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President's Column President's Message

By Jody Jensen, University of Texas



As I write this Spring Newsletter message, I am aware that I am eagerly looking forward to June and the annual conference. I am looking forward to seeing my friends and colleagues – one in the same. I am mindful as well that with the coming of spring, we prepare for

Jody Jensen

another annual ritual – graduation (hence the graduation picture). And I connect this thought with NASPSPA's history. NASPSPA has been a community of scholars for over 40 years (our 43rd annual conference will be in Burlington, VT). Each spring, many of us participate in the ceremony of commencement and watch our students make the formal transition from student to colleague. These new colleagues infuse our association with new energy, new science, and new camaraderie. I am proud of the impression of many that NASPSPA is a supportive and friendly place for raising up our new colleagues.

I've spent some time reviewing the mission of this Society which is in its fifth decade.

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"I am looking forward to seeing my friends and colleagues – one in the same."

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The NASPSPA 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
- Improve the quality of research and teaching in the psychology of sport, motor development, and motor learning and control

The founding mothers and fathers captured our essence well. In keeping with the vision of the colleagues who guided us to this point in time, I ask you to think about our future. What more should we set about accomplishing? I've appointed a NASPSPA Futures committee to engage in dialogue amongst themselves, to "And let me remind you that this is our first year of online voting. Voting will begin on April 15 and will conclude on April 30 at midnight EST. We will notify the membership of the election outcome on or about the 1st of May."

invite comment from the membership, and to refresh in our minds, if not in our words, the mission and vision of NASPSPA. You will hear more about the Futures Committee through email and at the annual conference. I encourage you to participate in the discussion.

Speaking of the future, with this newsletter edition we introduce to you the candidates for the Executive Board positions that will become open at the annual meeting. The candidates for President Elect are Daniela Corbetta from the University of Tennessee - Knoxville and John Shea from Indiana University. The candidates for Communications Director are Jeffrey Fairbrother from the University of Tennessee - Knoxville and **Regina Harbourne** from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Candidates for Student Representative are Travis Dorsch from Purdue University and Kyle Paradis from the University of Western Ontario. Their bios are included in this newsletter. We have a great slate of candidates and I thank them for their service to NASPSPA.

I'll close with a calendar reminder. The 2012 Annual Conference will be in Hawaii June 7-9. We will be at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa in Honolulu. We are already working on the Hawaii conference schedule, so make your plans now to join us for a fabulous conference.

Past President's Column Past President's Message

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Asage, the final tou-

ches are being made to

the conference program.

There were about 375 abstracts submitted, and

the three program area committees put substan-

tial effort into reviewing

them and developing the conference program. It is

By Craig Hall, University of Western Ontario



Craig Hall

always a challenge to identify themes, to take people's first choice of presentation style into consideration, and to put together a strong program. I especially would like to recognize the three program area chairs, Daniela Corbetta for Motor Development, Amy Latimer for Sport and Exercise Psychology, and Tim Welsh for Motor Learning and Control.

If you have examined the tentative program posted on the website, I hope you share my view that it looks excellent. We are pleased to have six symposia that will allow us to hear a coherent package of presentations. Given the number and quality of verbal presentations, sometimes we will be running five concurrent sessions. As usual, the keynote speakers and "We are pleased to have six symposia that will allow us to hear a coherent package of presentations."

early career award winner are all top notch. And, as noted in the Fall newsletter, several changes have been made to this year's program. A special symposium in each program area is replacing the senior lecturers. The Saturday poster session has been moved to the morning (rather than being the last session of the day), and the conference will conclude with an Ask the Researcher session and social. In summary, I look forward to a successful, highguality conference.

All abstracts from the conference program will be published in the *Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology Supplement* as usual, and we will try to make sure that no errors creep in. In this regard, I hope you have looked at the draft program carefully and given me feedback when you found any of these pesky errors. Finally, if you have not registered or booked a room yet, please do so quickly. I'm looking forward to seeing you in June.

