

IAPS NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear colleagues and friends,

I sincerely hope that this newsletter finds you all healthy and safe. After a winter with Omicron and antigen self-tests, my son's school recently asked permission to give him iodine tablets in the event of a nuclear accident. I think it is not an overstatement to say that we live in strange and uncertain times. My thoughts are with everyone affected by the pandemic and recent events in Ukraine.

Considering these crises, other matters in life can indeed seem unimportant. However, just like football is the most important of the unimportant things (as the saying goes), I certainly feel that the opportunity to gather with IAPS friends at Penn State in August is among the most important of all the unimportant things right now. The extent to which our conference will be affected by Covid-19 and the war is still uncertain at this point. As our conference chair Emily Ryall has communicated, we plan it as an in-person event and offer virtual components to those unable or unwilling to travel. Please see Emily's report below and the conference site (<https://sites.psu.edu/iaps2022/>) for details. Our conference hosts at Penn State, Colleen English and Francisco Javier Lopez Frias, are well underway with the planning of what looks like a memorable event. Please see their update below, and let's all keep our fingers crossed that we will be able to gather and celebrate 50 years of IAPS!



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IAPS MEMBERSHIP

Secure your 2022 membership by
visiting [the portal here](#).

A few positions are up for election this year:

- Journal Editor (2-year term)
- Members-at-Large (2 positions, 2-year term)
- Elections Chair (2-year term)
- Honors, Awards, and Future Sites (3-year term)

Please see the report from our Elections Chair Chad Carlson for details and please send your nominations to him (ccarlson@hope.edu). You are also welcome to contact me if you have any questions about the roles or nominations. The dedicated work of all officers is essential for IAPS and I encourage all members to volunteer or nominate others to fill the roles.

We are also seeking nominees for the 2022-2023 Warren Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Award and the 2022 Heather Reid Distinguished Service Award. You can find criteria for the awards in our constitution, article IX (<https://iaps.net/constitution/>). Please send nominations with a brief explanation to HAFS Chair Adam Berg (apberg@uncg.edu).

As a final note, I want to reiterate the warm message concerning Warren Fraleigh that Peter Hopsicker shared a month ago:

"I received information that Warren Fraleigh, one of the earliest pioneers of the philosophy of sport and IAPS (originally PSSS), is experiencing some significant health issues and 'is not in good shape.' He is in his 90s. His wife, Sondra, who many of you may know, reached out to request 'handwritten cards' and other notes of support from his IAPS friends and colleagues. (...) I'm sure Warren and Sondra would be deeply thankful for any notes of support you can send."

I hope many of you will send Warren a card and a warm thought. Here is his address:

Warren Fraleigh
c/o Sondra Fraleigh
261 Oasis Drive
St. George, UT 84770 USA

I wish all members a joyful and peaceful springtime,

Kenneth

“The opportunity to gather with IAPS friends at Penn State in August is among the most important of all the unimportant things right now.”



ELECTION CHAIR'S REPORT

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Call for 2022 IAPS Executive Council Nominations

The following positions will become available this fall:

- **Journal Editor (2-year term)**
- **Elections Chair (2-year term)**
- **Member-at-Large (2 positions, 2-year terms)**
- **Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee (3-year term)**

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 2022: 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. Instructions and the ballot will be sent to IAPS members in June.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S MESSAGE

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Greetings Friends!

2022 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 2022.

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 17, 2022

Standard	120
Student	13
Total	133

IAPS Membership Continental Distribution

49% North American
26% Europe
17% Asia
5% Australia
3% South America

IAPS Financial Overview 2022

Balance, all assets, January 1, 2022	\$331,685.75
Income	\$50,803.29
Expenses	\$8,504.31
Net Income	\$42,298.98
M&T Balance	\$242,451.33
PayPal Balance	\$810.13
Investments	\$118,657.13

Balance, all assets, March 17, 2022
\$361,918.59

NEWS FROM THE EDITOR OF THE *JOURNAL OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF SPORT*

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We have been behind schedule for the last two print issues. The November 2021 issue (*JPS* 48-03) was not mailed until January 2022, and the March 2022 issue (*JPS* 49-01) has just been shipped and should be arriving in the mail shortly. That explains the recent delays but by now everyone should have received the November 2021 issue, and within the next month or so you should receive the March 2022 issue. As always, if you have any problems or questions about receipt of the print issues in the mail, please contact me directly and I will follow up with the people at Taylor & Francis to get it resolved. The first thing to check is whether your IAPS dues are paid up – if your membership is current but you have not received your issue(s), I can work on it.

