Another new year has begun, followed by many new resolutions. I hope that you followed through with your New Year’s resolution to submit a strong abstract to attend NASPSPA in San Diego for its 50th anniversary, even if you have not been a regular attendee. Jenny Etnier (Past-President), Penny McCullagh (site coordinator), and the 50th anniversary committee (Penny McCullagh, Glyn Roberts, Jill Whittall, Tim Lee, Maureen Weiss, Mary Carlton, Chris Rhea, and Kara Palmer) have been working hard since last summer to make this anniversary celebration unforgettable. I want to encourage everyone to join the celebration in early June, because this meeting will be unlike any other NASPSPA conference that you have attended. Be sure to check out Jenny Etnier’s and Penny McCullagh’s columns to find out what goodies they have in store for us so far. This year will be particularly memorable for NASPSPA.

I also wish to update everyone about some great numbers that reflect the continued growth of our society. At our fall executive meeting, Leah Robinson, our secretary-treasurer, reported that the society membership has attained a
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record high this past year, with a whopping 762 members—an increase of 214 members from last year! Professionals and students are represented nearly evenly in the membership. Among our members, 166 are international members from 29 different countries. The three most heavily represented countries outside of North America are the United Kingdom, Germany, and Australia. The remainder of our membership is split between the United States (60%) and Canada (40%). The significant international presence in our society triggered a discussion at our fall executive meeting about hosting more of our future conferences outside the continental United States. If we look back at previous sites where NASPSPA held its meetings, some of the most successful in terms of attendance were the 2012 meeting in Hawaii and this past year’s in Montreal. This is a clear indication that our members like traveling to new places and even to distant places occasionally. Right now, the pattern for conference sites follows a three-year cycle that rotates between western, middle, and eastern sites in North America, but we are currently examining the possibility of hosting one of our future conferences in a completely novel location that could be international and hopefully highly attractive to our members. If you have any thoughts about where you would like to have future conferences, just send me a note at dcorbett@utk.edu. I would be happy to create a member wish list.

Every year, the spring semester offers important deadlines for our student members who aim to present their work outside of North America. The next dates to submit applications for the International Conference Travel Award are May 31 and September 30. Student members may also consider applying for the Graduate Student Research Grant, due April 1, 2017. These grants can provide up to $2,000 to defray research costs related to master’s or dissertation projects. The application materials should be sent to me (dcorbett@utk.edu). Finally, I wish to announce the candidates who have agreed to run for the vacant positions of our executive committee. These are David Anderson (San Francisco State University) and Richard van Emmerik (University of Massachusetts Amherst) for President-Elect, and Sarah Ullrich-French (Washington State University) and Jennifer Cumming (University of Birmingham, UK) for Communication Director. More details about those candidates will be provided in our next newsletter.

I hope everyone has had a great start of the new year!
As I am writing this newsletter, I am home preparing for the holidays and enjoying time with my family. Letters to Santa Claus have been mailed to the North Pole, and UPS and FedEx seem to come by almost every day. But by the time you are reading this newsletter, the winter break will be over and we’ll be in full swing in the spring semester. I hope you had a restful, peaceful, and fun holiday and got to spend lots of time with family, friends, or a good book!

At the time of this writing, I am thrilled to share with you that we have received approximately 500 abstracts for the 2017 conference. Clearly, this 50th anniversary event is going to be packed with presentations exhibiting the scholarship of our NASPSPA members! In the upcoming weeks, our area program committees will be working diligently to review the submissions and to help with organizing the scientific program.

