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**IAPS Annual General Meeting Agenda.**  
**September 6, 2017**  
**11:00-1:00**

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.

**Regrets:** Chad Carlson, Claudia Boger, Claudia Pawlenka, & Dennis Hemphill

Call to order: 11:13am PST

**2. Confirmation of agenda.**

Colleen approves.

**3. Approval of minutes** from previous meeting September 20, 2016, Olympia Greece.

Pam moves, Adam second.

**4. Matters arising.**

- a) **Officers Reports**
  - i. President: Charlene Weaving

Moved comments to new business.

- ii. Secretary Treasurer: Peter Hopsicker

Provided overview of report.

Char provided some background of movement of conference and the cost associated with it.

Peter provided information on investment strategies.

Char discussed HK discontinuing our membership services. Need way to renew memberships.

Send new membership services ideas to Alun and Peter.

iii. Journal Editor: Paul Gaffney

Respectfully absent due to late flight cancellation. Questions about submissions being down. Members of the editorial board are asked to discuss this at that meeting.

iv. Newsletter editor: Adam Pfleegor

Nothing additional to contribute beyond report.

v. Webmaster: Colleen English

Trying to put stuff on social media. Facebook traffic is slow. Question of why this position is a non-voting member of the exec committee. Position is evolving. Must have a specific skill set. Best to have someone in the position for a longer time.

**b) Committee Reports.**

i. Conference Chair: Pam Sailors

58 papers, 67 presenters; tighten up language/availability of "rules" of presenting. Discussion about early registration/late registration dates/deadlines. Linking conference registration website through IAPS website. Discussion of declining registration. Perhaps location considerations (ease of getting to conference) is potentially problematic; dates/month the conference is held. Will continue to seek input/ideas.

ii. Honors, Awards, and Future Sites: Kevin Krein (Chair)  
Announcement of 2017 conference + dates

See report. Dates = Sept 5-8. Discussion of enticing future sites.

iii. Elections: Chad Carlson

See report.

**5. New Business.**

i. IAPS Membership Services post October 2017

Discussed in sec/tres section.

ii. State of conference participation (declining, \$\$, recruitment, locations, timing)

Discussed in program chair section.

iii. Lack of nominations for elections

Discussed during elections report.

iv. IAPS Position on USA + travel ban

Tabled to be discussed with next group. We are international rather than national.

v. IAPS regulations for Kretchmar essay (length, and repeat winners)

Previous winners are not eligible. Papers exceeded 10 pages will not be reviewed. Appoint member at large to help with reviews.

vi. IAPS Donations to Joy DeSensi Scholarship

Moved by Kevin; second by Javi. Info to sec/tres \$100.

vii. Initial discussions with Taylor + Francis re: contract, expires DEC 2018.

Discussion is more with next president; need to negotiate better financial terms for us.

- viii. Service award new name announcement  
Heather Reid Distinguished Service Award.

## **6. Other Business**

Conference book draw: how to get it done?

Motion to adjourn: Pam, Second = Adam.

**IAPS Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**September 20, 2016**  
**9:00am-11am**

1. **Welcome Officers:** [Incoming officers/committee members in brackets].

- a. President: Charlene Weaving
- b. Conference Chair: John Gleaves [Pam Sailors]
- c. Elections Chair: Pam Sailors [Chad Carlson]
- d. Secretary Treasurer: Peter Hopsicker
- e. Journal Editor: Paul Gaffney [Paul Gaffney]
- f. Newsletter editor: Adam Pfleegor
- g. Members at large (odd): Kenneth Aggerholm & Ana Cristina Zimmerman [Francisco Javier Lopez Frias & Claudia Pawlenka]
- h. Members at large (even): Claudia Boger & Junko Yamaguchi
- i. Webmaster: Emily Ryall [Colleen English- **appointed**]
- j. HAFS: Mizuho Takemura [Lisa Edwards]
- k. Special thanks for the dedicated service of outgoing officers.

