

NASPSPA Business and Awards Meeting

Saturday, June 5, 2026

Lake Tahoe, Nevada

1. Opening and Administrative Matters, Jeffrey Fairbrother

- a. The meeting was called to order at 2:17 p.m. Pacific Time.
- b. A total of 177 NASPSPA members were present.
- c. President Fairbrother welcomed the membership and sought approval of the agenda. The motion carried, and the 2025 Business and Awards Meeting agenda was approved.
- d. The 2024 Business and Awards Meeting minutes were unavailable to the membership and would be sent in a forthcoming email.
- e. New board members were introduced.
 - i. Chris Rhea, President-elect
 - ii. Christine Habeeb, Communication Director
 - iii. Jesse Hansen, Student Representative
 - iv. Past Presidents' Liaison, Mary Rudisill
- f. Incoming program area chairs were introduced.
 - i. Brandon Alderman, Sport and Exercise Psychology
 - ii. Jared Porter, Motor Learning and Control
 - iii. Ryan Hulteen, Motor Development

2. Secretary-Treasurer, Kristina Neely

- a. Fiscal year final report for 2023-2024
 - i. Total income, \$121,544.95
 - ii. Total expenses, \$48,799.35
 - iii. Total cash across accounts, \$237,391.72
- b. 2025 Membership report
 - i. 2025 memberships = 486
 - ii. Previous three years ranged from 460-579
- c. Current financial year report for 2024-2025
 - i. Income, expenses, and memberships were stable thus far

3. Communications Director, Kip Webster

- a. Introduced the updated website.
- b. Requested feedback on whether members use social media and how they use it.
- c. Reported engagement numbers for each platform:
 - i. X, 1,943
 - ii. Facebook, 1,074
 - iii. Instagram, 265

4. Student Representative, Leesi George-Komi

- a. Thanked and recognized the Student Advisory Council and Meeting Ambassadors.
- b. Continuing initiatives include:
 - i. Movement Challenge, \$1100 raised in 2025
 - ii. Winners: (1) Springfield College, (2) Deakin University, (3) University of Tennessee
 - iii. Discord
 - iv. Student leadership opportunities
- c. New initiatives include:
 - i. Research in Progress Meetings
 - ii. Faculty-led workshops
 - iii. Student Writing Group
- d. Noted ways for students to get involved in the conference.
- e. Advertised student awards.

5. Past President, Anne Cox

- a. The scientific program was similar to 2024 in the number of abstracts and symposia.
- b. Thanked the Program Committees and session moderators.
- c. Acknowledged construction at the conference site.
- d. Recognized students' contributions to making the conference run smoothly.

6. Executive Director, Penny McCullagh

- a. The ambassador program provided support for 26 students.
- b. The registration program provided support for 4 students.
- c. Conference attendance in 2025 was 487, the highest in the last several years (2022–2025 figures were provided).
- d. The 2026 meeting will be held in Montreal, June 18–20, 2026.
- e. The 2027 meeting will be held in Newport Beach, California, June 9–12, 2027.

7. President, Jeffrey Fairbrother

- a. Updates on standing committees
 - i. The Philanthropic Committee is working on a philosophy of financial management and spending priorities. In addition, it is working to bring student initiatives under a single brand that is appealing to donors.
 - ii. The EDIA Committee hosted a 2025 pre-conference workshop.
 - iii. The Teaching Network continues to review and revise its guiding principles.
 - iv. The Mentoring Program will continue to support mid-career professional members of the Society.
- b. The Federation of International Societies of Sport, Physical Activity and Kinesiology is working to complete its bylaws.

- c. Requested that all members complete the engagement survey to get involved with the work of the society.
- d. Recognized Executive Director McCullagh's contributions to the board and conference management.

8. Awards and Recognitions

- a. Past Presidents
 - i. All Past Presidents at the meeting were recognized.
- b. Human Kinetics
 - i. JSEP Excellence in Research: Habeeb, C. M., Stephen, S. A., & Eklund, R. C. (2024). Team Efficacy Profiles: Congruence Predicts Objective Performance of Athlete Pairs. *Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology*, 46(1), 22-33.
 - ii. JSEP Excellence in Reviewing, Andrew Cooke
 - iii. JMLD Excellence in Research: James, M. E., Cairney, J., Odorico, N., Finlay-Watson, T., & Arbour-Nicitopoulos, K. P. (2023). The Move2Smile Online Hub for Parents to Support Aspects of Preschoolers' Physical Literacy at Home: A Feasibility Study. *Journal of Motor Learning and Development*, 12(1), 48-67.
 - iv. JMLD Excellence in Reviewing, Ryan Burns
- c. Distinguished Scholar Award
 - i. Nikos Ntoumanis
- d. Outstanding Student Paper Awards
 - i. Sport and Exercise Psychology, Roxy Helliker O'Rourke
 - ii. Sport and Exercise Psychology, Meagan Parrish
 - iii. Motor Learning and Control, Joshua Springer
 - iv. Motor Development, Ozgur Altinas
- e. Graduate Student Research Grants
 - i. Ozgur Altinas
 - ii. Kathryn Riis
 - iii. Emma McCabe
 - iv. Jesse Hansen
 - v. Lin-Hsiang Kang
 - vi. Yeon-Joo Kang
 - vii. Yeongjin (YJ) Seo
- f. Graduate Student Award for International Conference Travel
 - i. Seth Papineau
- g. Outgoing Officers
 - i. Student Representative, Leesi George-Komi
 - ii. Communication Director, Kip Webster
 - iii. Past President, Anne Cox
 - iv. Past President's Liaison, Deb Felz
- h. NASPSA President's Awards
 - i. Betty Gonzalo, Event Strategist, Maritz

ii. Deb Felz

9. Passing of the Gavel and Adjournment

- a. The gavel was passed to Leps Maleté at 3:06 p.m.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Photographs and certificates were distributed after the meeting.