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IAPS Annual Executive Council Meeting

Friday, September 7th 2018
 13:00-14:30 Mylla Meeting Room,
 Norges idrettshøgskole, Oslo, Norway

AGENDA

Meeting called to order 13:20.

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

President: Alun Hardman

Conference Chair: Pam Sailors* [Emily Ryall]

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): Francisco Javier Lopez Frias* & Claudia Pawlenka* [Signe Højbjørre Larsen & Soraia Chung Saura]

Members at large (odd): Dennis Hemphill & Doug McLaughlin

Web Editor: Colleen English

HAFS: Kevin Krein* (Chair), Lisa Edwards, Gabriella Tymowski-Gionet, [Adam Berg]

*Special thanks for the dedicated service of outgoing officers.

Alun thanked outgoing officers.

Apologies: Dennis Hemphill, Claudia Pawlenka, Lisa Edwards, Emily Ryall, Soraia Chung Saura

Lisa Edwards is resigning from HAFS committee; Adam Pfleegor from Newsletter Editor.

Confirmation of agenda. Motion to approve: Kevin, 2nd Colleen

Approval of minutes from previous meeting September 6th 2017, Whistler, Canada.

Motion to approve: Motion to approve: Adam; 2nd Javi.

Matters arising.

a. Officers Reports

President: Alun Hardman

- See attached report. Thanks for all committee members for sterling efforts. Nothing significant from president beyond what he has noted that will be in other reports. Special note to Bob Simon's passing.

Secretary Treasurer: Peter Hopsicker

- Worked through the report. Explanation of budget.

Journal Editor: Paul Gaffney

- Asked for approval of Joe Lewandowski on JPS editorial board. Will consult constitution and will send out information on Joe to Board for review.
- Publishing/contract negotiation with T&F and Sage was briefly explained. There is currently an information exchange (with T&F and Sage) going on which Paul is leading. If any changes are made, or if we stay with T&F, it will be in 2020.

Newsletter editor: Adam Pfleegor

- Will step-down after this next year. Seeks early nominations to replace him by next year.
- Webmaster: Colleen English: See report.

b) Committee Reports.

Conference Chair: Pam Sailors

- Submissions were way up. Will work with Emily to tighten process.
- Requests that presenters are strongly told that they must be available to present at any time during the conference.

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

Announcement of 2018 conference + dates:

- Conference in Kyoto, Japan.
- Some confusion (one submission) on submitting for Kretchmar Award.

Elections: Chad Carlson

- Nominations are usually thin in number.

New Business.

1. JPS New Publishing Agreement with Taylor & Francis (PG)
 - a. Discussed in his report.
2. JPS & SEP Journal 'Bundle deal' with T & F (AH)
 - a. Is this possible? Discussion to continue.
3. Newsletter editor position:
 - a. Seeking nominee sooner than later.
4. Limitation on number of times an individual student can receive a Travel Award (PH)
 - a. Limit to 3 times per student.
 - b. Students at hosting institution are not eligible.
5. IAPS Banners and their custody.(PH)
 - a. Peter will work it out.
6. International financial transaction fees. (PH)
 - a. Not a huge deal, but on the horizon. Will take steps.
7. Deceased members – Notification and Recognition (CE)
 - a. Should we give money to Bob Simon fund? Memorializing in the name of IAPS. NASSH has a legacy committee. Colleen will benchmark.

Other Business

Do we want to look at suitability/criteria of who can host? We will continue with discussion.

Meeting adjourned 14:17.

IAPS Annual Executive Council Minutes.
September 6, 2017
11:00-1:00 Westin Hotel, Whistler, BC, Canada

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

President: Charlene Weaving [Alun Hardman]

Conference Chair: Pam Sailors

Elections Chair: Chad Carlson

Secretary Treasurer: Peter Hopsicker

Journal Editor: Paul Gaffney

Newsletter editor: Adam Pfleegor [Adam Pfleegor]

Members at large (odd): Claudia Boger & Junko Yamaguchi [Dennis Hemphill & Doug McLaughlin]

Members at large (even): Francisco Javier Lopez Frias & Claudia Pawlenka

Webmaster: Colleen English

HAFS: Vergard Moe [Gabriella Tymowski-Gionet]

Special thanks for the dedicated service of outgoing officers.

