

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

I am a professor of Kinesiology, Neurology, and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Michigan. I have been a concussion researcher and athletic trainer for more than 20 years and currently direct the Michigan Concussion Center. Across my career, I have consistently focused on addressing complex questions surrounding concussion identification, management, and outcomes in active individuals through more than 250 peer reviewed manuscripts.

I have participated in the Concussion in Sport Group (CISG) consensus process on three occasions (Zurich, Berlin, and Amsterdam), along with assisting with several systematic reviews, including co-leading the return to learn/sport review that informed our most recent consensus document. For the previous 9 months I have had the honor of serving on the CISG Board of Directors as a member at large. In addition, I chaired the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) concussion management position statement (2014) and the forthcoming NATA bridge statement (2024).

CANDIDACY STATEMENT

CISG VISION

I believe my training, 20 years as a clinician-researcher, and administrative experiences have prepared me well to serve as the Concussion in Sport Group (CISG) President-Elect. I have successfully grown my team from a small group of students to more than 150 University of Michigan faculty and clinicians that are individually committed to concussion research, clinical care, and community outreach and engagement. In addition, over the last 10 years, as a co-lead investigator on the NCAA-DoD funded Concussion Assessment, Research, and Education (CARE) Consortium, I directed the research efforts of nearly 350 individuals from 30 sites located coast-to-coast in the United States. Lessons learned from these and other leadership roles, which I would apply to this position include: 1) positive outcomes come from inclusive organizations; 2) effective communication improves efficiency and reduces misunderstanding; 3) developing strategic goals, with input from stakeholders, creates a unified vision for everyone; and 4) there must be clear opportunities for membership involvement.

This is a significant moment in CISG history; the CISG Board of Directors have published bylaws and, for the first time, are hosting elections. The newly elected Board has the opportunity to focus on increased communication and transparency – the cornerstone of scientific inquiry, organizational structure, and societal advances. These will be significant steps forward to improving our trust and reducing misunderstanding. We must also define our goals, codify our values, and set priorities to establish an organizational direction and purpose; clarify the process for the scientific reviews, consensus documents, other key organizational outputs; and garner membership input and increased communication from the Board.

As a global organization, a membership representing those we serve will be a key to our success. Many of our current members reside in the North American, European, and Australian continents. CISG has made important contributions and with additional inclusion of colleagues from South American, Asian, and African countries we will learn from their clinicians and researchers and better serve all athletes and active individuals. Inclusivity extends beyond geography to include all social and individual dimensions

of identity; along with a balanced membership of researchers and clinicians to continue producing work of the highest scientific quality and relevance to patients.

A more inclusive membership is more than growing our enrollment. We must bring our members into our processes and invest in our future leaders. Broader member involvement with our key outputs (e.g., systematic reviews, consensus documents, and tools) and organizational leadership will be one step toward developing our leaders of tomorrow. This pipeline is necessary to be innovative while maintaining productivity and growth.

I believe I possess significant clinical, research and administrative expertise, including extensive experience leading large-scale projects and a commitment to inclusion and collaboration. I advocate for a broad global representation in our membership, emphasize transparency, stress the importance of defined organizational goals, and promote leadership development for sustainable organizational growth, all while understanding the need for the highest level of scientific inquiry that is clinically applicable. I would be honored to serve as President-Elect of the CISG.