**2. Regrets:** Chad Carlson, Adam Pfleegor, Emily Ryall, Claudia Boger, John Gleaves, Claudia Pawlenka.

**3. Confirmation of agenda.**

Unanimous.

**4. Approval of minutes** from previous meeting September 2, 2015, Cardiff, Wales.

Peter moves, Pam seconds. Unanimous.

**5. Matters arising.**

a) Updating the Constitution (plan for AGM)

Executive has approved.

1. Major changes:
2. If president goes down, sec/tres takes over.
3. Changing to awards.
4. Updating procedures.
5. Primarily editorial to constitution to reflect current practice: constitution to match what we are actually doing.

**b) Officers Reports**

i. President: Charlene Weaving

1. Financial matters.

- a. Proposing that Sec/Tres and Conference chair receive conference registration/fees covered by IAPS and up to \$1000 USD to reimburse conferences expenses. Javier moves, Paul seconds.

2. Naming of IAPS distinguished service award.
3. 2017 IAPS conference (45<sup>th</sup> anniversary). Char will pursue options for 45<sup>th</sup> celebration (food/drink reception?) with Gregg Twietmeyer.
  - a. Keynotes for next year: Jonathan Gottschall (Keynote); Cesar Torres (Dist. Scholar); Char (Presidential). Discussion of another keynote?
  - b. Discussion of automatic publication of presidential address. Editor Gaffney says it is not automatic.
4. Applications for future IAPS sites.
  - a. Creating a deadline for submitting application to host IAPS.
    - i. Submitted by January 1.
    - ii. Final decision by February 15 (between dates can provide feedback to applicants).
    - iii. Voting by executive for 5 days on February 10.

ii. Secretary Treasurer: Peter Hopsicker

- Pre-loaded visa cards for student awards? PayPal?

iii. Journal Editor: Paul Gaffney

1. 50-77 submissions; 22 countries.
2. Need more reviewers on the Editorial Board.
  - a. Requires consultation with the Executive Board, but not formal approval. (Not voted on).
  - b. Editorial Board members must be members in good standing.
3. Contacted by SAGE publications probing for interest.
  - a. Potential distribution issues with T&F. Paul has talked to T&F; they say they are working on it.
4. Generally speaking, March is special topic issue.
5. Review of report and discussion in Editorial Board meeting.

iv. Newsletter editor: Adam Pfleegor

- Report submitted.

v. Webmaster Emily Ryall/Colleen English

1. Develop a greater social media presence.
2. Plan to tweet out links to all articles.

**c) Committee Reports.**

*i.* Conference Chair: John Gleaves

- Report submitted.

*ii.* Honors, Awards, and Future Sites: Kevin Krein (Chair)

1. New deadlines for Future Site application.
2. Kretchmar award: to win the award, must be member, attend conference.
  - a. Kevin will write-up clearer guidelines for student award.

- b. Colleen will post to webpage.

Announcement of 2017 conference + dates

*iii.* Elections: Pam Sailors

1. Need to do a better job of enticing service.

**6. New Business.**

a) 45<sup>th</sup> IAPS conference celebrations

- See notes above from President report.

**7. Other Business : Adjourned 10:42am (Hellenic time).**

**2016-2017 Presidents Report**  
Charlene Weaving, [cweaving@stfx.ca](mailto:cweaving@stfx.ca)

It has been quite a year! I begin by thanking all of you for your help this year as we navigated uncharted territory—moving the IAPS conference. I appreciated your quick responses and insight throughout the process. A **special thank you** to Peter and Pam who have been involved with pretty much every detail of this conference (above and beyond what their roles actually entail). Merci beaucoup!

