPS, please follow the instructions here: <http://iaps.net/join-iaps/>.

Membership is 44% North American, down from 54% last year. Europe and Asia account for 51% of the membership. This probably has a lot to do with the location of the conference.

IAPS remains in good fiscal health. We have over \$114,000 in cash and over \$100,000 in investments. Our investments have not grown much. The net value of the investment is just over \$100,000. Our financial advisor explains, "Since inception, the investment account has been up and down, much like the rest of the stock market has been for the year. Market volatility has played a critical part in this year's stock market performance. Since the timeframe for IAPS with these funds is more long-term driven, the overall goal of the investment is to consider returns on a more long-term basis."

Student travel donations are down significantly from last year (-\$850). I would suggest that this has something to do with the PayPal interface. I will look for a solution to make this process more efficient. Remember, you can donate at any time here: <http://iaps.net/join-iaps/donate-to-the-student-travel-fund/>.

We are distributing 18-\$1,000 student travel awards this year (\$18,000). This is up from 11 awards in 2016 and 2017. Until October 2017, Human Kinetics processed annual IAPS membership and donations. When they discontinued that processing, IAPS switched to PayPal. For the most part, it seems to be working effectively in the collection of information and dissemination of that information to Taylor & Francis for journal access. As with learning any new online platform, however, there can be some hiccups, and I've tried my best to work through them. We will continue to work on streamlining this process. I am also working on a way to provide members with a receipt of payment on IAPS letterhead. More to come later.

It was determined that the existing IAPS logos were of too poor resolution to be useful in either online or print formats. I was successful in finding a company that was able to re-digitize these logos at a reasonable price. This will be helpful when creating the webpage, official documents, plaques and banners (among other things). Speaking of banners, under the suggestion of this year's conference host, I had two banners made for use at each conference site into the future. They will travel from conference to conference, year to year and provide valuable publicity at each location.

IAPS Membership as of August 20, 2018

Standard	167	For comparison:
Student	32	2014 Membership = 141
Total Membership	199	2015 Membership = 163
		2016 Membership = 170
		2017 Membership = 169

IAPS Membership Diversity as of August 20, 2018

Australia	6	Netherlands	6
Brazil	3	Norway	12
Brunei Darussalam	1	Poland	3
Bulgaria	1	Portugal	1
Canada	17	Slovenia	5
Croatia	1	South Africa	1
Czech Republic	4	South Korea	4
Denmark	11	Spain	2
Finland	5	Sweden	1
Germany	3	Switzerland	1
India	1	Taiwan	3
Israel	1	United Kingdom	14
Italy	3	United States	70
Japan	19		

44% North America; 37% Europe; 14% Asia; 4% Australia; 1% South America; 1% Africa.

IAPS 2017-2018 Budget as of August 20, 2018Income

Memberships and Student Travel Donations (Aug to Aug)	\$13,679.26
Student Travel Donations	\$2,375.00
Routledge Royalties	\$38,115.64
PayPal Account	\$522.36

Investments

Initial Investment (November 2017)	\$100,000.00
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Expenses

Conference Expenses Norway (as of Aug. 15)	\$13,492.96
Banners and Logos	\$380.00
Legal Fees (Investment, LLC, Inc)	\$1,250.90
Bank Service Charges (international wires)	\$67.43

Totals as of August 20, 2018

Total Cash (M&T Bank)	\$113,827.41
Total Cash (PayPal)	\$522.36
Total Investments	\$100,000.00
Grand total	\$214,349.77

Student Travel Funds:

The IAPS membership has been very generous, and I thank each and every one of you who donated to the IAPS Student Travel Fund. Fourteen of our members have donated a total of \$2,375 to date.

Thank you very much!!



Journal of the Philosophy of Sport Editor's Report

August 18, 2018

Paul Gaffney

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Submission Statistics

This report covers the twelve months from August 16, 2016 to August 15, 2018. Here are the basic statistics for this year and from the reports from the past few years:

	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015
New Articles Submitted	71	58	77	50
Final Decision on Articles	43	56	71	54
Accepted Articles	26	30	29	28
Book Reviews	6	6	8	5

New Submissions. New submissions have increased significantly (71 this year compared to 58 last year), which represents a return to figures similar to previous years. The page budget is 160 pages per issue, and 480 pages per volume. JPS 45-01 used 108 pages and JPS 45-02 used 104 pages, so we are operating under the page budget. This is simply because when we go to press I do not have more articles ready for publication, which would be preferable. The number 71 represents the new submissions; if we combine new submissions and re-submissions (revisions) the number of manuscripts for this time period is 89.

Backlog: We still do not have a backlog at this time, although we do have nine new manuscripts currently under review. This does not include papers that are in production for the October (45-03) issue. A backlog of 4-6 papers would be healthier because it would mean that authors are not rushed to make revisions, and that I do not feel tempted to accept papers that could benefit from further revision. Until they are published in a specific volume, backlogged articles are available on-line after they have gone through the copy-editing process.

