

**Sport Psychology Council**  
**Hyatt Regency St. Louis**  
**One St. Louis Union Station**  
**St. Louis, Missouri, USA**  
Wednesday, September 24, 2008

**Members Present:**

Judy L. Van Raalte, Chair, Vice-President ISSP  
Burt Giges, President, Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP)  
Sean McCann, United States Olympic Committee  
Eric Morse, President, ISSP, International Society of Sport Psychiatry  
Michael Sachs, President-Elect, APA Division 47 (Exercise and Sport Psychology)  
Rico Schuijers, President, VSPN (Dutch Association of Sport Psychologists)

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm

**Organizational Updates:**

*Burt Giges for AASP*

There are a number of initiatives that AASP has brought forward. Visibility of the field and organization has been enhanced by the marketing campaign led by Yopko Penhallurick.

The newsletter and “The Directory of Graduate Programs in Applied Sport Psychology” will be provided only electronically in the future.

A new student award for research and/or practice pertaining to diversity and a new Special Interest Group (SIG) focused on coaching education have been created. New board positions for a student representative and a person to oversee Special Interest Groups (SIGs) have been added.

*Sean McCann reporting for the USOC:*

Sport psychology services at the USOC have been restructured. Sport psychologists now work within a “sportfolio” (sport group) with a team of sport scientists dedicated to each sportfolio. The system simplifies service delivery for athletes. Challenges include a need for more sport psychologists and increased isolation of sport psychology practitioners.

Experiences in Beijing at the Olympics highlighted the utility of sport psychology services as sport psychologists can make a difference for athletes up to (and just before) competition.

*Eric Morse for ISSP, International Society of Sport Psychiatry*

The annual meeting will be held in May 2009 in San Francisco. An ISSP presentation addressing obsessive compulsive disorder in elite and young athletes will be made. The 2008 presentation was very well received. Several new books have been published this year by sport psychiatrists.

*Michael Sachs reporting for APA Division 47:*

Division 47 submissions for the 2009 conference in Toronto should be submitted by December 1, 2008. Useful information is available on the newly updated division website at [www.apa47.org](http://www.apa47.org).

Work on renewing the proficiency in exercise and sport psychology continues as the proficiency is due to be renewed in 2010.

*Rico Schuijers reporting for VSPN (Dutch Association of Sport Psychologists)*

Accreditation for sport psychology practitioners in the Netherlands became effective in 2006. To date there are about 35 sport psychologists registered. The Dutch Olympic Committee requires that only accredited practitioners work with Dutch Olympic athletes. The next challenge for the organization will be to establish an effective credentialing plan for future Olympic competitions.

*Judy Van Raalte reporting for ISSP, International Society of Sport Psychology*

The next ISSP World Congress will be held in Marrakech, Morocco in June 2009. The ISSP website [www.issponline.org](http://www.issponline.org) is now hosted in Qatar and has been functioning well. Two new position stands have been added to the website (Talent Identification and Transitions). The newsletter and other useful and important information is available on the website.

### **New Business**

The possibility of hosting SPC member organizations on the ISSP website was presented. The possibility of holding SPC meetings in conjunction with other organizations to broaden attendance was discussed. It was decided to assess the situation over the course of the year to gather more information and to address this topic at the next SPC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Minutes submitted by Judy Van Raalte.