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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

New Initiatives for the New Year

Diane Ste-Marie, NASPSPA President



Diane Ste-Marie

Let me open by wishing everyone the best for the year 2012. As we move forward into this new year for the NASPSPA organization, I want to highlight some of the activities and current issues that the executive committee is working on at this

time and also use this opportunity to call upon the membership to provide their input on these matters. While the executive committee deals with day-to-day matters of the organization, receiving input from our members on broader and longer-term affairs is important. As a first item, the Futures Committee is soliciting input from many members concerning key words that reflect what NASPSPA represents to them. Such key words are anticipated to help us discern whether the current mission and name of the society are still in line with the members of the organization. We strongly encourage your involvement, either as a member whose opinion has been sought as part of a sampling of the membership or if you have a point of view you want to share.

Second, Jody Jensen has raised the point that NASPSPA should consider moving toward a for-profit model. Becoming a financially stronger organization could lead to greater support for the membership through increased monies for granting and travel support for graduate students. In addition, we could consider expanding such opportunities to new professors in these times of fiscal constraint in the university system. Other

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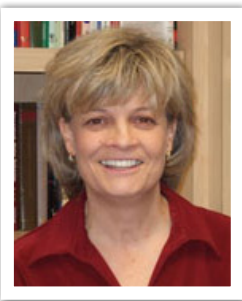
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PAST PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

NASPSPA's Past, Future, and Present

Jody Jensen, Past President



Jody Jensen

I have three topics to share with you in this message. First, I want to speak on the past and revisit some of the discussions we have had during my recent years on the Executive Committee. Second, I will talk about the future and the ongoing discussions we

are having about NASPSPA's mission and vision for the role of the organization as our fields of science grow and expand. Third, I will speak on the present and update you on the highlights of the 2012 annual meeting in Hawaii.

The Past

NASPSPA was conceived to develop and advance the study of motor behavior (development, learning, and control) and sport and exercise psychology (our current statement of purpose). Our current mission statement is as follows:

The North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity is a multidisciplinary association of scholars from the behavioral sciences and related professions. The society functions to develop and advance the scientific study of human behavior when individuals are engaged in sport and physical activity; facilitate the dissemination of information; and improve

the quality of research and teaching in the psychology of sport, motor development, and motor learning and control.

We have a rich history, have grown into a financially stable organization, nurture our students, and provide an annual forum for scholarly discussion and presentation of research. By many accounts, we are successful as an organization. For continued success, the Executive Committee approved the formation of the Futures Committee. Our charge is to solicit input from the membership regarding an affirmation or modification of our purpose and our mission statement. At the 2011 annual business meeting in Burlington, I mentioned that the Futures Committee would be at work this year and that a report would be brought forward to the membership at the 2012 annual business meeting.

The Future

The Futures Committee is actively reaching out to a sample of NASPSPA members—student and faculty members, new members and members with a long history of membership, individuals who have served in NASPSPA leadership positions, and the individuals we have acknowledged as emerging scholars in their field. The purpose of the sampling is to obtain a broad representation of our membership. If you are not among those who receive an explicit invitation to provide an opinion, consider this your invitation. Send me

(JLJ@mail.utexas.edu) your comments on the following questions:

- What statement would you add to the mission statement to help ensure forward thinking and development of the society?
- What 3 words come to mind when you think about a name that represents the current society (not including the words “international” and “society”)?

It is through this dialogue that we will affirm the best that NASPSPA has accomplished and shape our organization's future. The spring newsletter will contain a summary of the committee work along with any items to be presented to the membership for a vote.

The Present

The planning for the 2012 conference in Honolulu is well under way. The area program committees have worked hard and secured wonderful guests and senior colleagues for the upcoming program.

For developmental perspectives (motor control, learning, and rehabilitation): Keynote speaker is [Joseph Campos](#) from the Infant Studies Center in the Institute of Human Development at the University of Southern California at Berkeley. [Dale Ulrich](#) from the Center on Physical Activity and Health in Pediatric Disabilities at the University

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2012 CONFERENCE

Conference Hotel Information

The NASPSA 2012 conference will be held June 7 to 9 at the Waikiki Marriott Hotel and Spa in Honolulu, Hawaii. The hotel is situated right across the street from Waikiki Beach. Please make your reservations now!

Reservation Process and Booking Website

Online and phone reservations will be accepted starting immediately. Identify yourself as a member of NASPSA to receive the group rate. Call 800-367-5370 (toll free) or 808-922-6611 (direct).

