

IAPS NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

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Spring Greetings to everyone! Here in the middle of the U.S., the temperature is becoming warm and the flowers are beginning to bloom. Most of the population is now vaccine-eligible, many of us have been fully vaccinated, and some restrictions on our actions are being lifted. I'm mindful that conditions are not nearly so favorable for many of you; my wish is for health, happiness, and a return to "normal" for everyone.

Please read Elections Chair Chad Carlson's report and consider having your name submitted for one of the available positions. Being involved with IAPS as a member of the Executive Board is interesting and easy, and the service of members is essential to the success of the association. Contact Chad or me if you have questions about any of the positions.

Conference Chair Emily Ryall's report includes notice of the coming deadline for submission of abstracts for this year's conference. A decision about whether holding the conference in Croatia will be feasible, or even possible, is complicated by the very different conditions in member countries. Deliberation about this would be enhanced by additional current information from members. I invite you to email me (at the address above) to tell how things are for you now, how things look for the coming months, and what you're thinking about attending the conference in-person or online.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Pam

Note from the Editor

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In sport, the sweet tension of uncertainty of the outcome is attractive and meaningful. When it comes to planning academic activities and conferences, most of us are probably less attracted by the unpredictability. But there is no way around it at the moment. All we can do is hope for the best and prepare for the worst. This is the message from our Conference Chair regarding our upcoming conference. In this March edition of the IAPS Newsletter, you can also find important information about our association's open positions. See details in the Elections Chair report, and don't forget to nominate good colleagues. The Newsletter also brings updates from the Secretary-Treasurer and Journal Editor. I wish you all a happy reading and a joyful springtime!



IAPS Membership Portal

Make sure to secure your 2021 membership by visiting the portal [here](#).

Secretary-Treasurer's Message

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Greetings Friends!

2021 Memberships can now be secured through our [IAPS membership portal](#).

Remember that IAPS memberships are on *a calendar year*. The membership you will be purchasing will be for January to December 2021.

Quick steps:

1. Go here: [IAPS Membership Portal](#).
2. If you have not already done so, set up a profile. If you have a profile, log in.
3. If/once you have set up a profile, click on the “my profile” tab above the IAPS logo.
4. Underneath the IAPS logo, you will see “purchase membership.” Click that.
5. Select your membership and following the instructions to check out.
6. You should receive a confirming email. Don't forget to check your junk folder.

If you wish to change your mailing address, email address, or other contact information, you can do so by editing your profile. You will see the place to do that as you check-out.

IAPS Memberships as of March 10, 2021

Standard	118
Student	10
Total	128

IAPS Membership Continental Distribution

49% North American; 26% Europe; 17% Asia; 5% Australia; 3% South America; 0% Africa; 0% Antarctica

IAPS Financial Overview

Balance, all assets, January 1, 2021	\$263,728.22
Income	\$63,801.02
Expenses	\$2,788.59
Net Income	\$61,012.43
M&T Balance	\$205,334.04
PayPal Balance	\$843.40
Investments	\$119,506.88
Balance, all assets, March 10, 2021	\$325,684.32

The combination of income from our new Taylor and Francis publishing contract, steady growth in our investments, and the lack of expenses accrued in the absence of a 2020 conference has left IAPS in a solid financial position.

News from the Journal of the Philosophy of Sport

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As I write this report *JPS* issue 48-01 (March 2021) is published and has been mailed to IAPS members. We are currently preparing articles for *JPS* issue 48-02, which will appear in July 2021.

Looking ahead, we have a Special Issue scheduled for the November 2021 issue (*JPS* 48-03). This issue, guest-edited by Christopher Yorke and J.S Russell, will focus on C. Thi Nguyen's book *Games: Agency as Art* (Oxford University Press, 2020). The issue will comprise articles by twelve authors, most of them first-time contributors to *JPS*. The co-editors will contribute two of the twelve articles.

