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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Time for Change

By Gabriele Wulf, NASPSPA President



Gabriele Wulf

NASPSPA has been my home society for almost 30 years. Therefore, when I was asked to run for president-elect, it never occurred to me to say no. I greatly appreciate your vote of confidence, and I feel very honored to be able to serve as president.

I will certainly do my best to serve our society well. Admittedly, it will be very challenging to live up to the standards Al Smith has set during his presidency. Al worked extremely hard behind the scenes. Among many other things, he negotiated a new contract with Human Kinetics, which will save us a substantial amount of money, and was very much involved in shaping the new JMLD and JSEP awards Human Kinetics kindly offered to sponsor. Thanks to Al for his exemplary leadership! In his role as past president, he is now in charge of organizing our 2015 conference in Portland, and I know he is already working hard to make it a big success as well. Shannon Ringenbach finished her term as secretary-treasurer, and I would like to thank

her for her outstanding service to the society. Alyson Crozier, our outgoing student representative, did an excellent job organizing the student social and student-faculty events. John Shea is also rotating off the executive committee as past

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Executive Committee

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PAST-PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Smell the Roses in 2015

By Alan Smith, NASPSPA Past-President



Alan Smith

Mark your calendars for the 2015 NASPSPA conference in Portland, Oregon. Known as the City of Roses, Portland is a wonderful destination for our annual intellectual exchange and for exploring both natural wonders and vibrant

city life. As past-president, I am enthusiastic to host you in this great city from June 4 to 7 at the Hilton Portland. Please share your latest work and plan on taking a little time to smell the roses—it so happens that our meeting coincides with the annual Portland Rose Festival.

Outstanding colleagues have agreed to serve on our area program committees and have begun work on the 2015 program. The Developmental Perspectives committee is chaired by Leah Robinson, Auburn University, USA (ler0004@auburn.edu) and includes the following members: David Anderson, San Francisco State University, USA; Lisa Barnett, Deakin University, Australia; Janet Hauck, Michigan State University, USA; Samuel W. Logan, Oregon State University, USA; and Matthias Wagner, University of Konstanz, Germany. This group is pleased to report that **Karen Adolph**, New York University, USA, will give the developmental perspectives keynote lecture, *Learning to Move*. Also, **Cole Galloway**,

University of Delaware, USA, will give a senior lecture titled *Build It and They Will Come (or Not!): A Radical Shift in Process, Prototypes, and Priorities in Pediatric Mobility Technology*.

The Motor Learning and Control committee is chaired by William Berg, Miami University, USA (bergwp@miamioh.edu), and includes the following members: Gordon Binsted, University of British Columbia at Okanagan, Canada; Attila Kovacs, University of Wisconsin at La Crosse, USA; Yeou-teh Liu, National Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan; David Mann, Vrije University of Amsterdam, Netherlands; and Sara Winges, Louisiana State University, USA. This group has secured **William Warren**, Brown University, USA, to give the motor learning and control keynote lecture, *Behavioral Dynamics of Visually Guided Walking: From Stepping to Swarming*. **Joan Vickers**, University of Calgary, Canada, will give a senior lecture titled *The Quiet Eye: Origins and Future Directions*.

Finally, the Sport and Exercise Psychology committee is chaired by Sarah Ullrich-French, Washington State University, USA (sullrich@wsu.edu), and includes the following members: Jennifer Brunet, University of Ottawa, Canada; Yu-Kai Chang, National Taiwan Sport University, Taiwan; Mark Eys, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada; Bernd Strauss, University of Muenster, Germany; and Spyridoula Vazou, Iowa State University, USA. The keynoter recruited by this group is **Roy Baumeister**, Florida State University, USA. He

will give his lecture, *Self-Regulation and Sports: Perseverance, Peak Performance, Problems, and Choking Under Pressure*. **Peter Crocker**, University of British Columbia, Canada, will give a senior lecture titled *Stress and Adaptation in Sport and Exercise: The Role of Coping*. This group is also working on a special symposium in honor of our recently departed colleague, Dr. Bert Carron.

