

2021 IAPS Annual General Meeting

Reports and Minutes

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AGENDA

1. **Recognition of Officers:** [Incoming officers/committee members in brackets].
 - President: Pam Sailors [Kenneth Aggerholm]
 - Conference Chair: Emily Ryall [Emily Ryall]
 - Elections Chair: Chad Carlson
 - Secretary Treasurer: Peter Hopsicker [Peter Hopsicker]
 - Journal Editor: Paul Gaffney
 - Newsletter Editor: Kenneth Aggerholm [Christopher Yorke]
 - Members at large (odd): Alfred Archer and John William Devine [Joseph Lewandowski, Leslie Francis]
 - Members at large (even): Colleen English and Irena Martinkova
 - Web Editor: Sam Morris
 - HAFS: Adam Berg, Yoshiko Oda, Adam Pfleeger [Noora Ronkainen]

2. **Confirmation of Agenda**

3. **Approval of minutes** from previous meeting September 2019, Kyoto, Japan

4. **Matters Arising**
 - a) Officer Reports
 - i. President: Pam Sailors
 - ii. Secretary Treasurer: Peter Hopsicker
 - iii. Journal Editor: Paul Gaffney
 - iv. Newsletter Editor: Kenneth Aggerholm
 - v. Webmaster: Sam Morris
 - b) Committee Reports
 - i. Conference Chair: Emily Ryall
 - ii. Honors, Awards, and Future Sites: Adam Berg (Chair)
 - iii. Elections: Chad Carlson

5. **New Business**
 - a. Update from Exec Meeting
 - b. IAPS 2022 Conference

2019-2020 President's Report

Pam Sailors

The past year has been quiet. We hoped to be able to gather in person again for the annual meeting, but it became clear in the spring that the world was not going to be free of the virus and its variants. I want to acknowledge and thank the Executive Council for thoughtful discussion and deliberation, and express special gratitude to Matija Mato Škerbić for his desire to host a great conference and the cooperation and resilience he's exhibited in delaying the event until such time as conditions are more favorable for travel. Information on plans for next year's meeting will be forthcoming during the Annual General Meeting.

IAPS remains on solid ground. As Secretary/Treasurer Peter Hopsicker notes in his report, memberships have not returned to pre-COVID numbers, but this is no cause for alarm since it is attributable to the absence of the usual pre-conference membership spike. Peter has also ensured that the association is financially sound. Journal Editor Paul Gaffney has kept open the flow of scholarly articles through publication in *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport*.

Very special thanks to Emily Ryall for being the picture of flexibility. After setting up the EasyChair site and accepting abstracts and student essays for the conference, she had to notify everyone when we reached the decision not to go forward again this year, before plunging immediately into communication and collaboration with CVent to establish the platform for an online meeting for us.

I conclude with heartfelt thanks to the entire membership for allowing me the honor of serving as IAPS President these last two years. It has been an experience vastly unlike what I expected, but still rewarding in its own way. I leave the association in the very capable hands of new President Kenneth Aggerholm.

IAPS 2021 Secretary-Treasurer Report Peter Hopsicker

Summary

1. Membership is up slightly over last year but remains behind “in-person” conference years. Demographics have shifted slightly but have generally remained the same with the United States, Canada, and Japan leading the way.
2. IAPS remains in good fiscal health. Without the normal conference expenses or student travel grant distribution, we should remain in good shape despite a decrease in memberships. Our new publishing contract with Taylor and Francis nets us more income, so that helps.
3. Our investments continue to grow. Our initial investment in late 2017 of \$100,000 USD is now almost \$130,000 with an average return of 6.95% since inception.
4. The postponement of the conference has resulted in a corresponding drop in donations to the IAPS Student Travel Fund. Any funds that were donated this year will be used next year. Remember, you can donate at any time [here](#).
5. Remember that IAPS memberships are on a calendar year. You can purchase your 2022 IAPS membership after November 1, 2021. If you are a member in good standing, you should receive an automatic email reminder. You can access the membership portal here: [IAPS Membership Portal](#). Through the portal, you can also make any changes in address, email, or other contact information.
6. Finally, we chose CVent’s online conference portal as a pilot for determining if future in-person conferences should also include remote participation options. The conference portal synchs with the membership portal (which is also CVent) and, as such, provides significant efficiencies in registration and participant information sharing. As of September 3, 2021, half of our current membership is registered for this year’s virtual conference.