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

Call to order: 11:13am PST

1. Confirmation of agenda.
Colleen approves.
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting September 20, 2016, Olympia Greece.
Pam moves, Adam second.
3. Matters arising.

Officers Reports

President: Charlene Weaving

Moved comments to new business.

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.

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.

Newsletter editor: Adam Pfleegor

Nothing additional to contribute beyond report.

Website Editor: 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.

4. Committee Reports.

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.

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

Announcement of 2017 conference + dates

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

Elections: Chad Carlson

See report.

5. New Business.

IAPS Membership Services post October 2017

Discussed in sec/tres section.

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

Discussed in program chair section.

Lack of nominations for elections

Discussed during elections report.

IAPS Position on USA + travel ban

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

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.

IAPS Donations to Joy DeSensi Scholarship

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

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

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

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 2018 - President's Report](#)

Alun Hardman, 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!!

BUDGETS

Attached are TWO budgets which will be explained further . . .

In brief . . . the IAPS budget doesn't make any sense on either a calendar year or an academic year because most of our expenses are related to the conference. Here is an attempt to base the budget cycle on when conference expenses start. In this year's case, the \$10,000 for the Oslo conference on April 10th. That's when the 4/10/18-4/10/19 budget starts and is most representative of the Norway expenses to date. The second budget, 7/1/17-4/10/18, provides the best representation of the Whistler expenses. This is an effort to match the income (royalties and memberships) with the conference expenses. ...

IAPS BUDGET (CONFERENCE CYCLE)	4/10/18-4/1/2019	
OPENING BALANCE JULY 1, 2017	\$ 125,828.29	
INCOME	2018-2019	
IAPS Membership Payments		
April	\$ 641.92	
May	\$ 765.36	
June	\$ 1,126.80	
July	\$ 441.16	
August	\$ 171.18	
September		
October		
November		
December		
January		
February		
March		
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP and ST DONATIONS PAYMENTS	\$ 3,146.42	
ONLINE DONATIONS via IAPS RENEWALS (student awards)	\$ -	
ROUTLEDGE PAYMENTS		
Editorial Expenses and Advance Royalty		
T&F Royalty		
TOTAL ROUTLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$ -	
PayPal Account Total	\$ 562.21	
TOTAL: INCOME	\$ 3,708.63	
EXPENSES	2018-2019	
Membership Dues + Online management		
StableHost iaps.net		
ICSSPE Membership Fee		
StableHost iaps.net		

TOTAL: Membership Dues + Online management	\$	-	
Conference Related Expenses			
Conference Grant to Norwegian School of Sport Science (4/9/18)	\$	10,000.00	
Program Coordinator Travel (Pam Sailors; Check #5027; 7/9/18)	\$	1,500.00	
Program Coordinator Registration (Sailors; Check #5028; 7/12/18)	\$	250.00	
Sec/Tres Registration (Hopsicker; CC; 7/17/18)	\$	247.56	
Sec/Tres Accommodation (Hopsicker; PayPal Transfer; 7/16/18)	\$	693.28	
Shield's Trophy (plaques; CC, 7/19/18)	\$	167.48	
Banner shipping (UPS Store; 7/24/18)	\$	253.05	
	\$		
Kretchmar Student Essay Award Frame (DG; 7/24/18)		1.59	
Banner and Logo (Image Signs; CC; 7/26/18)	\$	380.00	
TOTAL COSTS: CONFERENCE	\$	13,492.96	
Other IAPS Expenses			
ALFiD Support (Torres flight)	\$	1,586.91	
TOTAL COSTS: OTHER	\$	1,586.91	
Legal Fees (Inc.annual bills related to IAPS Projects INC)			
Register of Joint Stock Companies (Nova Scotia)			
TOTAL: Legal Fees/IAPS Projects Inc.	\$	-	
TOTAL: Bank Account Service Charges	\$	67.43	
Fee for Conference Grant wire to Norway	\$	60.00	
	\$		
Fee for Sec/Tres registration (7/17/18)		7.43	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$	15,147.30	
INVESTMENTS		2018-2019	
Investments: Principal Financial Securities	\$	100,000.00	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$	100,000.00	
IAPS CASH FUNDS (M&T Bank)	\$	113,827.41	
IAPS CASH FUNDS (PAYPAL)	\$	562.21	
IAPS INVESTMENTS	\$	100,000.00	
GRAND TOTAL of IAPS FUNDS	\$	214,389.62	