Below is a summary of what we worked on post meeting in Olympia:

1. **Exploring Investment Opportunities**--many thanks to Peter's diligence and patience with this complicated process.
2. **Membership renewal email reminders**—we contacted past members dating back to 2008 and 'encouraged' membership renewal. We are pleased that membership numbers remain strong (171).
3. **Renamed Service Award**—Announcement at the AGM!
4. **Ratified the IAPS Constitution** in October 2016—thanks to the IAPS membership for their support in the updating the Constitution.
5. **Initial conversations with Taylor and Francis**— our contract expires December 2018.
6. As noted above, the bulk of effort this winter focused on **the change of location for the 2017 conference**. We examined hotel contracts, created Pay Pal account, designed a conference website, and made other important decisions regarding the 2017 conference. Shout out to Colleen and her techno skills with the conference logo and website update.



**IAPS 2017 Secretary-Treasurer Report**  
**Respectfully submitted, Peter Hopsicker**

**IAPS Membership as of August 1, 2017**

Standard	144	For comparison:
Student	25	2014 Membership = 141
Total Membership	169	2015 Membership = 163
		2016 Membership = 170

**IAPS Membership Diversity as of August 1, 2017**

Australia	3	Netherlands	4
Brazil	2	Norway	7
Bulgaria	1	Portugal	2
Canada	18	Slovenia	2
China	4	South Africa	2
Czech Republic	4	South Korea	4
Denmark	3	Spain	2
Finland	1	Taiwan	1
Germany	2	Turkey	1
India	1	United Kingdom	14
Israel	1	United States	73
Italy	2		
Japan	15		

54% North America; 26% Europe; 15% Asia; 2% Australia; 1% South America; 1% Africa.

**IAPS 2016-2017 Budget as of August 1, 2017**

*Income*

Human Kinetics Payments	\$10,260.00
Student Travel Donations	\$ 3,225.00
Routledge Royalties	\$34,033.52
Conference Registration	\$18,072.96 (PayPal account)
Other	\$ 57.19
Total	\$65,648.67

*Expenses*

Membership/Online	\$ 458.55
Conference Expenses	\$26,162.19 (Olympia and some Whistler)
Legal Fees/Other	\$ 150.80
Total	\$26,771.54

*Totals*

Total Cash (M&T Bank)	\$ 166,925.25
Total Cash (PayPal)	\$ 18,072.96
Total Investments	\$ 52,301.07
Grand total	\$ 237,299.28

**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. Thirty of our members have donated a total of **\$3,225** to date. Thank you very much!

<b>IAPS BUDGET</b>	<b>9/1/16-9/1/17</b>
<b>OPENING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1</b>	<b>\$ 148,460.30</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>
<b>Human Kinetics IAPS Membership Payments</b>	
July	\$ 240.00
August	\$ 555.00
September	\$ 120.00
October	\$ 288.00
November	\$ 1,685.00
December	\$ 952.00
January	\$ 2,113.00
February	\$ 1,842.00
March	\$ 739.00
April	\$ 450.00
May	\$ 498.00
June	\$ 778.00
<b>TOTAL FROM HK MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 10,260.00</b>
<b>ONLINE DONATIONS via IAPS RENEWALS (student awards)</b>	<b>\$ 3,225.00</b>
Peter's error corrected (see expense below)	\$ 57.19
<b>ROUTLEDGE PAYMENTS</b>	
Editorial Expenses and Advance Royalty	\$ 13,234.00
T&F Royalty	\$ 20,799.52
<b>TOTAL ROUTLEDGE PAYMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 34,033.52</b>
<b>PayPal Account Total (Conference Registration)</b>	<b>\$ 19,423.61</b>