IAPS Membership as of September 3, 2021

Standard	142	For comparison:	
Student	18	2014 Membership	= 141
Total Membership	160	2015 Membership	= 163
		2016 Membership	= 170
		2017 Membership	= 169
		2018 Membership	= 204
		2019 Membership	= 182
		2020 Membership	= 150

IAPS Membership Diversity as of September 3, 2021

Australia	5	Israel	1
Belgium	0	Italy	2
Brazil	3	Jamaica	0
Brunei Darussalam	0	Japan	14
Bulgaria	0	Netherlands	4
Canada	16	New Zealand	1
China	2	Norway	7
Columbia	1	Poland	2
Croatia	1	Portugal	1
Czech Republic	3	Slovenia	3
Denmark	2	South Africa	0
Finland	1	South Korea	2
France	0	Spain	0
Germany	2	Sweden	1
Greece	1	Switzerland	1
Hungary	0	Taiwan	3
India	0	United Kingdom	8
Ireland	1	United States	66

53% North America; 26% Europe; 14% Asia; 4% Australia; 3% South America; 0% Africa.

IAPS 2021 Budget as of September 3, 2021

<u>Income</u>		\$65,232.39
Memberships and Student Travel Donations		\$6,510.90
Routledge Royalties		\$58,368.83
PayPal Account		\$352.66
<u>Investments</u>		\$129,192.41
Investment Balance (September 3, 2021)		
<u>Expenses</u>		\$10,843.93
Conference Expenses (Cvent)		\$7,775.35
Legal Fees (Investment, LLC, Inc.)		\$0.00
Online Membership/Website		\$2,660.22
Bank Service Charges (international wires)		\$65.00
Other expenses		\$343.00
<u>Totals as of September 3, 2021</u>		
Total Cash (M&T Bank)	\$199,200.81	
Total Cash (PayPal)	\$352.66	
Total Investments	\$129,192.41	
Grand total	\$328,745.88	

**IAPS
INVESTMENTS
ANNUAL
RETURNS**

	11/29/2017	12/1/2017	12/1/2018	12/1/2019	12/1/2020	8/30/2021
BALANCE	\$100,000.00	\$100,002.20	\$97,941.89	\$107,000.23	\$114,835.17	\$128,556.91
GROWTH/LOSS FROM INITIAL INVESTMENT		\$2.20	\$(2,058.11)	\$7,000.23	\$14,835.17	\$28,556.91
GROWTH/LOSS FROM PREVIOUS YEAR		\$2.20	\$(2,060.31)	\$9,058.34	\$7,834.94	\$13,721.74
PERCENT RETURN FROM INITIAL INVESTMENT			-1.97%	9.22%	7.28%	12.81%
AVERAGE RETURN SINCE INITIAL INVESTMENT						6.95%
NOTES	Initial investment		Strong stock sell-off at the end of 2018	Reallocated funds in February 2019		

Editor's Report: September 6, 2021

Paul Gaffney

New Contract with Taylor & Francis

At this point I assume most members know that nearly two years ago we completed negotiations for a new Publishing Agreement with Taylor & Francis, which went into effect January 1, 2020. It is a seven-year contract, renewable annually for an additional five years unless either party gives notice of a desire to terminate or alter the Publishing Agreement. Further details on the negotiations and terms of the new Agreement can be found in the March 2020 IAPS Newsletter.

Special Sections and Special Issues

We have a Special Issue planned for November 2021 (JPS 48-03), guest edited by Christopher C. Yorke and J.S. Russell. This Special Issue focuses on C. Thi Nguyen's recent publication *Games: Agency as Art* and includes eleven articles by Chris Bartel, Adrian Currie, Luca Ferrero, William Morgan, Stephanie Patridge, Antonia Peacocke, Jon Pike, Michael Ridge, Emily Ryall, J.S. Russell, and Daniel Vella. Christopher C. Yorke will write an Introductory article, and C. Thi Nguyen will write a Response.

