From the ISBS President

I apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. The elections were delayed due to the problem of an error in my printed fax number, and the newsletter had to be delayed until the person was elected to that position. A death in my household further complicated my providing the information to Gary Moran to facilitate an earlier newsletter. Gary has made every effort to keep things rolling on time. Shake your finger at me, not Gary.

The 1994 ISBS meeting in Hungary was an excellent conference and our thanks go to Aniko Barabas and her colleagues for facilitating a smooth running conference with many opportunities to exchange ideas both formally and informally. At that time a very important issue was raised about whether we should retain annual conferences or move to a conference every two years. Since this is a constitutional change it will be brought to a vote in the next newsletter with suggested comments from both sides to be found in this newsletter. To carry as a constitutional change this vote requires a 2/3 majority of those voting in a mail ballot.

At that time the Board of Directors reviewed the questionnaire completed by ISBS members and focused on items that seemed to be particularly of concern. One item was the problems with the publication of the Journal of Applied Biomechanics and the failure to meet our expectations relative to our editorial board membership and the inclusion of more applied work. I have spoken to Linda Bump from Human Kinetic Publishers and anticipate a report about that issue in Thunder Bay.

A second issue addressed by the board was that of contacting the International Society for Biomechonics to develop better dialogue between our two organizations. Correspondence was sent to all ISB officers in July and a favorable reply was returned by President Ron Zernicke. I am hoping that Ron and I can meet later in May to talk about mutual interests of our organizations and a better exchange of information about our activities.

ISBS has moved forward because of the early vision of a number of dedicated leaders. Many of those leaders are now retired professionals or soon to retire. For ISBS to prosper we must rely on our younger talent to make things happen. It is refreshing to receive comments in detail from that new leadership and to see them assume positions on the board of directors and the Executive Council. It is a healthy sign and I applaud it.

Brian Lee and Cindy Tant have agreed to work together to develop a Web Internet for ISBS which will allow us to communicate through Internet with both text and graphics. Brian thinks he may be able to have it running by Summer. This certainly fits with ideas and suggestions you have made to improve ISBS communications.

I look forward to seeing you in Thunder Bay. Tony and Moira have done an excellent job in organizing the conference. See you there!

Lela June Stoner
ISBS President
ISBS Executive Council
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R. Rodano - Italy
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Vice President Research
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Vice President Conferences
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M. Saterm - USA
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J. Wilkerson - Canada
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A. Barbas - Hungary
R. Bartlett - England
T. Bauer - Canada
Hans Gros - Germany
S. Hall - USA
G.W. Marino - Canada
R. Sanders - New Zealand
J. Steele - Australia
D. Too - USA

These are your Executive Council and Board of Directors. Please contact them to forward ideas to improve our organization.

Questionnaire Summary
Fall of 1993 an extensive questionnaire was sent to members about their perception and concerns. Those responding to the 1993 questionnaire had been members of ISBS:
9+ years (41%)
6-8 years (32%)
5 or less yrs. (26%)
Most of the 9+ group had served as officers or members of the board of directors i.e., were directly involved with governance of ISBS.

Key results were:
97% felt we were a friendly group
94% considered student members to be an asset
94% read the newsletter but 85% felt it should provide more information
90% supported translating research into practice through ISBS
85% were interested in being part of ISBS governance
82% liked our international membership
75% felt they had access to officers & board, only 45% utilized them
75% knew their membership status
71% liked JAB, but 61% felt more applied work should be published
70% like the idea of ISBS sponsored research projects
54% liked annual conferences
83% non-attendance due to date conflicts and/or lack of funds

Specific suggestions were given about improvement of the Newsletter and ways to recruit new members. The board of directors discussed these seriously and made action plans for a better future.
To Meet Annually or Not: That is the Question.