Acceptance Rate: The acceptance rate is 37% (or 26/71), which compares with an acceptance rate of 26% the previous year (omitting invited papers). Some of the papers that were not accepted have been sent back for further revision, so possibly some of them could be accepted for publication at a later date. As I mentioned in my report last year, Taylor/Francis has introduced new options for the final editorial decision: Accept (with minor or major revisions); Reject and Resubmit; Reject (as Unsuitable); Reject (as Unsound). The option Reject as Unsuitable is useful because we often receive otherwise well-written manuscripts that are not appropriate for our journal (usually because their focus is not sufficiently philosophical) so this option allows me to direct them to other outlets for consideration.

Time in Review: According to Scholar One, average time in review over the past year has been 35.54 days, which is more than the average time last year (30.2 days). The primary reason for the increase in average review time is the fact that we did not publish a Special Section in the past year, and so we did not have papers accepted soon after submission.

Changes to the Editorial Board

Professor Yoshitaka Kondo (Chukyo University, Japan) recently retired and has informed me that he wishes to step down as a member of the JPS Editorial Board. I thank Professor Kondo for his years of excellent service. We have added a new member to the Editorial Board: Joe Lewandowski (University of Central Missouri). Joe has already done excellent reviews this year and I am very grateful to have his expertise on the Editorial Board.

Special Topic Volumes

We have two Special Sections in the works. The first will be a Special Section on "Emotions in Sport and Games." This Special Section will be guest co-edited by Alfred Archer and Nathan Wildman and will feature eleven original articles,

some of them by first-time contributors to *JPS*. We anticipate this Special Section to appear July 2019 (JPS 46-02).

The second Special Section is a 50 year retrospective study of the philosophy of sport and IAPS, in celebration of the publication of some seminal works in our field as well as some of the first organizational efforts. This special section will be co-authored by Mark Dyerson, Douglas W. McLaughlin, and Cesar R. Torres and we anticipate publication in early 2020.

### International Representation

We received submissions from a total of 17 different countries: Australia (1); Brazil (2); Canada (14); China (2); Finland (2); France (2); Germany (1); Iran (1) Israel (3); Japan (3); Norway (5); Poland (2); South Africa (2); Spain (1); Sweden (1); Switzerland (1); United Kingdom (11); USA (36).

### Distribution Problems

In recent years there have been problems with distribution. Some IAPS members have received issues at wrong mailing addresses, or received multiple copies, or received their issues very late. In all cases that were reported to me I was able to contact the distribution people and ask them to send out missing copies. They are pretty good at following up on these requests. I know that this problem has not been fully resolved, although I have received fewer complaints recently. When anyone has some problem with receiving *JPS* issues please contact me so I can keep record of this and address this problem immediately.

### Meeting with the Taylor & Francis Team

I met with members of the team at Taylor and Francis in Didcot UK on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. Present were: Jonathan Manley (Publisher), Alejandra Leach-Nunez (Managing Editor of Sport, Leisure, and Tourism journals at Taylor and Francis), and Roisin Kennelly (Editorial Systems Coordinator) and me. I am always very encouraged by their patience and their eagerness to help. Our main topic of discussion is the preparation for a new Publishing Agreement with Taylor and Francis, as the current Publishing Agreement expires at the end of December 2018.

Alejandra shared some news about the impact and prestige of our journal.

The journal's 2017 Impact Factor was 0.797, which is down from 0.926 the previous year. These two totals represents the two highest measures for *JPS*. The five-year Impact Factor is 1.097, which is the highest for our journal. (Impact Factor is calculated on citations made in one year to items published in a journal in the two previous years, divided by the number of source items published in those two years. Source items are research articles, review articles, proceedings papers and short communications. All other items—such as book reviews, letters, editorials, obituaries and news items—do not count towards the denominator in the Impact Factor calculation.)

*JPS* received almost 33,000 downloads in 2017. Almost 3% of these were referred via Twitter.

By the end of the first half of 2018, there has been over 16,000 downloads. This is an increase of 17% compared to the same time period in 2017.

There were lots of articles receiving Altmetric scores, including some being mentioned in news and blogs. *JPS* has received a total of 570 Altmetric mentions.

[Newsletter Editor's Report: 17-18](#)

Executive Board Report

Adam G. Pfleegor [adam.pfleegor@belmont.edu](mailto:adam.pfleegor@belmont.edu)

Since we last met for our IAPS conference, we have published three newsletters released in October, March, and July. As with my previous report, I believe the content and aesthetic changes that have been made over the previous few years have helped with conveying the most important content to the membership along with providing a few photos of previous or upcoming events.

Over the past few newsletters, we have not received any recommendations for student highlights. I really have enjoyed this portion of the newsletter as I think it is important to showcase the “up and coming talent” of IAPS. If any students would like to be featured in an upcoming newsletter or any advisers would like to nominate their deserving students, please reach out directly to me by email to initiate the process.

The announcements over the past few newsletters have also slightly decreased as membership has not shared as many upcoming events or newsworthy items. Please do not be shy, share news with your IAPS friends and colleagues and send along tidbits directly to my email.

I wish all a wonderful conference experience here in Oslo and I look forward to sending out the October newsletter in the coming month with a recap of the conference and new, exciting developments!