At our last JPS Editorial Board meeting in Kyoto, Japan (September 2019) the Board agreed that Special Section/Special Issue proposals should go through a formal evaluation process by the full Editorial Board, typically at the September meeting although possibly at different times during the year, depending on the circumstances of the proposal and the publication schedule. Last year I created a link on the JPS website with information about how to submit proposals for Special Sections and Special Issues. In response to some suggestions by JPS Editorial Board members, the original link was revised to include as part of every Special Section/Special Issue proposal a limited Call for Papers to consider contributions from as many authors as possible. We hope that this practice will make the process more open and inclusive. We do not currently have any Special Section/Special Issue proposals under consideration.

Print Copies/Distribution Issues

We were recently informed that Taylor & Francis had decided to remove the plastic coverings of print issues, as you may have noticed in the last mailing. This is strictly an environmental commitment. For this reason, the back cover of the print issues is blank, except for the IAPS and Routledge logos, and we have a mailing label attached to the back cover.

From time to time I learn that members have not received their print issues in the mail. When that happens, contact me; please do not attempt to resolve this directly with Taylor & Francis. The first thing we will check is your IAPS membership status. If your dues are all paid up, I will then contact the person at T/F who helps with this, and we will get the missing copies mailed out. In the past we have always been able to get members their missing issues, although admittedly it sometimes takes a while.

Journal Metrics

As you may have noticed there is also a new link of the JPS website that provides up to date and valuable information about the journal's performance in terms of its Usage (downloads/views), Impact Factor, Cite Score, Acceptance Rate (currently 34%), Time in Review, and other measures. It can be used to provide hard evidence of the journal's performance and prestige in the academic world and is always available to JPS subscribers.

Journal Highlights

- **Downloads**
 - 2020: 65,000 downloads
 - 2019: 43,362 downloads
 - 2018: 35,626 downloads
 - 2017: 33,284 downloads
 - The most downloaded article was “Equal play for equal pay”: moral grounds for equal pay in football,” (*JPS* 46-03), by Alfred Archer and Martine Prange, with nearly 13,000 downloads

- **Altmetric Scores**: The top three Altmetric scoring articles in the past year are:
 - “Safety, fairness, and inclusion: transgender athletes and the essence of Rugby” (*JPS* 47-02), by Jon Pike, with a score of 315.
 - “Cybersport” (*JPS* 32-02) by Dennis Hemphill, with a score of 47
 - “Beyond fairness: the ethics of inclusion for transgender and intersex athletes” (*JPS* 46-01) by John Gleaves, with a score of 42

Submissions

In years past, the Editor’s Report to IAPS membership always presented submission statistics for the 12-month period between one September IAPS meeting and the next but starting this year I plan to issue calendar year-end reports, covering the time period January to December, to be published in the March Newsletter. This report will be much more intelligible and accurate with respect to statistical trends, demographics analyses, and important journal measurements, such as articles Downloads and Citations, Acceptance rate, Submissions and Re-Submissions, Impact Factor, and Altmetric statistics, among other important indicators.

New Submissions and Backlog: New submissions were very strong in the year 2020, by far the highest total in recent memory (if not ever). We received 107 new submissions between January-December 2020, a total that includes seven invited Special Section articles (“Ancient Philosophy of Sport,” *JPS* 47-03, November 2020) and six invited Book Reviews. By comparison, in my two most recent reports to membership, prepared for the September conferences in 2019 and 2018, the total number of submissions for those respective twelve-month periods was 75 (2018-2019) and 71 (2017-2018).

In the year 2021 we have already received 72 new submissions, a total that includes eleven invited Special Issue articles (“C. Thi Nguyen’s *Games: Agency as Art*, *JPS* 48-03, November 2021) and five invited Book Reviews. Eleven articles scheduled for publication in the November 2021 issue are already published online; five articles scheduled for publication in the November 2021 issue are already published online.

Changes to the Editorial Board

There have been two changes in the editorial board in the last 12 months. Randolph Feezell stepped down and Mark Hamilton passed away. We thank them for their years of dedicated service on the Editorial Board.