At this time, we have already accepted several excellent symposia for San Diego. Thank you to NASPSPA members for submitting your ideas and to our area program committees for identifying the following symposia for inclusion in our scientific program:

**Motor Development**
- Exploring Seefeldt’s Proficiency Barrier
  Presenters: Danielle Nesbitt, Nancy Getchell, Vitor Lopes, An De Meester
- Motor Skills and Physical Activity in Young Children: Potential Factors That Influence Self-Regulation
  Presenters: Caterina Pesce, Kara Palmer, Anthony Okely, Kimberly Lakes, Spyridoula Vazou, Leah E. Robinson

**Motor Learning and Control**
- Noninvasive Brain Stimulation to Improve Motor Performance and Learning: Help or Hype?
  Presenters: Bradley R. King, Traian Popa, Kirstin F. Heise, Robert Hardwick
- Sleeping on the Motor Engram: The Multifaceted Nature of Sleep-Related Motor Memory Consolidation
  Presenters: Genevieve Albouy, Ursula Debarnot, Arnaud Boutin, Kerstin Hoedlmoser
- The Contextual Interference Effect After 35 Years: History, Current Research, Future Directions
  Presenters: John B. Shea, Patricia A. Shewokis, Lisa Pauwels, Nancy Getchell

**Sport and Exercise Psychology**
- Coach–Athlete Relationships: Global and Effective Coaching Practices
  Presenters: Gordon Bloom, Svenja Wachsmuth, Leslie Podlog, Sophia Jowett
- Mo and Thelma, Have We Been Listening? The Application and Utility of Viewing Youth Sport Through a Developmental Lens
  Presenters: Travis E. Dorsch, Marshall X. Grimm, Jordan A. Blazo, Matthew Vierimaa, Jean Côté
- Nonverbal Behavior and Person Perception in Sports
- Psychophysiological Insights Into the Association Between Health Behaviors and Cognition
  Presenters: Matthew B. Pontifex, Eric S. Drollette, Yu-Kai Chang, Brandon L. Alderman
- The Imperative of Bringing Implicit Processes to the Spotlight: Exercise Psychology in the Postcognitivist Era
  Presenters: Zachary Zenko, Panteleimon Ekkekakis, Ralf Brand, Franziska Antoniewicz

With respect to the conference programming, I want to remind you that this year our programming will be slightly different as we focus on commemorating our past and celebrating our future. I am particularly excited about the activities we have planned for the opening day of the
conference. We will be kicking things off with the Conference Welcome and the Historical Foundations Symposium on Sunday, June 4, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The Historical Foundations Symposium will focus on the development of each concentration area, decade by decade, looking at the time period from 1967 to 2006. The presenters include Larry Brawley (sport and exercise psychology), Jane Clark (motor development), and Bob Christina (motor learning and control). Following this enlightening event, we will have a NASPSPA Jeopardy game (this is a chance for you to show off your knowledge of NASPSPA!), a group photo that you know you want to be in, and the opening reception. All of these events will take place in the beautiful Kon Tiki room at the Catamaran hotel.

In addition to our exceptional scientific programming, we will also have additional special sessions for the 50th anniversary. These include the Janus symposia, named after the Roman god Janus, who is the god of beginnings, gates, transitions, and endings. In thinking about these sessions, Jackie Goodway (area program chair) commented that “this level of reflection is once in a lifetime.” The Janus symposia will take a variety of formats but will focus on the most recent decade in our history and then will look forward to the future. The Janus symposium for the sport and exercise psychology group will use a panel format and will include Diane Gill, Mark Eys, Kathleen Martin-Ginis, and Al Smith. For motor development, the symposium will have a moderator (Mike Wade), and then David Anderson and Leah Robinson will lead the way. Details regarding the motor learning and control Janus symposium will be shared soon!

The other special session is the beach-side chats, which I think you will find enjoyable. The beach-side chats will provide informal, small-group settings for conversations around general topics. There will be many different topics, including tips for tenure, maintaining mid-career momentum, and funding research programs in kinesiology. The beach-side chats will be held on Mission Bay and will provide an opportunity for intimate theme-based conversations.