IAPS BUDGET (ANNUAL TO DATE)	7/1/17-4/10/18	
OPENING BALANCE JULY 1, 2017	\$ 176,264.47	
INCOME	2017-2018	
IAPS Membership Payments		
July		
August	\$ 108.00	
September	\$ 350.00	
October	\$ -	
November	\$ 2,393.84	
December	\$ 1,968.00	
January	\$ 2,376.00	
February	\$ 1,009.00	
March	\$ 1,560.00	
April	\$ 1,226.00	
May		
June		
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP and ST DONATIONS PAYMENTS	\$ 10,990.84	
ONLINE DONATIONS via IAPS RENEWALS (student awards)	\$ -	
ROUTLEDGE PAYMENTS		
Editorial Expenses and Advance Royalty	\$ 13,275.00	
T&F Royalty	\$ 24,840.64	
TOTAL ROUTLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$ 38,115.64	
PayPal Account Total	\$ 519.31	
Transfer from PayPal Account	\$ 11,000.00	
Transfer from ScotiaBank stocks	\$ 51,511.44	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 112,137.23	
EXPENSES	2017-2018	
Membership Dues + Online management		
StableHost iap.net	\$ 45.42	
ICSSPE Membership Fee (2-9-18)	\$ 341.95	
StableHost iap.net (domain renewal, 4-9-18)	\$ 12.99	
TOTAL Membership Dues + Online management	\$ 400.36	

Conference Related Expenses		
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
Remaining reimbursement to John Russell (check #5024, 9/20/17)	\$	2,154.22
Sec/Tres Flight (Hopsicker; used CC)	\$	743.78
Sec/Tres Hotel (Hopsicker; used CC)	\$	170.97
Sec/Tres Checked Bag (Hopsicker; used CC; for plaques etc).	\$	25.00
Sec/Tres Hotel parking (Hopsicker; used CC)	\$	11.01
Fraleigh Award Flight (Torres; check #5014, 7/10/17)	\$	789.84
MINEPS Flight (Torres; check #5014, 7/10/17)	\$	634.63
Fraleigh Award Car Rental (Torres; check #5023, 9/15/17)	\$	286.65
Shields Trophy (CC) Awards Plaques (8/10/17)	\$	178.00
Frame for Student Essay (DG 8/17/17; CC)	\$	1.59
Gottschall Flight (Keynote; check #5015, 9/6/17)	\$	545.91
Gottschall Expenses (Keynote; check #5021, 9/12/17)	\$	356.71
Westin AV for confrence (CC 9/1/17)	\$	5,537.90
Westin June and July Deposit (Wire Transfer 9/1/17)	\$	34,920.72
Wire transfer fees for Westin (9/5/17)	\$	166.14
Student Travel Award (Jin, Hyunju, check #5017 9/9/17)	\$	18.00
Student Travel Award (Martina Tomsic, check #5016 9/9/17)	\$	1,000.00
Student Travel and Kretchmar Award (C. Yorke, check #5018 9/9/17)	\$	1,500.00
Program Coordinator (Sailors; check #5019 9/12/17)	\$	1,000.00
President (Weaving; check #5020 9/12/17)	\$	2,473.38
Webmaster computer use (English; used CC)	\$	42.71
Editor (Gaffney; check #5022 9/12/17)	\$	2,040.56
Westin Credit on Deposit (9/20/17)	-\$	1,429.88
TOTAL COSTS RE: Conferences Related Expenses	\$	60,167.84
Legal Fees (Inc.annual bills related to IAPS Projects INC)		
UT Donation (Joy Desensi)	\$	100.00
McQuaide Blasko Inc (IAPS LLC) (9/8/17, invoice #152676)	\$	1,004.50
McQuaide Blasko Inc (IAPS LLC) (11/6/17, invoice #154269)	\$	94.50
McQuaide Blasko Inc (IAPS LLC) (12/7/17, invoice #155125)	\$	54.00
Register of Joint Stock Companies (Nova Scotia)	\$	97.90
TOTAL COSTS: Legal Fees/IAPS Projects Inc.	\$	1,350.90
Bank Account Service Charges	\$	134.00
M&T Service Charge	\$	45.00
M&T Service Charge (1/9/18)	\$	35.00
M&T Service Charge (2/8/18)	\$	18.00