I thank the area program committees for the outstanding work this summer in securing invited speakers for the conference. Their successes bode well for the meeting next June, which will be rounded out by engaging symposia, poster presentations, and verbal presentations as well as Early Career Distinguished Scholar presentations from **Leah Robinson** and **Yu-Kai Chang**. I turn to you to do your part. Please connect with your colleagues to discuss creative interdisciplinary symposia sessions that draw from multiple scholarly groups and institutions. Pull together your best recent research into abstract submissions. And please do not hesitate to contact the area program chairs or me with your ideas for the conference. Our website (www.naspspa.org) will be open for submissions on December 8, 2014, and will close after the deadline of **January 15, 2015**.

I look forward to your participation and joining you in smelling the roses!

President's Award

Two fixtures of NASPSPA received the President's Award at the 2014 Business Meeting. President Alan Smith presented plaques to Dr. Maureen Weiss and Dr. Howard Zelaznik in recognition of their significant contributions to the development and growth of NASPSPA.

Dr. Maureen Weiss served on the sport and exercise psychology program committees in 1987, 1990, 1991 (as chair), and 1994. She was a senior lecturer in 2009, offering her usual integration of historical content, rigorous scholarship, and eye to the future in her talk titled "Children in sport and physical activity: what, so what, now what?" She served as Secretary-Treasurer (1986-1988) and as President-Elect, President, and Past-President (2004-2007). She is the current Past-Presidents' Liaison to the NASPSPA Executive Committee. **Dr. Howard Zelaznik** served on the motor learning and control program committees in 1982, 1983 (as chair), and 1990 (as chair). He was a senior lecturer in 2004, providing an overview of his latest work suggesting that timing could be event-like or emergent – work that has been extensively cited over the past decade. He served as President-Elect, President, and Past-President (1995-1998) of NASPSPA and as the Past-Presidents' Liaison from 2009-2012. Both Mo and Howie are known for their passion for NASPSPA, appreciation for rigor and creativity in science, and nurturing of young talent. We thank them for their many meaningful contributions to NASPSPA and congratulate them on their recognition!



Dr. Maureen Weiss was recognized by President Alan Smith during the 2014 business meeting.



Dr. Howard Zelaznik was recognized by President Alan Smith during the 2014 business meeting.

NASPSPA Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award

Dr. Leah E. Robinson and Dr. Yu-Kai Chang are the 2014 recipients of the Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award. This award recognizes outstanding achievement of scholars who are in the early stages of their scientific careers. Drs. Robinson and Chang will give presentations at the 2015 Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Leah Robinson earned a BS in Physical Education and Biology from North Carolina Central University and MS and PhD degrees in Sport and Exercise Science from Ohio State University. She is presently an Associate Professor in the School of Kinesiology at Auburn University. Her work involves the assessment of motor performance and physical activity in pediatric populations, along with the design and implementation of interventions to maximize physical activity, motor skill development, and physical health in this population. She is extensively published in these areas and is an emerging leader in the motor development area.

Dr. Yu-Kai Chang earned a BPE from Chinese Culture University, MS from the Taipei Physical Education College, and PhD in Exercise and Sport Science from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He is presently an Associate Professor in the Graduate Institute of Athletics and Coaching Science at National Taiwan Sport University. His work addresses the effects of acute and chronic exercise on cognitive performance, with a particular emphasis on understanding moderators (e.g., exercise mode, cognitive task type) and mediators (e.g., arousal, neurophysiological measures) of the effects. He is extensively published in this area work and is an emerging leader in sport and exercise psychology. We are proud that these productive, thoughtful young scholars are committed NASPSPA members and look forward to their presentations in Oregon. Congratulations Leah and Yu-Kai!



As the 2014 recipients of the Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award, Dr. Leah Robinson (right) and Dr. Yu-Kai Chang (left) were recognized by President Alan Smith (center) during the 2014 business meeting. Dr. Robinson and Dr. Chang will be giving their talks at the 2015 NASPSPA conference in Portland, Oregon.