2021 Newsletter Editor Report
Kenneth Aggerholm

Dear colleagues and friends,

I am happy to report that the newsletter is in good shape. As scheduled, it has been published three times during the last year. I want to thank the executive board for their support and contributions, and I look forward to handing over the torch to the new editor, Christopher Yorke.

Website Editor's Report Sam Morris

Website

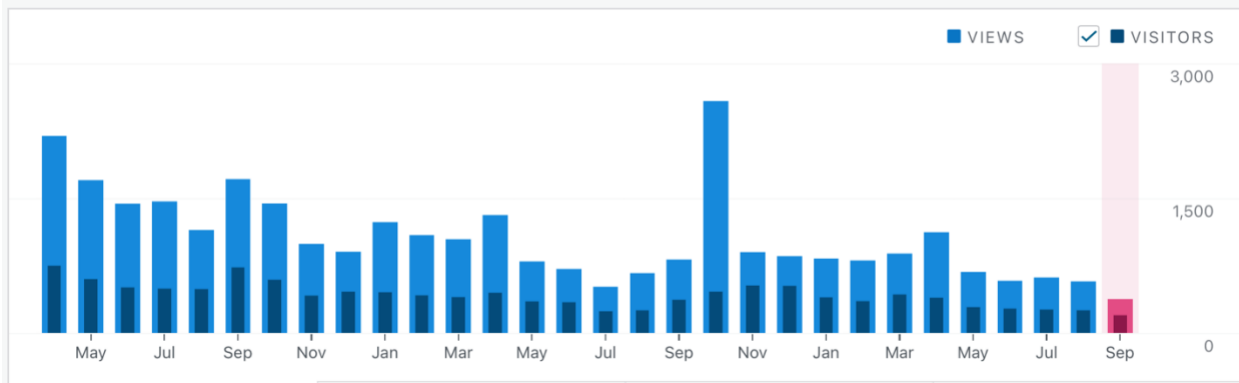
Website traffic from September 2020 through August 2021 has been slightly tapering downward with the exceptions of October 2020, which saw a sizable jump up, and May 2021, with a smaller upward bump. The overall trend over the past six years has shown a slow decrease in traffic, as is visible in the yearly table below.

It seems plausible that the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent postponement of our annual face-to-face conference in both 2020 and 2021 is a causal factor in the declining traffic, though it is difficult to pinpoint a precise monocausal link. The tables below show the monthly statistics for September 2020 – August 2021 and yearly statistics from 2016 – present.

Here is the monthly traffic data:

	S20	O20	N20	D20	J21	F21	M21	A21	M21	J21	J21	A21
Views	817	2,582	900	855	828	807	884	1,121	679	580	617	574
Visitors	369	457	527	524	396	353	428	390	287	271	260	251

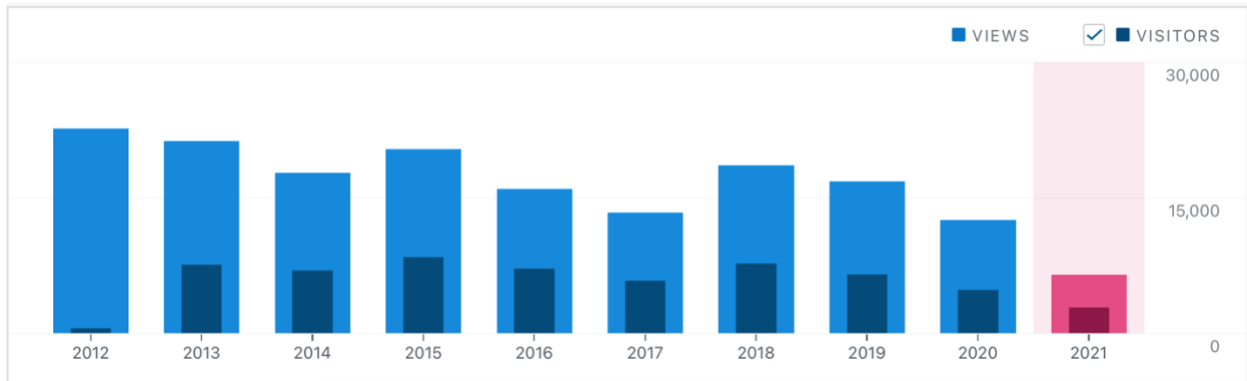
Here is the same data, visually:



Here is the annual data:

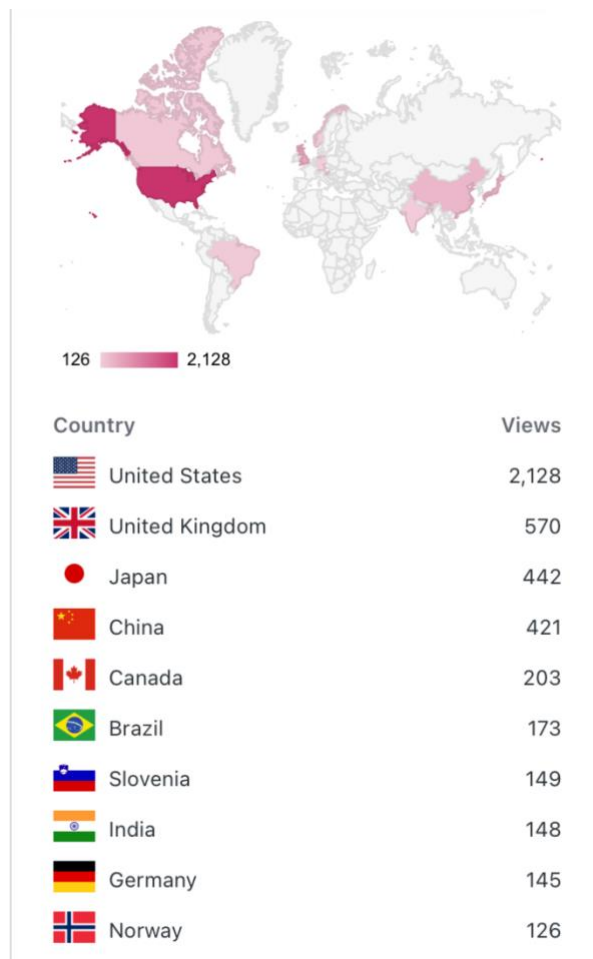
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 (to 9.16)
Views	15,958	13,341	18,573	16,798	12,518	6,467
Visitors	7,122	5,779	7,711	6,499	4,777	2,833

Here is the same data, visually:



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. In the future, the organization may want to consider if WordPress is still the best way to manage the website—there may be easier-to-use or more flexible options.

Below is a graphic, with accompanying data, on where our views are coming from, geographically:



Social Media

IAPS currently has 865 Twitter followers, up from 829 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. Because the face-to-face component of the annual conference has postponed for two consecutive years, Twitter activity has decreased in the summer months. In general, Twitter is a useful tool that seems to reach a significant number of users, many of whom are not members of the organization.

IAPS has both a Facebook Page and Facebook Group. The page currently has 233 "likes," which is Facebook's currently equivalent of a follower. That is up from 198 "likes" in September of 2020. Posting on the page is limited to the administrator (me) and most posts convey information about the conference or the organization. The posts typically reach between 100-200 people, though at times the reach extends to 300-400.

The group currently has 342 members and is an interactive community. In 2020 the group had 331 members. Neither the Facebook Page or Group is very active.

Social media could likely be leveraged more for the organization, as a way to promote the conference and Journal and to recruit new members. My goal, as webmaster, is to increase our activity on social media over the next year, and hopefully to therefore increase our visibility and membership.

Conference Chair's Report

Emily Ryall

2020/21

Virtual Conference – due to the ongoing Covid19 pandemic and restrictions in travel we took the sad decision to postpone the conference in Split and move to a smaller online conference with invited speakers and panelists. Apologies to all of those that submitted abstracts earlier in the year but who were not invited to present at the online conference. We hope that you will consider submitting for next year's conference, where we hope that we will be able to meet in person.