Cheers!



STUDENTS' COLUMN

Student Social and Professional Development

The snow is finally gone

and spring is in the air.

This means that the 2011

NASPSPA conference in

Burlington, Vermont is just

around the corner! Con-

gratulations to all students who will be presenting

their research at this year's

conference. NASPSPA

Lori Dithurbide, Michigan State University



Lori Dithurbide

has always been a great conference for both faculty and students to present their high quality research and I am certain this year will be no different.

We will be taking advantage of the lakefront scenery for our annual student social this year. Following the poster session Friday evening, we will meet at the hotel and walk to the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center for some pizza and beverages. After our student meeting, you will have some time to eat, drink, and be merry with your fellow student members. Afterwards, you will have the evening to explore and enjoy what Burlington, VT has to offer, whether it be strolling along Lake Champlain, or taking in some of the Jazz Festival activities (or preparing for your presentation the following day!). NASPSPA has an annual budget that contributes to the cost of the student social, however in order to provide pizza and one drink (subsequent alcoholic beverages may be purchased, non-alcoholic beverages will be provided), students will be asked to contribute a minimal fee of \$10. You will be asked to sign up for the student social and pay this fee at the registration desk in Burlington (we need to know how much pizza to order!). We are working hard to keep the cost to students at a minimum. I am looking forward to a great night meeting and socializing with you all!

Due to last year's success, we are continuing the student-faculty round-table lunch. This round-table is an opportunity to connect with and talk to faculty members from all areas. Discussions in last year's lunch included balancing work and personal life, transitioning from being a student to a faculty member, as well as academic and non-academic employment. This is really a great opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge and perspective from different NASPSPA professionals. Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$10 (NASPSPA will subsidize the rest). You can sign-up for this event online when you register for the conference, but do not delay, there are only a couple spots left!

Once you have registered for this event, you will have the opportunity to choose the faculty members whom you would like to join for lunch when you pick up your registration package in Burlington. Alternatively, you can email me your preference at <u>dithurbi@msu.edu.</u>

I would also like to encourage all student members to attend the annual business meeting held Friday at lunch. Current NASPSPA issues will be presented and discussed as well as future conference sites. Lunch will be provided at no charge.

In addition, I would like to remind all student members that starting this year, the annual NASPSPA elections will take place online from April 15th until midnight April 30th. Please take the time to read the statements of all nominees and do not forget to cast your vote!

Lastly, if you are looking to share accommodations at this year's conference, please get in touch with me at <u>dithurbi@msu.edu</u> and I will try to connect you with someone else who would like to share a room. With the Jazz festival taking place during the same time as our conference, accommodations may become limited so book early! Remember, you can always change a reservation.

As always, you can contact me at any time with any student-related issues or questions regarding this year's conference. I wish you all a great end of the spring semester and look forward to seeing you all in Burlington, Vermont!

2010 CONFERENCE BURLINGTON, VERMONT

Lessons learned as a past student-representative

R.L. Bassett - Student Rep 2009-2010

Information regarding the 2010 conference is available at the website at: <u>http://www.naspspa.org/about-the-conference/about-the-conference</u>

Ave you ever booked a wedding, an anniversary, or a Bar Mitzvah at a hotel? If so, you know you had to pay for the ballroom, and then contract for how many dinners you would buy. NASPSPA does the same but on a larger scale.

I learned that NASPSPA does everything possible to get the best rate for sleeping rooms and the Executive Committee always keeps the needs of students in mind. The current registration rate for students is subsidized by professional members. The low rate we students pay does not cover the costs of – AV, posters, coffee breaks, reception, dinner, or costs to bring in major speakers. It may be tempting to book a room at the Motel 6 instead of staying at the conference hotel. However, NASPSPA must pay for the conference hotel rooms – whether they are occupied or not! If all the students (and faculty for that matter) stay at the Motel 6, the cost to NASPSPA will be huge. Subsequently, the registration fees will go up. There is no way around it – so find a few friends, lab-mates, or colleagues, and share the cost of a conference hotel room.