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

New link to the Special Section/Special Issue proposals

As I have reported in the last two Newsletters, I have created a link on the *JPS* website that invites Special Section/Special Issue proposals. Special Sections are typically 5-7 articles, 7,000 words each, and Special Issues are 10-12 articles. IAPS members can propose Special Sections/Issues at any time, which the Editorial Board will discuss at the Board meeting at the annual conference in the fall, or perhaps during the year through emails if the topic is topical and therefore more time sensitive. As part of the plan, proposals should plan to include a call for papers on the proposed topic to give all interested authors a chance to contribute.

This past year was very busy for the journal, perhaps because many people were home and able to work on papers. During a typical twelve-month period, we typically receive between 60-70 new submissions; from January-December 2020 we received 107 submissions. This total includes six invited Book Reviews, and seven invited Special Issue articles. This activity provides evidence of the growing interest in our field as a serious academic inquiry.

As I reported in the November 2020 IAPS Newsletter, Taylor & Francis has recently created a very informative link on the journal website—**Journal Metrics**. All information is clearly explained on the link. A few highlights from the year 2020:

- 65,000 downloads of *JPS* articles, which is 50% higher than 2019.
- 36 publications in the three issues, with two Open Access articles
- Impact Factor of 0.867, which is our highest number other than 2016, which had an Impact Factor of 0.926
- 34% Acceptance Rate
- 54 days average from submission to first decision
- 64 days average from submission to first post review decision
- 17 days average from acceptance to online publication.

As always, we hope that there are no distribution problems, but they do occur from time to time. Anyone who has any questions or difficulties with respect to their *JPS* mailings, please contact me and I will work to resolve it. I am in regular contact with the Managing Editor and the Production people at Taylor and & Francis and they are responsive to our concerns.

Click [here](#) to see all JPS Journal Metrics.

Conference Chair's Report

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Hopefully, all members will be aware of the current open call for abstracts for this year's conference. It can be found [here](#). The deadline for abstracts is 16th April so please submit by this date if you want to make my life easier. We realise that it's a very complex time at the moment and it isn't clear what form the conference will ultimately take. There is likely to be some online conference provision whatever happens, as even if the world miraculously returns to 'normal' (which I think is very unlikely), some will not be willing or able to travel despite wanting to contribute to the conference. However, we do hope for some in-person event as I think everyone is getting a little fed up with online Zoom sessions, and often the best and most fruitful conversations happen over the coffee table or a late night beer which can't be replicated by an online conference. And our conference host, Matija Škerbić, is understandably keen to show off the beautiful sights of Split. So the upshot of this update is – let's hope for the best and prepare for the worst. More information will be communicated via the email lists, social media and website when we have it. In the meantime, please ask if you have any questions.

Regards,

Emily

Elections Chair Report

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Call for 2021 IAPS Executive Council Nominations

The following positions will become available this fall:

- President (2 year term)
- Secretary/Treasurer (3 year term)
- Conference Chair (3 year term)
- Newsletter Editor (2 year term)
- Member-at-Large (2 positions, 2 year term)
- Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee (3 year term)

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 IAPS 2021 conference update

IAPS WANTS YOU!

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 Open positions for the upcoming election

Nominations must satisfy a number of conditions:

1. Each nomination must include a nominator, a seconder, and a nominee.
2. The nominator, seconder, and nominee must be members of IAPS. (Note that election onto the Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee requires IAPS membership of three years or more.)
3. Nominations must reach Chad Carlson by 1 June 2021: ccarlson@hope.edu
4. The seconder and nominee must acknowledge that they will second or accept, respectively, the nomination by sending an email to that effect to Chad Carlson.
5. The nominee is advised to supply a brief biography (no more than 200 words) at the time of nomination.

Nomination Procedure:

The easiest way to complete the nomination is for the nominator to copy the original nomination email to both the seconder and the nominee who can then use “reply all” to acknowledge acceptance attach the brief biography. Once the nomination is complete, Chad Carlson will forward an email to the nominator, seconder, and nominee. Please be diligent in fully completing the nomination process.

We will once again use an online elections tool to guarantee anonymous voting. Look for instructions in the July 2021 IAPS Newsletter regarding the procedure.



Happy Easter Dear IAPS Friends!