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Framework and registration fees for 2020 NASPSPA Virtual Conference

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Dear NASPSPA Members,

NASPSPA's Executive Committee and the conference Program Chairs met again on Friday, April 3 to continue planning our June 2020 virtual conference. We now have a solid framework for the conference, which will entail approximately 8 hours of invited talks and the business/awards meeting in addition to a portal and forum for participants to upload their accepted presentations and interact with each other virtually. We will spread the talks and participant interaction over 2 days, Thursday June 11 and Friday June 12. We will schedule the main talks during a block that covers the middle of each day, US central time. The goal is to maximize concurrent participation for people within the three time zones in North and Central America and also provide our colleagues in Europe and in Asia and the South Pacific and an opportunity to either stay up late or wake up early to participate.

The talks will include the Human Kinetics Lecture, to be delivered by Zach Hambrick from Michigan State University, and the three Program Area Keynote addresses to be delivered by Amy Needham from Vanderbilt University, Karl Newell from the University of Georgia, and Susan Fiske from Princeton University. We will also hear from our Senior Lecturers, Nancy Getchell from the University of Delaware, David Wright from Texas A&M University, and Thelma Horn from Miami University of Ohio, and from our Early Career Distinguished Scholars, Sam Logan from Oregon State University and Jennifer

Brunet from the University of Ottawa.

We would like to keep the format of the individual member presentations as simple as possible. We ask that presenters put together a Powerpoint slide deck, with approximately 5 slides (e.g., title, intro, methods, results, discussion), that can be presented in no more than a 5-minute voice-over embedded in the file. The combined audio and Powerpoint files, which will be uploaded to a special section of the NASPSPA website (under construction), should be no larger than 10 MB. We will provide an example presentation very soon, though we also want to give you some creative flexibility to express yourself. We intend to group the presentations thematically into pods of approximately 6 presentations to facilitate navigation of the content and to maintain the feel of the traditional conference sessions. We expect presenters will be available for approximately 1 hour to answer questions about their work.

We have decided upon the following fee structure for the conference:

- \$50 for students
- \$60 for post-docs
- \$90 for retirees
- \$200 for professionals
- \$300 for non-members
- We will also have an option to pay a higher fee for registration that will assist NASPSPA to cover costs.

We would love to offer the virtual conference free of charge, but doing so would cause NASPSPA to suffer serious financial consequences. While offering a virtual conference is certainly less expensive than offering a face-to-face conference (hence the reduction from our typical registration fees), the costs are not trivial. Moreover, we have already incurred costs associated with the preparation of the face-to-face conference that we will not be able to recoup. NASPSPA is a small society, but the primary home for many students and professionals and we hope that you will help support this conference and future endeavors of the society. When you pay through PayPal, you will receive a receipt for the amount that you paid. We are more than happy to work with anyone who will have problems covering the cost of participating in the virtual conference. Please note that if you previously registered for the face-to-face conference, your registration fees have been refunded. Contact Penny at naspspa@hotmail.com if you did not receive a refund.

Finally, we remind you that you may still choose to withdraw your abstract from

the conference and request that it not be published in the JSEP special supplement. We have extended that deadline. Please email David Anderson (danders@sfsu.edu) by Tuesday, April 14 if you **do NOT want** your abstract to be published in the JSEP special supplement. **PLEASE PUT IN SUBJECT LINE – REQUEST TO WITHDRAW ABSTRACT. If you are okay with publication – DO NOT email David.**

Please share the information we have provided here with any colleagues/peers who are not NASPSPA members, but might be interested in the content of our conference. When we provide an example presentation, we will also update you on the deadline by which registration fees should be paid.

Thank you again for your patience as we all continue to navigate these uncharted waters.

Respectfully,
NASPSPA Executive Committee

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