1. **Student Essay Prize** – the winner of the 2021 Kretchmar Student Essay Prize is B Prashant Kumar with an essay on 'Should Referees be Replaced by Reliably Accurate Technology, Wherever Possible?' This will be presented as part of the 2021 online conference. Congratulations Prashant.
2. **Further Thoughts** – Prior to the Covid19 pandemic I suggested that IAPS should consider offering some form of online access to the annual conference (mainly due to accessibility and environmental issues). Due to difficulties of travel and risk from disease the opportunity to pilot an online conference has presented itself to us much sooner than anticipated. As a result, we have developed the online conference in cooperation with Cvent who run our membership portal, and we hope that it will go smoothly. From this pilot we can decide which elements, if any, we wish to retain for future conferences and events. This is something that should be discussed at the Exec and AGM.

IAPS HAFS Committee (2021) Report

Chair: Adam Berg
Committee: Adam Pfleegor
Yoshiko Oda

Site Hosting Submissions

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 annual IAPS conference was postponed for the second year in a row. It was scheduled to take place in Spit, Croatia (Matija Mato Škerbić, Hrvoje Jurić, and Damir Sekulić, from the University of Zagreb and University of Split). An abridged virtual conference is taking place instead.

Warren Fraleigh Distinguished Scholars Award

Doug Hochstetler, James Madison University

Douglas Hochstetler is a professor of kinesiology and associate dean in the College of Health and Behavioral Studies at James Madison University. During the course of his academic career, he has contributed to the scholarly discipline of sport philosophy through refereed journal publications in a wide variety of scholarly outlets such as *The Journal of the Philosophy of Sport; Quest; Journal of Emerging Sport Studies; Journal of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance; and Fair Play: Journal of Philosophy*, and *Ethics and Sports Law*. His recent scholarship focuses on the relationship between American philosophical strands of thought and endurance sport. In 2020, Hochstetler wrote and edited *Endurance Sport and the American Philosophical Tradition* (Lexington); the book was selected as a CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title for 2020. In addition to published works, Hochstetler has presented his scholarship at many conferences, both nationally and internationally, including the following: International Association for the Philosophy of Sport, British Philosophy of Sport, National Association for Kinesiology in Higher Education, and Sport Literature Association. He has also presented honorary, keynote, or invited lectures at the Center for the Study of Sports in Society, The College at Brockport, and the National Association for Kinesiology in Higher Education. Hochstetler served as editor of *Quest* from 2016 – 2019 and on the *Quest* editorial board from 2007-2016. In addition, Hochstetler has reviewed manuscripts for *Sport, Ethics & Philosophy; Kinesiology Review; International Journal of Sport Science and Coaching; and the International Journal of Kinesiology in Higher Education*. Hochstetler is a recipient of other academic awards, including the 2018 Distinguished Scholar Award from the National Association for Kinesiology in Higher Education.

Heather Reid Distinguished Service Award

Pam Sailors, Missouri State University

Pam Sailors has been an ongoing and significant contributor to IAPS for more than a decade. She has served as chair of the ad hoc committee to revise the IAPS Constitution (2011-12); as a member-at-large of the executive committee (2012-14); as elections chair (2014-16); as conference chair (2016-18); and is currently completing her term as IAPS president (2019-21). Pam has been a member of the *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* editorial board since 2012. Pam currently serves as Associate Dean of the College of Humanities and Public Affairs, Interim Department Head of Sociology and Anthropology, and Professor of Philosophy at Missouri State University.

R. Scott Kretchmar Student Essay Award

B. Prashant Kumar, "Should Referees be Replaced by Reliably Accurate Technology, Wherever Possible?"

2021 Elections Chair's Report

Chad Carlson

Thanks to all who voted in this most recent election. We had a voter turnout of 68%--the highest it's been since I've served in this role. And thanks to all of the nominees. Each open position 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.

Congratulations to those being presented for ratification!

President

Kenneth Aggerholm

Secretary-Treasurer

Peter Hopsicker

Conference Chair

Emily Ryall

Newsletter Editor

Christopher Yorke

Member-at-large

Leslie Francis

Joseph Lewandowski

Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee

Noora Ronkainen

Warren P. Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Award

Douglas Hochstetler

Heather Reid Distinguished Service Award

Pamela Sailors

The call for nominations will be in the March 2022 IAPS Newsletter. Please consider being a part of this process in some way. Send nominations to Chad Carlson at ccarlson@hope.edu.