Students: Be sure to check out your university and department travel funding. Many departments offer travel grants that can help out with the costs of traveling to great conferences like NASPSPA.

Make your hotel reservations today!





- · Air Trans, Continental , Delta
- Jet Blue, Northwest, United, USA
- Hotel is only a short ride away (about 10 minutes)
- Hotel has a free airport shuttle
- 96 miles from Montreal
- Don't forget your passport to enter USA from Canada

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES President-Elect Candidates



Daniela Corbetta University of Tennessee

Daniela Corbetta is a Professor in the Department of Psychology and the Director of the Infant Perception-Action Laboratory at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She received her Ph.D. in developmental

Daniela Corbetta

psychology at the University of Geneva in Switzerland, her native country. She subsequently completed two post-docs funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. The first one took her to the Department of Medicine at the University of Leuven, Brussels, Belgium, for a year, to study brain-related movement disorders. Then, she came to the USA to complete her second

post-doc with Esther Thelen at Indiana University for 5 years. In 1995, she took a faculty position in the Department of Health and Kinesiology at Purdue University and in 2005 she moved to her current position. Daniela's research focuses on the development of goal-directed movements in young infants. Her work aims to uncover the developmental processes underlying the emergence and progression of infant reaching from different perspectives. She has studied how infants learn to control their arm in order to bring it to a desired target-object, she has investigated how repeated experience and exposure to objects can alter the developmental course of reaching, and has documented how other emerging motor skills such as crawling and walking interact with the organization and laterality of infant reaching movements. More recently, she has begun to address how underlying neural processes reor-

ganize during transitions in infant reaching and also began investigating how visual attention can alter the planning and execution of goal-directed movements in infants by using eye-tracking technology. Daniela has published 40 research articles and book chapters, many of which are the product of extensive longitudinal studies. She has presented 82 papers at professional meetings and given 41 invited presentations at workshops and academic institutions across 9 different countries. Daniela has been an active member of NASPSPA since 1992, she is a Fellow of the Association for Psychological Science, she is an editorial member of *Developmental* Psychology, Infancy, Infant and Child Development, and Developmental Psychobiology, and has been a member of a NIH-NICHD study section since 2005.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES President-Elect Candidates



University-Bloomington

John Shea. Indiana

Dr. John B. Shea is a Professor in the Department of Kinesiology at Indiana University-Bloomington where he is the Director of the Ergonomics Laboratory. Shea received B.S. (1968) and M.S. (1969) degrees

John Shea

from Springfield College, Massachusetts, and M.A. (1974) and Ph.D. (1975) degrees from the University of Michigan. After completing his graduate studies at the University of Michigan, Shea taught at New York University, University of Colorado-Boulder, Penn State, Florida State, and Indiana University-Bloomington.

Shea served as coordinator of the graduate program at Penn State, associate dean for research and graduate studies at Florida State, and department chair at Indiana University-Bloomington, where he recently returned full-time to the faculty. Shea's theoretical research has concentrated on the understanding of processing strategies

used during practice that will facilitate later task performance under test conditions, as well as the transfer of skill to different tasks. Shea has always found great fascination in extending his theoretical findings to practical problem areas. Shea's experience in research and graduate administration broadened his perspective of the relationship between cognitive neuromotor control and important health issues. Shea's recent research has focused on accidents and injuries in the workplace as related to workplace wellness. Shea is currently the principal investigator for a research grant from CSX Transportation, Inc. to study ergonomics and wellness in railroad workers. A comprehensive wellness program is being offered for the 30,000 employees of CSX across the Eastern United States. This grant has afforded Shea the opportunity to study variables affecting job performance such as nutrition, physical activity, obesity, sleep, and stress, as well as hearing, vision, and smoking cessation. Shea and his colleagues have started an interdisciplinary investigation of the impact of diabetes in the workplace, and in particular the relationship between accidents and injuries to

diabetic peripheral neuropathy. This research is also investigating the effects of retinopathy on motor control. Shea and his colleagues have worked with other companies including Celadon Trucking, Cummins, and Toyota, among others. Research findings from these projects are currently being used for grant applications to federal agencies. The goal for this research is to develop interventions and effective delivery systems that will enable individuals to live healthy and productive lives.