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 66,999.32</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>
<b>Membership Dues + Online management</b>	
ICSSPE Membership Fee (254 Euros)	\$ 277.81
FISP 2016, 2017, 2018 membership fees (240 Euros)	\$ -
IAPS 2016 Website domain (to Char, check #5005)	\$ 14.95
IAPS 2015-2016 Host Website (to Char, check #5007)	\$ 45.42
IAPS 2016-17 Host Website (Stablehost) (CC, 27SEP16)	\$ 45.42
IAPS 2017-18 Host Website (Stablehost) (CC, 10Apr17)	\$ 14.95
Gratis IAPS membership, Sam Ramsamy (IOC) (CC, 27SEP16)	\$ 60.00
<b>TOTAL Membership Dues + Online management</b>	<b>\$ 458.55</b>
<b>Conference Related Expenses (awards +grants)</b>	
IAPS Conference Keynotes (Reid, check 5004)	\$ 1,405.58
IAPS Conference Keynotes (Hyland, check #5003)	\$ 1,038.76
IAPS Conference Keynotes (Martinkova, check #5008 for cash)	\$ 416.00
Conference Expenses for JPS Editor (Gaffney, check #5011)	\$ 1,915.26
Graduate Student Subsidies (11 students; Check #5008 for cash)	\$ 11,000.00
Graduate Student Subsidies (Rorke, Check #5009)	\$ 1,000.00
Graduate Student Subsidies (Cacchiarelli; wire transfer)	\$ 1,000.00
Kretchmar Student Essay winner (York; Check #5010)	\$ 500.00
Conference registration to Fonte Aretusa LLC via EFT (check #5006)	\$ 707.00
Shields Trophy (2 plaques).	\$ 178.00
Frame for Student Essay	\$ 1.59
MSU Website cancellation fee (check #5012, 3-1-17)	\$ 2,000.00
1st Half of Conference Subsidy (John Russell, check #5013, 3-2-17)	\$ 5,000.00
Sec/Tres Flight (Hopsicker; used CC)	\$ 743.78
Sec/Tres Hotel (Hopsicker; used CC)	\$ 170.97
Fraleigh Award Flight (Torres; check #5014, 7/10/17)	\$ 789.84
MINEPS Flight (Torres; check #5014, 7/10/17)	\$ 634.63
<b>TOTAL COSTS RE: Conferences Related Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 28,501.41</b>
<b>Legal Fees (Inc.annual bills related to IAPS Projects INC)</b>	
Register of Joint Stock Companies (Nova Scotia)	\$ 90.88
International fee for Joint Stock Company payment	\$ 2.73
<b>TOTAL COSTS: Legal Fees/IAPS Projects Inc.</b>	<b>\$ 93.61</b>

<b>Bank Account Service Charges</b>	<b>\$ 57.19</b>
Peter's mistake (corrected with deposit).	\$ 57.19
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$ 29,110.76</b>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>
Scotia US Dollar Bond Fund (yearly avg 2% return)-invested 50,045.49 in summer of 2013.	\$ 51,374.59
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 51,374.59</b>
<b>TOTAL OF IAPS FUNDS (Cash in hand) excluding inv.</b>	<b>\$ 186,348.86</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL of IAPS FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 237,723.45</b>

***Journal of the Philosophy of Sport***  
**Editor's Report: August 18, 2017**  
**Paul Gaffney**

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**Submission Statistics**

This report covers the twelve months from August 17, 2016 to August 17, 2017. Here are the basic statistics for this year and from the reports from the past few years:

	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
New Articles Submitted	58*	77	50	59
Final Decision on Articles	56	71	54	Not reported
Accepted Articles	30*	29	28	30
Book Reviews	6	8	5	7

\* Includes 5 invited articles for the 2017 special section

New Submissions. New submissions have decreased significantly (58 this year compared to 77 last year), which represents a return to figures similar to the two previous years. The last two issues (JPS 44-02 and 44-03) have been published under page budget (160 pages per issue, 480 pages per year), and have used up all accepted articles. Because Scholar One no longer distinguishes between them, the number 58 includes both new and re-submissions. In any case, we have seen a decrease.