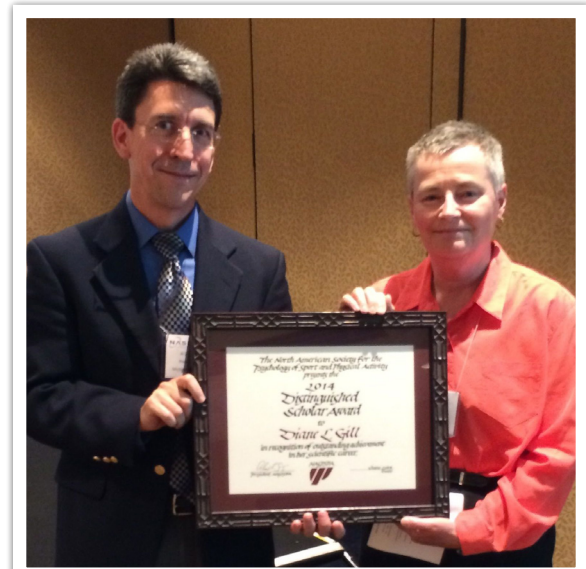
NASPSPA Distinguished Scholar Award

The NASPSPA Distinguished Scholar Award recognizes outstanding long-term contributions in the research areas represented within NASPSPA. Candidates are typically 25 years beyond their doctorate. They show consistent production of leading research that has had meaningful scholarly impact. The 2014 recipients of the award were Dr. Diane Gill and Dr. Beverly Ulrich.

Dr. Diane Gill was nominated for the award by Drs. Jennifer Etnier, Jeffrey Martin, and Maureen Weiss and the nomination was endorsed by the Distinguished Scholar Award Committee. Over her 38-year career she has been a leading scholar in sport and exercise psychology, emphasizing social psychological factors related to participation behavior among young through older adults. She conducted important early work on social influences on motor performance, expanding this work to address competitive anxiety and motivational orientation. In more recent years, she has been a leading scholar of the role of gender and culture in perceptions of physical activity and psychological well-being across the lifespan. As noted by her nominators, Dr. Gill “is one of the most pre-eminent scholars in sport and exercise psychology as a result of the longevity, quality, and quantity of her research.”

Dr. Beverly Ulrich was nominated for the award by Drs. Jane Clark, Nick Stergiou, Maureen Weiss, and Jill Whitall and the nomination was endorsed by the Distinguished Scholar Award Committee. Over her 30-year career she has conducted theory-driven lines of research that have generated important knowledge about motor control processes of typically developing infants and children, infants with spina bifida, and individuals across the lifespan with Down Syndrome. She has translated this work to evidence-based interventions that have made a significant impact on the lives of infants, children, and their families. As noted by her nominators, Dr. Ulrich’s “legacy of theoretical and intervention research in traditional laboratory and field settings distinguish her as one of the most significant contributors to the knowledge base in motor development and to evidence based methods for physical and occupational therapists, among other practitioners who work with pediatric populations.”

We congratulate Diane and Bev on their recognition, scientific impact, and important contributions to NASPSPA!



The 2014 recipients of the Distinguished Scholar Award were Dr. Diane Gill (above) and Dr. Beverly Ulrich (below), each pictured with President Dr. Alan Smith.

Nominations

Nominations for NASPSPA Distinguished Scholar Award

The NASPSPA Distinguished Scholar Award recognizes outstanding long-term contributions in the research areas represented within NASPSPA. Senior scholars, normally at least 25 years beyond the doctorate, who have a distinguished record of scholarship are eligible for the award. Confidential nominations should be made to the president (Gabriele.wulf@unlv.edu) by December 15, 2014. Any current NASPSPA member may nominate appropriate candidates. Information on nomination for all awards is in the NASPSPA Policy Manual (available at www.naspspa.org).

Nominations for NASPSPA Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award

The NASPSPA Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award recognizes outstanding achievement of scholars who are still in the early stages of their scientific careers. Current members of NASPSPA who received their doctorates no more than seven years before nomination are eligible for the award. Nominations may be made to the president (Gabriele.wulf@unlv.edu) by any NASPSPA member. Deadline for nominations is December 15, 2014. Information on nomination is in the NASPSPA Policy Manual (available at www.naspspa.org).

Nominations for President-Elect and Communication Director

Any NASPSPA member may nominate candidates for our open executive board positions. We currently seek a slate of candidates for president-elect and communication director. Nominations of colleagues or self-nominations for executive board positions are welcomed at any time and should be sent to the president (Gabriele.wulf@unlv.edu). Nominations received by December 1, 2014, will receive full consideration by the Nominations Committee for the current openings. A slate of two candidates for each position will be forwarded for online voting in spring 2015.