M&T Service Charge (3/8/18)	\$ 36.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$ 62,053.10	
INVESTMENTS	2017-2018	
Scotia US Dollar Bond Fund (yearly avg 2% return)-invested 50,045.49 in summer of 2013.	\$ 51,511.44	
Account closed 11/9/17; balance transferred to M&T account	\$ (51,511.44)	
New Investment	\$ 100,000.00	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$ 100,000.00	
IAPS CASH FUNDS (M&T Bank)	\$ 225,829.29	
Reinvestment	\$ (100,000.00)	
IAPS CASH FUNDS (M&T Bank)	\$ 125,829.29	
IAPS CASH FUNDS (PAYPAL)	\$ 519.31	
IAPS INVESTMENTS	\$ 100,000.00	
GRAND TOTAL of IAPS FUNDS	\$ 226,348.60	

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 22nd, 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

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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.

Three items I want to bring to the attention of the executive board:

For the most part, most members have been extremely accommodating with supplying their “blurbs” for the newsletters. It is really time-consuming chasing people around for what amounts to three paragraphs a year, so I thank you. If you are one of the members that was been consistently badgered by me...it is deserved haha. Please try to send along the reports as we publish on time and with the appropriate material. We had two late newsletters this past year. We are dipping in the announcements and student reflections/highlights. I would really appreciate executive board members spreading the word about sending information along to me to include. The student highlights specifically have received outstanding feedback and it is something I really want to continue.

Following my current “reign” as the newsletter editor, I will not be running to serve in the position again. I have been extremely happy with the complete revamp of the newsletter but I think it is time for some new blood to take over. I will actively seek someone to run for the position but I would also appreciate if the executive board would spread the word. 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
(for Executive Council)
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.

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. However, scheduling was difficult this year due to a few members being coauthors on multiple submissions. I suggest we say one solo-authored presentation and one co-authored presentation. If there are members working with several students, we could list their names as co-authors on the abstracts, but not guarantee that they will be free to attend all the presentation sessions.
- The procedures for submitting student essay contest papers. In order to avoid confusion, and the possibility of omitting an essay from inclusion in the contest, I propose we require each student to send an additional copy of their essay to the conference chair (instead of only submitting to EasyChair).
- The expectation that presenters attend the conference from beginning to end. I had to revise the program several times this year because people notified me (most of them after the program had been released) that they were arriving late or leaving early.

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).

[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!

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Warren P. Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Award

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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.

[2017-18 Honors, Awards, and Future Sites \(HAFS\) Committee Report](#)

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