JPS 48-03 (November 2021) was a Special Issue focusing on C. Thi Nguyen's recent publication *Games: Agency as Art* (Oxford University Press, 2020). This issue was guest-edited by Christopher Yorke and J.S Russell and comprises articles by thirteen authors, many of them first-time contributors to *JPS*. We recently learned that Routledge, Taylor and Francis, intends to republish this Special Issue as part of their SPIB (Special-Issues-as-Books) program, which is very good news for IAPS and the *JPS*. Thank you to all involved.

As I have reported in previous Newsletters, there is a new 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.

The past two calendar years (2020 and 2021) saw the highest number of new submissions to the journal in recent memory. During a typical twelve-month period, we receive between 60-70 new submissions, but in the years 2020 and 2021 we received more than 100 new submissions each year. This total includes Special Issue invited articles, and six Book Reviews per year. The increased activity, from various countries all over the world, provides clear evidence of the growing interest in our field as a serious academic inquiry.

As I reported in previous Newsletters, Taylor & Francis has recently created a very informative link on the journal website—**Journal Metrics**. All information is clearly explained on the link and is available to IAPS members at any time. A few highlights from the year 2021:

- 107,000 downloads/views of *JPS* articles, which is up from 65,000 in 2020.
- Impact Factor of 1.022, which compares favorably with our previous highest number in 2016, which had an Impact Factor of 0.926
- 28% Acceptance Rate
- 54 days average from submission to first decision
- 65 days average from submission to first post review decision
- 12 days average from acceptance to online publication.

2022 IAPS CONFERENCE UPDATE

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IAPS 2022 – Penn State University, USA

We are excited to welcome IAPS 2022 to Penn State in August! We wanted to share the conference website with you all, where you can find information about accommodations, registration, and transportation (and updates as the conference nears).

Website: <https://sites.psu.edu/iaps2022/>

We are also working on celebrations for the 50th anniversary of IAPS. Right now, we are looking for photos to include as part of a slideshow that we will play during parts of the conference as a way to look back at the organization. If you have photographs you'd like to share with us, please email them to either or both of us directly (Colleen English: cue113@psu.edu; Javi Lopez: fjl13@psu.edu). We'd greatly appreciate anything you'd be willing to share!

Hoping to see you in August!

The conference will be held from Sunday, August 14 to Wednesday, August 17, 2022, in University Park, PA, USA.

For those who would like to come to State College on Saturday, August 13, we have planned a social, outdoor event at Stone Valley Recreation Area, which will include opportunities for hiking, boating, and playing diverse ball sports. For more information, see:

<https://studentaffairs.psu.edu/campusrec/stonevalley>

Registration	Fee
Member (early) (regular)	\$175 \$200
Student (early) (regular)	\$125 \$150
Guest	\$100
Virtual	\$60

CONFERENCE CHAIR'S REPORT

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Hopefully members will have seen the Call for Abstracts that went out in December which can be found here:

<https://iaps.net/uncategorized/call-for-abstracts-iaps-2022/>

The deadline for submitting abstracts has been extended to April 8th, 2022.

We hope that as many of you will be able to attend in person but we can confirm that there will be an option for those unable to travel to present online. The authors of accepted abstracts will be contacted to ask if they wish to present in person or online.

EDITOR'S NOTE

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This week I gave an interview to my college's student newspaper—a paper so insignificant that many of our students are totally unaware of its existence. The student journalist who contacted me wanted to know what I, as a *sport philosopher*, thought of the recent international sanctions placed on Russian athletes. This was a matter that I considered worth reflecting upon, and so despite the predictably low impact of the publication, I accepted the invitation to discuss it.

At the start of the interview, after suggesting multiple refinements on poorly-pitched questions, I reminded my interviewer that I was a *sport philosopher*, not a political commentator on international policies and current events. The best that I could do would be to make reference to

However, in an attempt to avoid technical problems and to keep the programme on schedule we will require a recording of online presentations beforehand—more details will be provided at a later date.

We also plan to keep the online presentations and the in-person presentations as separate as possible in the programme which may mean that papers will not be as thematically organised as usual. And whilst the keynotes will be available online, we do not plan to record other in-person presentations.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

general principles, and point to various thought experiments or analogies, or works by authors, that might help make certain features of the situation more salient and (hopefully) clearer. Would that be enough? Let's try.

In the end, we covered issues of autonomy and affiliation, of rights and aspirations, of lives that are meaningfully structured via gameplay and sport regimens. I flagged the fallacy of guilt by association for well-meaning representatives of corrupt regimes. I lamented that the future careers of many innocents would be forever marred by the caprices of war; that robbing lives of the activities that makes them worth living is a slow-action form of capital punishment. Eventually he left, hopefully reassured of the value of the *philosophy of sport*.