A dedicated booking website has been created for NASPSA so you can make, modify, and cancel hotel reservations online as well as take advantage of any room upgrades, amenities, or other services offered by the hotel.

Go to this [site](#) to reserve your room at conference rates.



2012 CONFERENCE SPEAKERS & LECTURERS

Human Kinetics Lecturer

The 2012 Human Kinetics Lecturer will be **Dr. Lawrence Shapiro**, a Professor in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Dr. Shapiro is the author of 'Embodied Cognition' and 'Zen and the Art of Running'. Click [here](#) to go to his website for further information.

NASPSPA Keynote Speakers

Developmental Perspectives: Motor Control, Learning & Rehabilitation

[Joseph Campos, PhD](#)

Infant Studies Center in the Institute of Human Development, University of California, Berkeley

Motor Learning and Control

[John Henderson, PhD](#)

Department of Psychology
University of South Carolina

Sport and Exercise Psychology

[Ken Resnicow, PhD](#)

University of Michigan, School of Public Health

Senior Lecturers

The purpose of our Senior Lecturer series is to hear about the research efforts of some of our distinguished members who have presented at NASPSPA over the years. Regardless of program area, these talks will appeal to all NASPSPA members.

Developmental Perspectives: Motor Control, Learning & Rehabilitation

[Dale Ulrich, PhD](#)

Center on Physical Activity and Health in Pediatric Disabilities, University of Michigan

Motor Learning and Control

[Peter Hancock, PhD](#)

Department of Psychology
University of Central Florida

Sport and Exercise Psychology

To be announced

STUDENTS' COLUMN

Preparing to Head West

Travis Dorsch, Student Representative



Travis Dorsch

Hello, NASPSPA student members! Hopefully everyone is recharged from a nice winter holiday and ready to hit the ground running this spring. If you're in a northern climate and the snow has you blue, just think ahead to June and the sandy beaches of Waikiki. We'll be there before you know it! As a reminder, the deadline for submission of abstracts for the 2012 NASPSPA conference is quickly approaching, so I encourage everyone to submit research for presentation.

In addition to submitting an abstract for presentation, applications are now being accepted for student awards:

The 2012 **Outstanding Student Paper Award** will honor as many as three papers this year (one each in developmental perspectives, motor learning and control, and sport and exercise psychology). To submit your paper for consideration, send a short abstract by the February 1st deadline for the conference and then send a five-page abstract, and a letter of recommendation from your faculty mentor by February 15. More information can be found [here](#).

The spring **Student Award for International Conference Travel** has a January 31 deadline

and each award is worth \$700! The application package must include a short abstract, a five-page abstract, a letter of information regarding the conference location and research significance, and a letter of recommendation from your faculty mentor. More information can be found [here](#).

The 2012 **Graduate Student Research Grant** is for up to \$2,000 and is to be used toward research costs. To apply for this award, submit a five-page outline of the proposed study, verification of ethics approval, an estimated budget, curriculum vitae, and a letter of support from your faculty mentor before April 1. More information can be found [here](#).

Even though we are in the middle of winter, the 2012 conference in Honolulu, Hawaii, will be here before we know it. Overlooking famous Waikiki Beach and Diamond Head, the **Marriott Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa** will be a truly awesome venue for this year's conference. The resort is just a few miles from Honolulu International Airport, and is literally footsteps from the white sand of the Pacific Ocean. Additionally, local attractions such as Pearl Harbor are just a short ride away. The hotel itself boasts a salon, two heated pools, on-site dining, more than 20 shops and boutiques, and a 24-hour fitness center. Note, however, that because Honolulu is a destination of choice for many travelers, hotel rooms will fill up fast.

Based on its success over the past two confer-

ences, we will once again host a **student-faculty roundtable lunch**. This lunch is scheduled to take place Saturday and will again be facilitated by NASPSPA faculty members from each of the three research areas. The NASPSPA Executive Committee has graciously decided to subsidize the cost of the lunch so that students pay only \$10. This is a great opportunity to talk with professionals in your area. You may sign up for the lunch online when you register for the conference or on site in Honolulu; however, space, is limited, so sign up fast to ensure your spot in the room. I have secured a diverse group of faculty members and am working to find one or two more. Once the list is finalized, it will be posted on the NASPSPA conference website.