Backlog: We do not have a backlog at this time, although we do have eight new manuscripts currently under review. This does not include papers that are in production for the November (44-03) issue. A backlog of 5-7 papers would be healthier because it would mean that authors are not rushed to make revisions, and the editor need not feel pressure to accept papers that are not quite ready for publication. Until they are assigned to and 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, not including papers invited for the Special Section (March 2017), is 47% (or 25/53). This compares with an acceptance rate of 26% the previous year (again, omitting invited papers). 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 30.52 days, which is nearly identical to the average time last year (30.2 days). However, 30.52 days underestimates the time in review, since it includes invited papers for the special section, which are often accepted very soon after submission.

### **Changes to the Editorial Board**

Graham McFee asked to step down from the Editorial Board, after many years of service. We are very grateful to Graham for his insight, generosity and excellent reviews over many years. We have added four new Editorial Board members: Kenneth Aggerholm, Jesus Ilundain-Agurruza, Peter Lindsay, and Sarah Teetzel. All have done excellent reviews this year and I am very grateful to have their expertise on the Editorial Board.

### **New Associate Editor and Book Review Editor**

After many years serving as the Associate Editor and Book Review Editor, Cesar Torres stepped down from this position in September 2017, although he remains on the Editorial Board as a reviewer. I am grateful to Cesar for his work in this role and also for his advice during my first year as Editor. I am pleased to announce that Emily Ryall accepted my invitation to take over this position.

### **Special Topic Volumes**

The March 2017 issue (44-01) published a Special Section on the theme of "Sport, Narrative, and Drama." Articles were contributed by Leon Culbertson, Jeffrey P. Fry, and John Gleaves, Leslie Howe, and Scott Kretchmar.

The year 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 commemorate this, we will publish a 50 year

retrospective study as a Special Section in *JPS* 45-03. This special section will be co-authored by Mark Dyerson, Douglas W. McLaughlin, and Cesar R. Torres.

### International Representation

We received submissions from a total of 22 different countries: Australia (1); Bulgaria (1); Canada (17); China (3); Estonia (1); France (1); Iran (1) Israel (1); Japan (3); Korea (1); Kuwait (1); Netherlands (2); Norway (3); Poland (1); Slovenia (1); South Africa (3); Spain (3); Sweden (1); Taiwan (1); Turkey (1); United Kingdom (8); USA (30).

### Distribution Problems

Last year there were some problems with distribution: Some IAPS members received issues at previous mailing addresses, some received multiple copies (four is the record as far as I know), and some received their issues very late (or possibly not at all). In all cases that were reported to me I was able to contact the distribution people and ask them to send out missing copies. I do not know whether or not this problem has been fully resolved, although I have received fewer complaints so I hope so. The production team at Taylor & Francis is aware of the problem and have been helpful in the effort to resolve it.

### Meeting with the Taylor & Francis Team

On June 21<sup>st</sup> 2017, in Didcot, England (outside of Oxford), I had a meeting with members of the team at Taylor and Francis to discuss a number of issues/questions. I met with Jonathan Manley (Publisher), Alejandra Leach-Nunez (Managing Editor of Sport, Leisure, and Tourism journals at Taylor and Francis), and Roisin Kennelly (Editorial Systems Coordinator). I was very encouraged by their patience and their eagerness to help.

In addition, on August 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 Charlene and I had a conference call with Alejandra Leach-Nunez to begin the conversation about a possible renewal of our agreement with Taylor/Francis. The current agreement expires in December 2018.

In June 2017 Alejandra shared some news about the impact and prestige of our journal. The Journal Citation Reports® were announced at the end of May 2017. A few highlights:

- The journal's **Impact Factor increased to 0.926** (with the fewest IF uncited articles since the 2011 IF, and the most with 2 citations, 3-4 citations, and 5+ citations). This is the highest Impact Factor for the journal in the last 16 years. (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 36,000 downloads in 2016**.
- There were lots of articles receiving Altmetric scores, including some being mentioned in news and blogs.

In short, there is objective data indicating that our work is increasingly studied and growing in prestige, which is encouraging.