Shea has a long history with NASPA. He has attended and presented papers at almost all NASPSPA Conferences since becoming a member in 1973 when, as a graduate student, he attended the first independent meeting of NASPSPA at Allerton Park, Monticello, Illinois. Shea hosted the 1980 NASPSPA Conference at the University of Colorado-Boulder. In addition, he served as Section Editor (Motor Control and Learning) for *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport* from 1989-1992, and is a Fellow of the National Academy of Kinesiology (NAK), and the AAHPERD Research Consortium.

Executive Committee Candidates Communication Director Candidates

Jeffrey Fairbrother

Knoxville

University of Tennesse,

Jeff Fairbrother is an associate professor in the

Department of Kinesiol-

ogy, Recreation, and Sport

Studies at the University of

Tennessee, Knoxville. Prior

to joining UT, Jeff was an

Regina (Reggie)

of Nebraska

Harbourne, University

Reggie Harbourne, PT,

PhD, PCS is an Assistant

Professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center

Munroe-Meyer Institute for

Genetics and Rehabilitation

(MMI). Reggie is a pediatric



Jeffrey Fairbrother

assistant professor in the Department of Kinesiology at Towson University. He received his BA in English from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1991, his MS in Physical Education from California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo in 1997, and his PhD in Movement Science (motor learning and control) from



Regina Harbourne

physical therapist, and has worked in pediat-

Florida State University in 2000. He has been a member of NASPSPA since 1997 and has served as both a member and the chair of the Motor Learning and Control Program Committee for the annual NASPSPA conference (in 2005 and 2006, respectively). Jeff currently serves as an Associate Editor for *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport* and has also served as an ad hoc reviewer for other research journals, including *Brain & Cognition, Experimental Aging Research, Frontiers in Movement Science and Sport Psychology, Human Movement Science, Medicine* & *Science in Sports & Exercise, Perceptual and Motor Skills*, and *Quest*.

Jeff's research interests are in the areas of motor learning and expertise. His recent motor learning work has focused on understanding the potential ways in which self-control manipula-

rics for over 30 years. She received her PhD in Developmental Psychology from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She currently directs research in the Infant Development Laboratory at MMI, which focuses on the emergence of early learning of motor skills and the relationship of movement ability to cognitive skills. She has taught courses nationally and internationally on intervention for infants and children with movement disorders, and teaches in the Pediatrics course at UNMC. She has had federal and state research funding for the past 7 years to investigate inter-

tions benefit motor learning. His other research includes examinations of the characteristics of skilled performance, the interaction of motor performance with other behaviors, and age-related changes in sports performance. Jeff is currently working with the US Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine to examine the potential benefits of self-controlled feedback protocols on marksmanship training. His work has been published in Ergonomics in Design, Experimental Aging Research, Human Movement Science, the Journal of Motor Behavior, the Journal of Physical Activity and Health, and Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport. In 2010, his book, Fundamentals of Human Motor Behavior, was published by Human Kinetics.

vention for infants and children with movement disorders, primarily focusing on sitting postural control. She has also done research in the area of motor learning in children, and specifically in children with movement disorders. She serves as a reviewer for the Physical Therapy Journal, Pediatric Physical Therapy, Gait & Posture, and several other journals.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES Student Representative Candidates



Travis Dorsch Purdue University Academic/Research Description

Travis Dorsch is a secondyear doctoral student at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. He earned his B.A. in psychology and M.S. in sport