At the General Meeting in Hungary Stuart Miller (UK) began a discussion relative to the offering our conferences on a biannual rather than annual basis. It was agreed to bring the pros and cons to the membership in this newsletter and provide an opportunity for members only to vote at the time of our spring elections. This is a constitution change and requires a 2/3 vote to change from annual meetings. The suggestion was made to vote at our next conference; however, it must be a mail ballot to make a constitutional change. We felt it needed to be determined before scheduling the 1997 or 98 Conference.

The following comments were offered (not in any order) relative to meetings held:

Favor Annual Meetings
1) Research findings are more current and useful to the teacher/coach for immediate application
2) Members choose to attend based on the program and location of the conference. This addresses the issue of a different constituency in alternate years.
3) Facilitates frequent informal interactions so important to research and application
4) Spirit of meeting with colleagues is supported through annual meeting and lost in biannual meetings
5) Yearly conferences gives local members a chance to solicit interest in their country i.e., only half as many meetings if biannual.
6) Since we are the only biomechanics group supporting sports application it is critical that ample opportunity be provided to exchange ideas.
7) Governance of the organizations lags between meetings unless officers and board can meet regularly.
8) Gives greater opportunity for more individuals to be involved in ISBS especially students

Favor Biannual Meetings
1) High cost of international travel can be planned for and met
2) Gives conference planners more time to organize and advertise
3) Conflicts with ISB could be resolved by either meeting alternate years or the same year, geographically closer to reduce travel costs
4) Easier to prepare papers for variety of organizations if the conflict in time and location is reduced
5) Gives better opportunity for obtaining and scheduling speakers or developing special focus sessions.
6) Perhaps reducing costs will encourage members to attend more often rather than attend when it is geographically close to them.
7) Funding for travel is very difficult to obtain when two meetings are in same summer on different continents.
8) Opportunity to develop longer term projects, utilizing internet communication between sessions.

The vote will be fairly soon. In order to have a vote be sure your membership dues have been paid to:

Dr. Cindy Tant, Sec'y General
University of West Florida
Dept. of Health, Leisure and Sports
11000 University Parkway
Pensacola, FL 32514 USA
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
International Society of Biomechanics in Sports  
Budapest, Siofok, Hungary  
July 6, 1994

Meeting was called to order 3:47, by President Lela June Stoner. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked the Board members to stand for recognition of their service to the Society.

Bill Morrison, Past President, was introduced and asked to discuss the Board positions up for election.

Positions for the Executive Council include:
- President Elect (1 yr.)-President-(2 yrs)-Past President-(1yr)
- VP Publication (2 yrs)
- VP Public Relations (2yrs)
- VP Research (2 yrs)

10 positions for Board of Directors (2 year commitments 94-96).

Forward nominations to:
Professor G. Wayne Marino  
Dept. of Kinesiology  
University of Windsor  
Windsor, Ontario, Canada N9B.3PU  
Fax 1-519-973-7056  
E-mail WMARINO@UWINDSOR.CA

Wayne will take nominations in writing while at the conference  
Ellen Kreighbaum has assumed the job of putting together the next slate of officer candidates for 95-97.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting in Amherst, MA in 1993 were presented by Cindy Tant, Secretary General. Minutes were approved with editorial changes with a motion by Barb Gowitzke and a second by Gary Moran.

Spiros Prassas, Treasurer, reported that we have 98 paid members and provided the following Treasurer's Report:

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Spiros will have an audit on the books and nominated June Terrands and Sen Sei Parl. to assist. Barb Gowitzke made the motion, with a second by David Waddell. John Osterello
and Bill Morrison performed the audit on the 94 books.

Renato Rodano, Vice-President for Conferences, introduced Tony Bauer and Moira McPherson as hosts for the 1995 conference in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada and João Abrantes as the host for the 1996 conference in Madiera, Funchal, Portugal. Each provided brief information about their conferences and will have information available in the exhibit area during the conference.