Conference Information

Why Come to Portland, Oregon? NASPSA June 4-6, 2015

Arrive Wednesday, June 3. Conference starts Thursday at 8 a.m. and ends with a dinner dance on Saturday night. Don't miss out on any of the activities!



Royal Rosarian, official greeter to all guests of Portland.



Upon arrival at the Portland International Airport, the best option for getting to the Downtown Hilton is the Max. Max departure is located at the north end of the baggage department. Just follow the signs. Don't forget to get a ticket; cost is about \$2.50. Check the stops. Your stop will be about 30 minutes from the airport at Pioneer Square. Disembark the train and head south for 2 blocks and you will arrive at the Hilton.



Hilton Portland Downtown Hotel

The Hilton Portland downtown is at 921 W Sixth Avenue. We encourage all participants to stay at the conference hotel. The link for making reservations will soon be available on the NASPSA website. Room rates range from \$155 to \$165. While we recognize that you may be able to find less expensive accommodations, we signed a contract with the hotel guaranteeing a certain number of sleeping rooms that allows us access to meeting rooms. Registration will be available on the web by the end of the year.

Reserve your room early! Lots of events are going on at the same time as our conference.

Hotel registration will be available online in December.

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If you don't know anything about Portland, check out *Portlandia*, a satirical television series set and filmed in and around Portland, Oregon. The show is scripted but also heavily improvised. It shares its title with the sculpture of the same name that sits above the entrance of the Portland Building in downtown Portland.

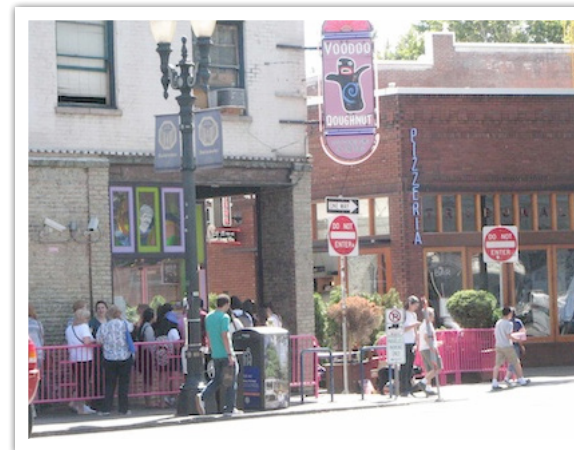


Begin your conference day with a run or walk in the running capital of the world and the home of the Nike world headquarters. The Willamette River Waterfront Parkway, just 6 blocks east of the Hilton, offers miles of running pleasure while sightseeing. For a change of pace on your next day, you can take your run through the Portland Park Blocks beginning 2 blocks west of the Hilton and passing through the campus of Portland State University.

COME RUN WITH US



Willamette River Waterfront Parkway.



After a good run, a trip to the famous Voodoo Doughnut shop is just the ticket. You can indulge in a perfectly balanced breakfast with a bacon maple bar doughnut.

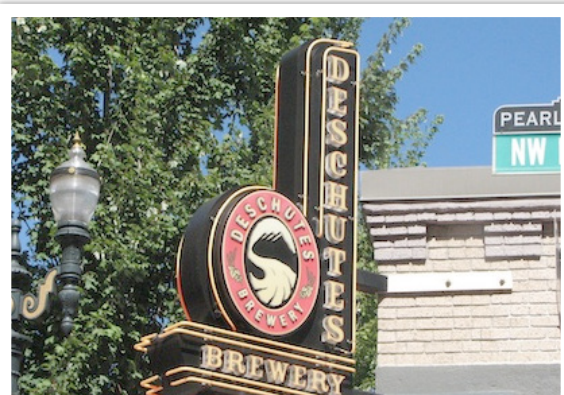
Be prepared—there is always a line.

A morning of conferencing deserves a lunch with friends at the local food carts. Portland didn't invent the food cart, but it has become a major revolution in the food industry here. With a cart to serve almost every palate, enjoy an acre of choices at 9th and Alder.