Travis Dorsch

and exercise psychology at Purdue University. Following the completion of his M.S. degree in 2007, he spent a semester in Bielefeld, Germany working for Dr. Thomas Schack as a research assistant in the Sportwissenschaft laboratory at Universität Bielefeld, Dorsch returned to Purdue in the spring of 2009 as a lecturer in the Department of Health and Kinesiology and began his doctoral study in the fall of 2009 with Dr. Alan Smith. His research focuses on youth sport parenting and child-parent processes in sport. He is particularly interested in understanding how contextual influences regulate parents' socialized outcomes in the organized youth sport setting. He has research publications in the Journal of Sport & Exercise Psychology and

Perception. Dorsch has been an active student member of NASPSPA since 2007, presenting his paper "*Parents' Experiences of Child-to-Parent Socialization in Youth Sport*" at the 2008 annual conference, and being awarded the NASPSPA Graduate Student Research Grant for his beginning dissertation work in 2010.

Statement of Interest

Hello again friends and colleagues! After venturing west to the Sonora desert of Tucson, AZ last year, NASPSPA's 2011 annual conference will take us east to the shores of Lake Champlain and the Adirondack Mountains of Vermont. Burlington, home to the University of Vermont, is regarded for its northeastern charm and surrounding scenery, so we're set up for quite the NASPSPA experience this June. I am certainly looking forward to my fifth conference, as NASPSPA remains a wonderful opportunity to see the stimulating research in our diverse areas of study! I, like many of you, will return home excited after meeting new colleagues and reuniting with old ones. With this in mind, I am energized by the potential to be the NASPSPA student representative for the 2011-2012 term. If elected, I will represent the

student members of NASPSPA by giving them a collective voice with the NASPSPA executive committee. During the twelve month term, I will aim to provide a conduit between student and professional members of NASPSPA, representing both students' concerns to the executive committee and the committee's directives to its student members. As has been the tradition. I seek to adopt a collaborative approach with Lori Dithurbide and previous student representatives in continuing many of our current initiatives. As for new initiatives, I am particularly interested in creating a forum for the discussion of crossdisciplinary research among our members. Many senior NASPSPA members maintain a wealth of knowledge regarding the design and implementation of collaborative research and I see this as a strength of NASPSPA's collective mission. As young researchers, we will need to work in partnership to continue this research tradition, and I believe a formal initiative to help young professionals like myself learn the ins and outs of interdisciplinary research strategies would be fruitful. In closing, I would be humbled and excited to represent the student members of NASPSPA in 2011-2012. I look forward to seeing you all in the mountains of Vermont in June!

Executive Committee Candidates Student Representative Candidates



Kyle Paradis

of Western Ontario, working under the supervision of Dr. Albert Carron. Prior to commencing his doctoral work, He completed his Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in 'Sport Psychology' at Laurentian University and completed an honours thesis under the supervision of Dr. Mark Eys. He then went on to complete his Master of Human Kinetics degree in 'Applied Human Performance' at the University of Windsor and completed a master's thesis under the supervision of Dr. Todd Loughead. Kyle's research interests are in the area of sport and exercise psychology, with a primary focus on group dynamics and youth sport. Specifically, his research has examined cohesion in youth sport teams, transformational leadership in youth sport, measurement of ath-

Kyle Paradis University of Western Ontario Academic/Research Background

Kyle Paradis is a first year Doctoral student in 'Psychological Bases of Physical Activity and Movement Control' at the University lete leadership, youth perceptions of athlete *satisfaction, the coach-athlete relationship in youth sport, various degrees of role involvement and the assessment of passion in sport groups. Currently his research is examining the nature of conflict in sport teams. Kyle has been a member of NASPSPA for four years and has given ten conference presentations to date, most of which have been given at the annual conferences of NASPSPA, SCAPPS, and AASP. Kyle also has conference committee service experience, serving as a student representative of the sport psychology program while also serving as a president of a Western student conference organizing committee.