As we are entering the abstract review period, I want to acknowledge the contributions to NASPSPA in terms of time, effort, and expertise that will be made by our area program committees. As a reminder, the motor development committee is chaired by Jackie Goodway, and her committee members are Mary Rudisill, Matthieu Lenoir, Nadia Cristina Valentini, John Cairney, Ting Liu, Ali Brian, and Eva D’Hondt. The motor learning and control committee is chaired by Shannon Ringenbach and includes Jeffrey Haddad, Louisa Raisbeck, Rajiv Ranganathan, Diane Ste-Marie, Breanna Studenka, and Stephan Swinnen. The sport and exercise psychology committee is chaired by Nick Myers, and the members are Yu Kai Chang, Katrien Fransen, Katie Gunnell, Ben Jackson, Chris Janelle, Miranda Kaye, Leapetswe Malete, Catherine Sabiston, and Bernd Strauss. These individuals will be devoting many hours of their time to our organization in an effort to prepare an excellent scientific program, and I certainly appreciate their commitment to NASPSPA.

I also want to thank our 50th anniversary planning committee, which is led by Penny McCullagh and includes Mary Carlton, Tim Lee, Tayo Moss, Kara Palmer, Chris Rhea, Glyn Roberts, Mo Weiss, and Jill Whitall. This group is also working diligently to prepare the special programming for our 50th anniversary conference.

My thanks to everyone who is helping to make this a very memorable conference, and I look forward to San Diego!
50th Anniversary Celebration of NASPSPA

This conference will begin with programming on Sunday, June 4, at 4 p.m. and will end with an evening beach party on Wednesday, June 7.

Hotel Reservations

Plan to arrive by Sunday late in the day and stay through Wednesday evening. Return home on Thursday.

Book your hotel room early! The Catamaran is a very popular hotel and sells out most nights in the summer. We have a great nightly rate of $189 for single, double, triple, or quadruple occupancy. You can cancel with no penalty if you do so early. When you go to the website, select your dates and then select “Standard Guestroom.” You can either keep the standard room or select an upgrade (if available). If you select “upgrade,” the additional fee is added to your price for your entire stay. The following are the choices for upgrades:

- Garden View Studios are in the Tower building and have a dining table and kitchenette.
- Bay View Suites are in two-story buildings, and you can select a one-bedroom suite.
- Bay View Studios are on the higher floors in the Tower building and have a dining table and kitchenette.

Use the following link to receive our conference group rate at the Catamaran Resort Hotel, or book from their home page using the group code 3732.


Memorable Moments at NASPSPA

We are compiling pictures of your favorite times at NASPSPA to be on display at the 50th anniversary meeting! Please consider contributing the following:

1. Submit a picture of you with colleagues at NASPSPA. Send any digital photos or scan in those old Polaroids.
2. Provide one sentence (to be shown with your picture) about how NASPSPA has played a part in your professional career.

Please send the pictures to Chris Rhea (ckrhea@uncg.edu) by May 1 so they can be added to a slide show for the conference.

Conference Registration

Registration is now available on the website. Remember you must be a NASPSPA member to attend, so make sure your membership is up to date.

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Memorable Historical Markers

Do you have items that highlight our path from 1967? If you have specific knowledge about events that you feel have guided us and represent our historical progress—especially events since 1990—please submit them to Mary Carlton (mcarlton@illinois.edu).

Distinguished Scholar Recognition

Interviews with Distinguished Scholars and family trees will be on display.

50th Anniversary Quiz Bowl

Do you know your NASPSPA history? Show us how well you know the organization at the 50th Anniversary Quiz Bowl! This quiz bowl will feature questions about the last 50 years of NASPSPA. So start brushing up on your NASPSPA history, and come prepared to show off your knowledge!
Hello NASPSPA student members! Welcome to 2017! I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and is back in the groove of things. As you begin to plan for the upcoming semester, please take a few minutes to read about the award opportunities for NASPSPA student members and the arrangements for the upcoming conference in San Diego. If you are short on time, check out the details at the NASPSA website, and do not forget to join the NASPSA Facebook page.