**Newsletter Editor's Report: 2016 – 2017****Adam G. Pfleegor****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 am pleased with the progress and overhaul as we continue our attempt to make the newsletter a welcome arrival in our member's inbox three times a year.

We have continued our introduction and highlight of students in the newsletter and I ask for nominations of deserving students for the upcoming issues. This is an excellent way to showcase the very bright future of our field across the globe as can be seen in July's showcase of Penn State University's Emmanuel Macedo.

Moving forward, I would like to increase the number of announcements in the newsletter. For this, I need help from the membership! We plan to share upcoming book releases, special issues, and even significant achievements, milestones, recognitions, promotions, and well-deserved retirements of our members. So 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 Whistler and I look forward to sending out the October newsletter in the coming month.

**Website Editor's Report**  
**Colleen English**

As my first year as website editor comes to an end, I'd like to thank Emily Ryall for her former service in this position. She did an excellent job of keeping the website updated and bringing IAPS to social media. She also was helpful in transitioning me into the position.

**Website**

Website traffic is relatively steady, with an average of 1,080 views per month and 470 visitors per month. This is also in-line with previous years. The table below shows website traffic from September 2016 to July 2017.

	SEP 16	OCT 16	NOV 16	DEC 16	JAN 17	FEB 17	MAR 17	APR 17	MAY 17	JUN 17	JUL 17
VIEWS	1,670	1,371	1,280	1,038	1,361	1,477	568	1	466	1,395	1,251
VISITORS	694	632	558	444	559	651	218	1	211	632	562

In July 2017, I updated the website to a responsive layout (making it easier to view on a variety of platforms, including mobile devices and tablets). Some of the layout, graphics, and organization were also changed in the update; however, the content generally remains the same. I am open to constructive feedback, so please let me know if any content is missing or if some aspect of the organization or layout can be improved.

**Social Media**

IAPS currently has 586 Twitter followers, up from 512 as of last year's website editor's report.

IAPS Twitter account activity remains fairly steady through the year (with September as an exception due to the conference). Tweets about conference updates make up the majority of IAPS' Twitter timeline and generally reach a significant number of people (the data on impressions tracks how many users see the Tweets). The IAPS Twitter profile typically receives between 250-500 views per month. In general, Twitter seems to reach a significant number of users, many of whom are not members of the organization.

	SEP 16	OCT 16	NOV 16	DEC 16	JAN 17	FEB 17	MAR 17	APR 17	MAY 17	JUN 17	JUL 17
Tweets	39	5	3	2	4	6	10	7	6	5	4
Impressions	7,505	2,645	2,643	1,405	1,676	4,399	4,091	4,586	2,086	2,984	3,180
Visits	1,250	254	276	214	241	528	516	465	334	375	366
Mentions	37	1	4	3	0	7	10	9	3	3	1

IAPS has both a Facebook Page and Facebook Group. The page currently has 96 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 276 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 Twitter and Facebook have potential to be more active and reach more users.

IAPS also has a Flickr account for sharing photos. It currently has one album from last year's conference. The album is open to contributions from other users. This might be a way to continually share photos from the conferences each year.

In May, the SPORTPHIL listserv grew by approximately 30 members after Peter Hopsicker sent an email encouraging IAPS members to join.

Finally, thanks to the IAPS membership for their patience during the transition, website updates, and for interacting on social media!

**Conference Chair's Report (for Executive Council)**  
**Pam Sailors**

I begin by commending John Russell for taking on the responsibilities of organizing the conference. This is always an intimidating task, made even more so by the necessity of working on an abbreviated timeline this year. Due to his hard work, we are able to be together in beautiful Whistler, so be sure to thank him. Below you will find the general overview of this year's program.

Number of abstracts submitted: 82

Number of presentations: 59 (not including keynotes)

Keynote address: Jonathan Gotschall

Warren Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar address: Cesar Torres

Presidential address: Charlene Weaving.

Total number of presenters: 68

Number of countries represented: 13—Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Japan, Korea, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Taiwan, United Kingdom, United States of America.