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And, once the day's conferencing is over, a trip to one of the 15-plus microbreweries in the area is a must. They all have great restaurants and their own specialty beers for the tasting. If you have time, the breweries offer tours that can be booked through the website:

www.experiencebrewvana.com

www.portlandbeer.org/breweries



Don't forget to take advantage of the tax-free shopping opportunities in downtown Portland.



Many of these spots can be reached by the city street car system that travels within the city center from Portland State through the downtown and into the Pearl District.

During your Visit to Portland, take time before or after the conference to take in some of the many sites, some right in the Portland city area and others a nice day trip away.



Welcome to Washington Park

Only a short walk or run or Max trip from the hotel is Washington Park, where you will find the world-famous International Rose Test Gardens and the Japanese Garden.

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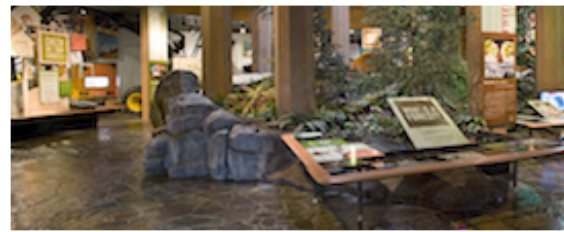
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If there were an elephant capital of North America, it would be the Oregon Zoo. Just a 10-minute Max ride from the Hilton will allow you to discover both the zoo and the Forestry Center. Exit the Max train at the Washington Park Station. This exit is in a prehistoric tunnel excavated through the canyon leaving the city. The tunnel and Max station is a museum all its own 260 feet below the surface.

www.oregonzoo.org



www.worldforestry.org/world-forestry-center-forests-home/about-us.html

Other Sites



Oregon Museum of Science and Industry

www.oms.edu/visit



Covering an entire city block, Powell's City of Books is more than a great bookstore: It's a microcosm of Portland, packed with smart and eclectic offerings, passionate people, and, naturally, its own coffee. And, just like Portland, it's open 365 days a year. www.powells.com



Just a day trip away is the Oregon coast. If you have a few days, it's a great road trip.

www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us

How lucky can we get? The 2015 NASPSA conference in Portland will be taking place during the same week as the Annual Portland Rose Festival.

Numerous events will be going on in the city during the week's festivities. Portland is a city of festivals. Check out this site for Portland Rose Festival, Dragon Boat Races, Naked Bike Ride, Gourmet Bike Ride, and more!

www.events12.com/portland/june

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Grand Floral Parade is Saturday, June 6, 2015. The parade route will pass along Broadway on the west side of the Hilton Hotel.



Thank you to Mary Carlton for helping to gather information on Portland activities



Oregon produces some fine wines. Come a day early and stay a day late and plan a visit to some local wineries. www.travelportland.com/directory/region/wine-country

See You in Portland!

Visit this site to see some of the many activities in Portland: www.travelportland.com

Upcoming Conference Deadlines

December 8, 2014: Website open for symposium, oral, and poster presentation submissions.

January 15, 2015: Deadline submission date.

March 1-15, 2015: Decisions for presentations announced.

June 4-7, 2015: Conference

Program Area Committees

Developmental Perspectives

David Anderson, San Francisco State University, USA
 Lisa Barnett, Deakin University, Australia
 Janet Hauck, Michigan State University, USA
 Samuel W. Logan, Oregon State University, USA
 Leah Robinson, University of Michigan, USA (Chair)
 Matthias Wagner, University of Konstanz, Germany

Motor Learning and Control

William Berg, Miami University, USA (Chair)
 Gordon Binsted, University of British Columbia, Okanagan, Canada
 Attila Kovacs, University of Wisconsin at La Crosse, USA
 Yeou-teh Liu, National Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan
 David Mann, Vrije University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
 Sara Winges, Louisiana State University, USA

Sport and Exercise Psychology

Jennifer Brunet, University of Ottawa, Canada
 Yu-Kai Chang, National Taiwan Sport University, Taiwan
 Mark Eys, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada
 Bernd Strauss, University of Muenster, Germany
 Sarah Ullrich-French, Washington State University, USA (Chair)
 Spyridoula Vazou, Iowa State University, USA

STUDENT'S COLUMN

NASPSPA Supports Students Members in Many Ways

by Nicole Westlund, NASPSPA Student Representative



Nicole Westlund

Hello, NASPSPA student members! I hope you had a productive and enjoyable summer. It is so hard to believe that the new school year is under way. It feels like just yesterday that we were enjoying ballpark fare at beautiful Target Field!