Planning for the **2012 student social** is ongoing. Because of our unique location this year, the NASPSPA Executive Committee has shifted the conference schedule to allow conference-goers some free time Friday afternoon. We will take advantage of that decision by having the 2012 student social on Waikiki Beach. Plans are still taking shape, but I am working to get us surf and paddleboard lessons, beach volleyball, and some Hawaiian fare on the beach. More details to come, but plan to spend Friday afternoon with us on the beach.

In closing, nominations have been submitted for the 2012-2013 **NASPSPA Student**

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Outgoing NASPSA Executive Committee

On behalf of the membership, we thank the outgoing Executive Committee members, who ended their service in 2011. Craig Hall served for the three years as President-Elect, President and most recently, Past-President. During his service as Past-President, Craig planned the 2011 annual meeting in Burlington, VT. Jenny Etnier served for two years as Communication Director and Lori Dithurbide served for a year as Student Representative. We would also like to thank Penny McCullagh for once again serving as site coordinator for the annual meeting.



Craig Hall and Jody Jensen



Jenny Etnier and Jody Jensen



Lori Dithurbide and Jody Jensen

Fall EC Meeting Minutes

The Unofficial [NASPSPA 2011 Fall Executive Committee Meeting Minutes](#) can be accessed via the NASPSPA website.

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President's Column

benefits such as greater visibility and a stronger voice on public policy could be an outcome of a financially improved NASPSPA. Obviously, the plan is not to obtain this money from the membership but instead to think about tapping into sponsors related to our field more than is currently practiced by NASPSPA. Before moving forward with this on a larger scale, however, we need to think about the impact of bringing sponsorship money into NASPSPA to create financial growth. Companies who contribute to NASPSPA will want something in return, and guidelines that frame mutually beneficial relationships should be considered. John Shea, President-Elect, is willing to enter into a discussion with interested members on this topic. We encourage anyone interested to contact John. He will report back to the Executive Committee on such issues at our next meetings in early June. We hope he hears from many of you.

Third, NASPSPA has steadily been moving forward with technology. A clear example of this was our first online voting process that was con-

ducted last year. Although we did have a greater percentage of the population voting (52%) than that seen for government elections, it still fell short of the percentage that was had in the past with votes during the business meeting. NASPSPA adopted the online vote for a number of good reasons, and we would like to bring your attention to the fact that we want to hear your voice with respect to who should be representing you on the NASPSPA Executive Committee. In line with this, I would like to announce that we have great candidates for the upcoming year. Diane Mack of Brock University and Al Smith of Purdue University are our candidates for President-Elect. For Secretary-Treasurer, we have Shannon Ringenbach of Arizona State University and Jan Hondzinski of Louisiana State University as candidates. A number of students have expressed interest in the Student Representative position, and we are involved in selecting the two who will stand as candidates. The next newsletter will include the biographies of all these candidates and provide more details for voting online. Let

your voice be heard.

As a final point of mention, we will say that we did receive your input through the post-conference feedback and appreciate the time taken to respond. We will use that information to continue to improve our annual conference. As examples, in the future, we will (1) strive to find locations that allow for easier accessibility, (2) encourage professors to present at the conference, and (3) specific to Hawaii, set up the program to allow for time to see the area. We do hope to see you in great numbers at that conference, and I can see that Jody's team is off to a fabulous start toward offering an outstanding annual conference.

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Past-President's Column

of Michigan will give the senior lecture.

For motor learning and control: Keynote speaker is [John Henderson](#) from the department of psychology at the University of South Carolina. [Peter Hancock](#) from the department of psychology at the University of Central Florida will give the give the senior lecture.

For sport and exercise psychology: Keynote speaker is [Ken Resnicow](#) from the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

The area program committees, chaired by Jane Clark (University of Maryland), Al Smith (Purdue University) and Mark Williams (Liverpool John Moores University) will soon be reviewing abstracts now and creating the program. I want to take this opportunity to thank them and their committee colleagues for their time and commitment to NASPSPA.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at the 2012 conference in Honolulu. Aloha

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Students' Column

Representative candidates, one of whom will serve at the 2013 conference in New Orleans. The Student Representative is a voting member of the NASPSPA Executive Committee and acts as a liaison between the student membership and the Executive Committee, attending and participating in the summer and fall Executive Committee meetings. In addition, the Student Representative plans the student social and the student-faculty roundtable lunch for each year's conference. Although this year's candidates have been finalized, we will be seeking potential candidates for the 2013-2014 term this summer. As a reminder, this year's election will take place online this spring. We'll be sending an announcement with the specific dates in the near future.

I wish you all a very happy and productive new year and look forward to seeing everyone in Honolulu in June!

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