Website Editor's Report

Colleen English

**Website**

Website traffic is relatively steady, with an average of 1,483 views per month and 618 visitors per month. This is up slightly from previous years. However, the overall number of yearly visitors to the website has decreased slightly since 2015. The table below shows website traffic from August 2017 through July 2018. The following table shows yearly statistics from 2015-2018.

	AUG 17	SEP 17	OCT 17	NOV 17	DEC 17	JAN 18	FEB 18	MAR 18	APR 18	MAY 18	JUN 18	JUL 18
Views	1,332	1,714	1,323	1,532	921	1,323	1,264	1,869	1,846	1,487	1,418	1,768
Visitors	595	682	556	650	462	592	528	728	727	615	645	637

	2015	2016	2017	2018 (as of Aug. 13)
Views	20,364	15,958	13,341	11,584
Visitors	8,399	7,122	5,779	4,735

Over the past year, I have maintained the website and performed a few minor updates to enhance the navigability of the site and its organization. I am open to constructive feedback and criticism to making the site more functional and easier to use.

**Social Media**

IAPS currently has 664 Twitter followers, up from 586 as of last year's website editor's report.

IAPS Twitter activity is typically steady throughout the year, with the most significant activity in September, during the annual conference. Overall, the IAPS Twitter account is reaching more individuals, as impressions (a measure of how many users have seen a Tweet) have gone up in nearly every month of the last year, and by more than double in September. The majority of Tweets on IAPS' timeline are about the conference—both in organizing information and session content. In general, Twitter seems to reach a significant number of users, many of whom are not members of the organization.

	AUG 17	SEP 17	OCT 17	NOV 17	DEC 17	JAN 18	FEB 18	MAR 18	APR 18	MAY 18	JUN 18	JUL 18
Tweets	12	42	4	5	2	5	2	4	5	0	2	7
Impressions	7,987	15.8K	4,788	3,990	2,623	4,889	2,617	4,141	3,773	1,608	4,607	4,568
Visits	480	2,165	576	393	263	268	217	287	175	181	237	176
Mentions	14	120	9	1	0	1	1	0	3	19	7	1

IAPS has both a Facebook Page and Facebook Group. The page currently has 115 followers. Posting on the page is limited to the administrator (me) and most posts convey information about the conference or the organization. The group currently has 299 members and is an interactive community. Some spam and inappropriate posts need to be removed and users blocked. Neither the Facebook Page or Group is very active. Both have had an increase in followers over the last year.

Both Twitter and Facebook have potential to be more active and reach more users and I welcome suggestions for the type of content that may be informative and useful for our social media followers.

### Conference Chair's Report

Pam Sailors

I begin by commending Kenneth Aggerholm for taking on the responsibilities of organizing the conference. This is always an intimidating task, but Kenneth's tremendous organization made the process run very smoothly. Be sure to thank him. Below you will find the general overview of this year's program.

Number of abstracts submitted: 116

Number of presentations: 107 (not including keynotes)

Keynote addresses: Barbara Montero and Gunnar Breivik

Warren Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar address: Carwyn Jones

Total number of presenters: 123

Number of countries represented: 20—Australia, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Kingdom, United States of America.

I'm happy to report that the number of submissions was much higher this year than in previous years. For comparison, this year we had 116, last year Whistler had 82, Greece (2016) had 93, Cardiff (2015) had 107, and Fullerton (2014) had 127. This is especially good news since we all know that people are finding it more and more difficult to obtain travel funding (several of those who withdrew gave this as their reason).

Finally, I thank everyone for the opportunity to serve a term as Conference Chair. It has been a pleasure (mostly) and an honor (always). I am pleased to hand the reins to the incoming chair, Emily Ryall; I know she will do an excellent job.

[2018 Elections Chair's Report - Chad Carlson](#)

Thanks to all who voted in this most recent election. We had a voter turnout of 60%--almost exactly where we were in the 2016 and 2017 elections. And thanks to all of the nominees. Most of the open positions had only a single nominee, in which case we follow the IAPS Constitution requiring a two-thirds majority of those voting to present the nominee for ratification. Each of the candidates for these open positions garnered more than two-thirds of the votes. In the race for the open Member-at-large positions, we had three candidates and therefore followed our Constitution stating that a plurality of the votes is needed. Thus, the nominees with the two highest vote counts are being presented for ratification.

Congratulations to those being presented for ratification!

**Secretary-Treasurer**

Peter Hopsicker

**Conference Chair**

Emily Ryall

**Journal Editor**

Paul Gaffney

**Member-at-large**

Signe Højbjerg Larsen  
Soraia Chung Saura

**Elections Chair**

Chad Carlson

**Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee**

Adam Berg

**Warren P. Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Award**

Pam Sailors

**Heather M. Reid Distinguished Service Award**

Peter Hopsicker

The call for nominations will be in the March 2019 IAPS Newsletter. Please consider being a part of this process in some way. Send nominations to Chad Carlson at [ccarlson@hope.edu](mailto:ccarlson@hope.edu).