*Issues*

The call for abstracts needs to be revised to clarify:

- the policy on multiple submissions. I believe we agreed on the limit of one solo-authored presentation, although a single individual may also be listed in the program as a co-author on another paper.
- the procedures for submitting student essay contest papers. Students need to be told to indicate on their submission that it's for the contest.
- the procedure for applying for student travel grants. The majority of the applications were received (and accepted) after the stated deadline.
- the requirement that presenters be members of IAPS in order to have their name appear in the program.

Is there anything we can do to encourage people to register earlier for the conference? I know we never want to turn down a registration, but it is extremely difficult to put together the program without knowing who really intends to attend.

I received two requests for invitations from individuals who said they wanted to attend the conference, but needed the invitations in order to get visas. After consulting with previous conference chairs (Jesús Ilundain and John Gleaves), the decision was to refuse to issue invitation letters to non-participants as the suspicion is that they were seeking a way out of their country rather than an interest in sport philosophy. Apparently, this is not uncommon.

The number of submissions was down this year. For comparison, this year we had 82, 2016 in Greece had 93, 2015 in Cardiff had 107, and 2014 in Fullerton had 127. This is a troubling trend. The only explanation I can think of is that people are finding it more and more difficult to obtain

travel funding (several of those who withdrew gave this as their reason). I welcome suggestions for how to increase our numbers for 2018.

## 2017 Elections Chair's Report - Chad Carlson

Thanks to all who voted in this most recent election. We had a voter turnout of 59%--the same percentage as in 2016. 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.

### **President**

Alun Hardman

### **Member-at-large**

Dennis Hemphill

Doug McLaughlin

### **Newsletter Editor**

Adam Pfleegor

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

Gabriela Tymowski-Gionet

### **Distinguished Scholar Award**

Carwyn Jones

### **Distinguished Service Award**

Emily Ryall

The call for nominations will be in the March 2018 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).

## 2016-2017 Honors, Awards, and Future Sites (HAFS) Committee Report

### HAFS Committee

Kevin Krein (Chair), Vegard Moe, Mizuho Takemura, Lisa Edwards

### Future Sites

HAFS received proposals from three institutions to host the 2018 conference: Henan University, The Japanese Society for the Philosophy of Sport and Physical Education, and The Norwegian School of Sport Sciences. All proposals were strong. Ultimately, the committee provided a recommendation to the IAPS executive committee that the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences host the 2018 IAPS conference.

The committee strongly supported the decision to move the 2017 conference from Mississippi State. It also hopes to avoid having to make this kind of decision in the future.

HAFS recommends that, in future site selection, special attention be given to issues of human rights and to whether, not only the hosting institution, but also the community and governing bodies in any proposed conference location, are committed to the safety and comfort of all visiting IAPS members.

### R. Scott Kretchmar Essay Award

In total, six essays were submitted for the R. Scott Kretchmar Essay award. Thorough feedback was provided to all six students. Christopher Yorke's essay, "What is the Value of Intra-Lusory Autotelic Achievement?" was selected as the top essay.

The process of students submitting essays through easychair was much smoother for the IAPS committee than the previous email submission process. HAFS recommends that this process be continued in the future. The committee thanks Conference Chair Pam Sailors for her role in the process. Her work played a key role in making the submission and selection process efficient and effective.

Two other notes concerning the future of the Kretchmar Award:

1. The executive committee should formally decide whether or not students should be allowed to win the award more than once and amend the award rules to reflect the decision explicitly.
2. At the conference it should be emphasized that the length requirement will be firmly enforced in the future.

**Student Travel Awards**

The final task completed this year by the HAFS Committee was the organization of the Student Travel Awards. Eleven students submitted requests for Travel Awards. All were granted. The committee wishes to acknowledge IAPS Secretary-Treasurer Peter Hopsicker the diligence and work in keeping the process on track.

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Krein, HAFS Chair