First, I would like to congratulate all the outstanding student poster and verbal presentations at the 2014 conference. It is great to see such a strong student presence, which definitely contributed to its success. I would like to acknowledge our fellow student members who were recognized at the 2014 conference for their excellent work. Congratulations to Lindley McDavid and Deanna Kennedy for their Outstanding Student Paper Awards; to Swati Surkar, Aaron Piepmeier, Jeffrey Graham, and Derek Crawford for receiving graduate student research grants; and to Ryota Nishiyori and Kaylena Ehgoetz Martens for being awarded the Graduate Student Award for International Conference Travel. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Alyson Crozier for doing a fantastic job as the outgoing student representative. I am sure those who were able to attend one or both of the student events would agree that they were a hit.

NASPSPA is passionate about supporting

its student members. Thus, there are several graduate student award opportunities aimed at enhancing the experience of student members. Following is a summary, and further details are available on the NASPSPA website at www.naspspa.org/about-the-awards. Start thinking about applying for these awards now—it is never too early to start putting your application together.

1. Do you have research that is original, innovative, important, and significant to the field? As many as three **Outstanding Student Paper Awards** are available, one for each NASPSPA research area: *Motor Development, Motor Learning/Control, and Sport/Exercise Psychology*. Application portions for this award are due in January & February of 2015, and require submission of a short abstract, a five-page abstract, and a letter of recommendation from your advisor. The value of this award is \$350.
2. Do you want to present at a conference outside North America but aren't sure if it is in your budget? The NASPSPA **Graduate Student Award for International Conference Travel** may be your solution! You may apply for this \$700 award by January 31, May 31, and September 30. The application package for this award 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 advisor.

3. Do you have a research project that is in need of funding? The **Graduate Student Research Grant** provides up to \$2,000 that can be used toward research costs such as equipment, travel for data collection, and participant recruitment. To apply for this award, the following are due to the NASPSPA president before April 1, 2015: a five-page outline of the proposed study, verification of ethics approval, an estimated budget, a two-page CV, and a letter of support and approval of the budget from your advisor.

In 2015, the NASPSPA conference will be held in Portland, Oregon, June 4 to 7. The conference promises to provide students with beneficial academic, social, and professional experiences. I cannot wait to see what the city has to offer and hope to hold events that incorporate some aspect of local culture. I would like to thank everyone who provided me with feedback after the student social and student-faculty meeting held at the 2014 conference. Your comments will be very helpful as I begin planning next year's student events. If you have any suggestions on enhancing the experience of either of these

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Student Awards

Information on Student Awards can be found in Section IV Awards in the NASPSPA Policy Manual (available at www.naspspa.org). Awards are available for outstanding student papers, research grants, and international travel.

2014 NASPSPA Outstanding Student Paper Award

The 2014 NASPSPA Outstanding Student Paper Award winners were Deanna Kennedy and Lindley McDavid.



The 2014 NASPSPA Outstanding Student Paper Award winners Lindley McDavid (left) and Deanna Kennedy (right) received their awards from Dr. Alan Smith (NASPSPA president) during the business meeting.

2014 NASPSPA Graduate Student Research Grants.

The 2014 NASPSPA Graduate Student Research Grants were awarded to Swati Surkar, Aaron Piepmeier, Jeffrey Graham, and Derek Crawford.



2014 NASPSPA Graduate Student Research Grant winner Aaron Piepmeier was recognized during the Business Meeting in Minneapolis.

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2014 NASPSPA Graduate Student Award for International Travel.

Ryota Nishiyori and Kaylena Ehgoetz Martens were each awarded the NASPSPA Graduate Student Award for International Travel.



2014 NASPSPA Graduate Student Research Grant winners Ryota Nishiyori and Kaylena Ehgoetz Martens were recognized by Dr. Alan Smith (NASPSPA president) during the business meeting.