Statement of Interest

Hello fellow NASPSPA members! It is hard to believe another year has come and gone and we are well into 2011 looking forward to what should be a great conference in Burlington Vermont. This will be my 4th NASPSPA and I always mark off the date in June for my annual trip to the conference. In researching the area of group dynamics, I believe in the importance of group integration and interaction. Confer-

ences are a great opportunity for students to interact and share graduate experiences, seek out future advisors and collaborative partners, while also staying current on the latest cutting edge research taking place in our field. As your student rep, my goal is to help make everyone's NASPSPA experience a positive one. I would welcome the input of the student membership, address concerns, and tailor to the needs of the collective group. Our community is certainly one that is tight knit, as many of us enjoy successful collaborative partnerships throughout the world. My role as student rep is to help in this integration process amongst the student members in networking and continuing to bring our field together. I have some unique perspectives to bring to the NASPSPA committee having studied at three different universities and serving on previous conference organization committees. I've also had the unique experience in assisting current NASPSPA past-president Dr. Craig Hall in preparations for this year's upcoming conference. Student members are the future of our society and I would love the opportunity to serve as your representative on behalf of the NASPSPA student membership.

Notice to the Membership Constitutional Amendment 2011

The following item will be brought forward for a vote at the annual business meeting at the 2011 NASPSPA Conference. The Executive Board is proposing a change to the description of the office of Secretary –Treasurer. A revision of Article 5 of the Constitution and By-Laws is presented here for consideration. The modified language is in bold italics.

Proposed Language:

5.5 The Secretary-Treasurer must be a citizen of the United States. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep written records of all minutes of the Society's meetings. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for initiating membership renewal reminders to all current Society members. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of all monetary transactions and shall be authorized to sign checks on behalf of the Society. The incoming Secretary-Treasurer will open a NASPSPA treasury account with the current President serving as co-signer for the duration of the Secretary-Treasurer's term of office. The Secretary-Treasurer shall submit an annual report to the members of the Society on the status of the membership and funds. The Executive Committee may provide a stipend for an assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Current language:

5.5 The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep written records of all minutes of the Society's meetings. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for initiating membership renewal reminders to all current Society members. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of all monetary transactions and shall be authorized to sign checks on behalf of the Society. The incoming Secretary-Treasurer will open a NASPSPA treasury account with the current President serving as co-signer for the duration of the Secretary-Treasurer's term of office. The Secretary-Treasurer shall submit an annual report to the members of the Society on the status of the membership and funds. The Executive Committee may provide a stipend for an assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Rationale:

Article 5 defines the officers of the Association. Section 5.5 refers specifically to the Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for all banking transactions of the Association. The Secretary-Treasurer is charged with opening a bank account and has the authority to sign checks on behalf of the Association. NASPSPA is incorporated in the United States (US), is registered with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of the US, and all US banks have reporting obligations to the IRS. Thus, in accordance with US banking regulations, NASPSPA's Secretary-Treasurer must be a US citizen. This change is completely motivated by banking and US Federal regulations and should not be taken in any way as an attempt to exclude individuals who are not US citizens from participating in the leadership of NASPSPA (i.e., by holding other positions in the Executive Committee).

On-Line Voting is Here

We are excited to be rolling out on-line voting for NASPSPA for the first time!!!

On April 15, you will receive an email from the Communication Director Jennifer Etnier (jletnier@ uncg.edu) which will contain a link to an on-line survey instrument that will allow you to cast your votes for each of the open NASPSPA offices. This survey instrument will allow you to vote for the candidate of your choice anonymously. Voting will be open from April 15 though April 30 (midnight EST).

Because we are using on-line voting, we will have access to the results almost immediately after the close of voting. Once the Executive Committee has certified the vote, candidates will be notified as to the outcome and, following their notification, the results will be shared with the membership. In this way, we will be able to welcome incoming officers to their new positions right away and to facilitate the transition to new officers over the next few months!

Please be sure to vote!

NASPSPA GOES TO HAWAII

Reserve these dates on your calendar now June 7-9, 2012



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