Larry Noble, Vice President for Research, provided information about the 94 World Gymnastic Championships in Brisbane. Letters of intent were sent to 160 people and asked to submit proposals; 12 projects were selected to submit modifications; 5-7 full proposals were selected for support; videotapes will be prepared in the proper format and coordinated with Bill Morrison.

T. Blaine Hoshisaki, Vice-President for Awards (not present) sent the Geoffrey Dyson Lecture Award which was presented to Dr. Peter Bruggeman.

David Waddell, Vice-President for Public Relations, had no report.

Jerry Wilkerson, Vice President for Publications (not present) produced 2 Newsletters during the year.

Aniko Barabas, conference host, informed the members that 200 participants from 22 countries were present and a new member from Argentina has joined. She also commented that the Hungarian Society of Biomechanics in Sports will be developed because of the interest at the conference.

Lela June Stoner, President, challenged members to assist with bringing new people into our organization to provide a stable base of members and dues. A brochure and ISBS letterhead are being developed to expose other professionals to the Society.

New business:

Stewart Miller (UK) began a discussion of offering the conference as a biannual event and we should research the costs of annual vs biannual conferences to compare between ISB and ISBS. Discussion began with

Lela June Stoner not in support, Joe Hamill and Renato Rodano in support. Barbara Gowitzke discussed the importance of ISBS for sport biomechanics; Lela June Stoner will provide information in the Newsletter with information to each side and then take a vote; Stuart Miller felt that the Newsletter option will take too much time; Haš Glos addressed the fact that the number of participants at the conferences has declined; Joe Hamill discussed the economics of an every year vs every other year; Ellen Kreighbaum acknowledged that every year members chose based on the program and where it is held; Julie Steele suggested waiting to vote at next year's conference; David Waddell noted that information presented every 2 years would not be significant for the coach and we should get National Coaches.
Associations involved; Leftaris Tsarouchas commented that countries where the conference is held will support the conference on a yearly basis; Rene Therin felt that the spirit of the meeting would be lost; Renato Rodano reinforced the need for the society to increase membership.

After a lengthy discussion Stuart Miller made a motion, Gary Moran provided the second to publish in the Newsletter the pros & cons of each proposed method and to mail a vote.

Discussion: David Waddell felt that a vote should not be taken in the newsletter but the pros and cons should be addressed.

President Lela June and Secretary-General Cindy Tant would put together the information for the Newsletter and submit it to the membership.

Motion passed: 24-For; 4-Against; 0-Abstain

Announcements:
Cindy Tant asked for E-Mail addresses from members, Aniko Banabas will provide the list from her conference.
The Executive Council will meet at 8:45 am on July 7, 1994 and the Board Meeting will follow at 9:00 am.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm with a motion by Barb Gowitzke and a second by Ellen Kreighbaum.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Tant
Secretary-General
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   Canada - P7B 5N3

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I.S.B.S. CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Location - University Theatre and Agora Centre

Monday, July 17 - Arrivals and registration

Tue. July 18
12:00 - 7:00PM - Registration - University Centre
5:00PM - Director's meeting - University Centre
8:00PM - Welcome social - T.B.A.

Wed. July 19
8:30AM - 12:00PM - Registration, Presentations and Posters
12:00PM - BarBQ Luncheon
1:30 - 5:30PM - Presentations and Posters
7:00 - 9:00PM - I.S.B.S. AGM
9:00PM - 12:00AM - Hospitality Room - I.S.B.S. Flashbacks

Thur. July 20
8:30AM - 12:00PM - Presentations and Posters
1:30 - 5:30PM - Tours and Recreation
Open Evening

Fri. July 21
8:30AM - 12:00PM - Presentations and Posters
1:30 - 5:00PM - Presentations and Tours
7:30PM - Awards Banquet, 1996 I.S.B.S. Preview

Sat. July 22
8:30AM - 12:00PM - Presentations
1:30 - 5:00PM - Presentations
5:30 - 8:00PM - I.S.B.S. Director's Meeting
8:30PM - Organized Dinner