Thank you to former Executive Committee Members

A heartfelt thank-you is extended to all of the Executive Committee Members who completed their terms of office in 2014, pictured left to right: Dr. Shannon Ringenbach (Secretary-Treasurer), Dr. John Shea (past president), Alyson Crozier (student representative).



Spring Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The NASPSPA 2014 Spring Executive Committee meeting minutes can be accessed via the NASPSPA website in the following documents:

[Pre-conference Meeting Minutes 2014 \[DRAFT\]](#)

[Business Meeting Minutes 2014 \[DRAFT\]](#)

[Post-conference Meeting Minutes 2014 \[DRAFT\]](#)

Official pre- and post- conference minutes will not be posted until approved during the fall Executive Committee meeting.

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Student Column

events for students and especially if you have any ideas or suggestions for possible venues and activities in Portland, contact me at nwest-lun@uwo.ca.

If you are interested in playing a bigger role in NASPSPA by organizing student events at the conference and being the liaison between student members and the executive committee throughout the year, please let me know. The application deadline for next year's student representative position is February 1, 2015.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you all in Portland next June!

Financial Report and Membership Report

The NASPSPA [2014 Financial Report](#) and NASPSPA [2014 Membership Report](#) can be accessed via the NASPSPA website.

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President's Message

president. On behalf of the executive committee, and I am sure of the NASPSPA membership at large, I want to thank John for putting together a superb conference in Minneapolis in collaboration with the program area chairs Tom Korff (Developmental Perspectives), Quincy Almeida (Motor Learning and Control), and Diane Mack (Sport and Exercise Psychology). This is a very complex and time-consuming task, and we are grateful for their efforts. Maureen Weiss, who has been serving as the past-presidents' liaison, is invaluable in providing historical context, preventing the executive committees from reinventing the wheel, and moving us into the future. Finally, what would NASPSPA be without Site Coordinator Penny McCullagh? Her energy, organizational and negotiating skills, and commitment to NASPSPA are simply unmatched. As a result of the combined effort of these individuals—and the contributions of all presenters—we enjoyed a great conference in Minneapolis. With almost 40% of attendees coming from 20 countries, we are truly an international society. Perhaps it's time to consider a name change. (Just kidding.)

Welcome to our new executive committee members Jennifer Etnier (President-Elect), Tom Raedeke (Secretary-Treasurer), and Nicole Westlund (Student Representative). I look forward to working with them and the other committee members on several pertinent issues. One of those issues is our website. In my view, the time is ripe for a revamp! I am sure most of you would agree that there is much room for enhancing its

appeal, functionality, and currency. I see this as an investment in our future. The overall goal, of course, is to serve current NASPSPA members better by making it more valuable and user-friendly. Hopefully it will also attract new members. If you have any specific suggestions or wishes related to what you would like to see or be able to do on the website, please let me know!

It is also time to start thinking about next year's conference:

- Please submit your best research to our conference. The website will be open for abstract submission from December 8, 2014, to January 15, 2015.
- If you would like to nominate a colleague for the Distinguished Scholar Award or Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award, please e-mail me (gabriele.wulf@unlv.edu) by December 15, 2014. The purpose of these awards is to recognize colleagues who have an outstanding record of scholarship and have made long-term contributions to the field (and are at least 25 years beyond their doctorate) or are in the early stages of their career (up to 7 years post doctorate), respectively (see www.naspspa.org/policy-manual). Please include a justification (2 to 3 pages) with your nomination.
- Graduate students have the opportunity to apply for the Outstanding Student Paper Award (deadline: February 1), Graduate

Student Award for International Conference Travel (next deadline: January 31, 2015), and Graduate Student Research Grant (April 1, 2015). See the policy manual for details. Applications should also be e-mailed to me.

- You may also e-mail me your nominations for our upcoming vacancies on the executive committee. This time we are looking for candidates for president-elect, communication director, and student representative.

Finally, please consider submitting your work to our official NASPSPA journals: Journal of Motor Learning and Development (JMLD) and Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology (JSEP)! Remember also that each journal now gives Excellence in Research (\$750) and Excellence in Reviewing Awards (\$250). Thanks to Human Kinetics for their generosity! The award winners will be announced in December of each year, and the funds are to be used for travel to and presentation at the next NASPSPA conference.

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