### Student Awards

NASPSPA offers three different awards for student members. A brief overview of each award is provided below. More details about each award can be found at the [NASPSA website](http://www.naspspa.com).

Each year, one Outstanding Student Paper Award may be presented for each of three research areas (motor development, motor learning and control, and sport and exercise psychology). To apply for the award, simply indicate you would like your conference abstract considered. After the January 17 short abstract deadline, you have until January 31 to turn in your short abstract, a long abstract (no more than five pages) and a letter of recommendation from your advisor. Winners receive a certificate of recognition, monetary award, and are recognized at the annual business meeting.

NASPSPA also offers Graduate Student Awards for International Conference Travel. This $700 award helps students present their work at conferences outside of North America. The application package includes a short abstract, long abstract, and a letter of recommendation from your advisor. Three competitions are hosted each a year, and applications are due by September 30, January 31, or May 31.

Lastly, the Graduate Student Research Grant is designed to assist NASPSPA students’ scholarly activity. Awards of up to $2,000 are provided to aid with research costs. The application package includes the following: an outline of the proposed study, verification of Institutional Review Board approval, an estimated budget, and a current CV. Your advisor must also submit a letter of recommendation and a statement of evaluation and approval for the proposed budget. Application materials should be sent to Dr. Daniela Corbetta (dcorbett@utk.edu) prior to April 1, 2017.

### Conference Activities

The conference in San Diego is approaching quickly! Registration for the conference includes an opportunity to sign up for surfing lessons and the student social, and as the student–faculty beach-side chat. The cost to register for surfing is $50, while the student social is $10. Due to popularity, I encourage you all to sign up early and reserve your spot.

Details for the student social are finalized. We will be at the Local Pacific Beach, which is an urban beach bar within walking distance of the hotel. Your $10 ticket provides you with a drink voucher as well as finger foods at the pub. This is an amazing opportunity to meet other student attendees from all over the world and have fun making new friends! Check out the venue in advance at [http://thelocalpb.com](http://thelocalpb.com) and then sign up when registering for the conference. It should be a great experience!

You will also have the opportunity to attend beach-side chats at the conference. These provide informal opportunities for students and professionals to have a conversation focused on a variety of topics ranging from the academic interview process to their hobbies. The format of this event will be different from previous years. The list of topics and of faculty who are attending is being finalized but will include a diverse group from each research area as well as a variety of career stages.
Student Activities and Awards

Student Representative

The deadline to apply for the 2016-2017 NASPSPA student representative position is open until February 15, 2017. If you are interested in acting as the liaison between the executive committee and the NASPSPA student body, please e-mail me mossomot@msu.edu. This year, we are looking for someone from the Motor Learning and Control or Motor Development areas.

Communication

A Facebook group for NASPSPA student members is also available! The group is a platform for NASPSPA student members to communicate with each other. It can be used to find roommates for the conference, facilitate discussions among graduate students, and post NASPSPA student announcements. I will be posting details about the student social, the beach side chats, and other informal social opportunities at the conference. Please check it out!

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1188371097842929

I look forward to seeing everyone in June!

Early Career Distinguished Scholar Presentations

In 2016, we were pleased to announce that there were two recipients of the Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award. Dr. Tony Carlsen and Dr. Ben Jackson were both recognized for their outstanding scholarly achievements during the early stage of their scientific careers. Please see the fall 2016 newsletter for more information about both of these deserving awardees. Dr. Tony Carlsen's presentation is titled “How to Use Startle and Brain Stimulation to Understand Fast Movements (+ Special Bonus NASPSPA Flashbacks)” and Dr. Ben Jackson's presentation is titled “To Autonomy and Beyond! Understanding and Promoting Physical Activity Motivation.”

As the 2016 recipients of the Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award, Drs. Tony Carlsen(left) and Ben Jackson(right) were recognized by President Jenny Etier during the 2016 Business Meeting. Both awardees will be giving their talks at the 50th Anniversary Conference at NASPSPA 2017 in San Diego, California.