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**Nominated by Gangyan Si and seconded by Thomas Schack
for the position of the president**

Overview. ISSP is at an exciting juncture. Steps have been taken by Dr. SI to develop a new strategic plan. I worked closely with President Si to help lead this plan, including regional conferences, a Fellows status, and accreditation. Additionally, I led the (a) athlete mental health and (b) sport as a social mission position stands. I serve as co-editor for the International Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology, whilst presently co-editing the inaugural ISSP Encyclopaedia and a global dictionary.

Credentials. I was 2015 AASP President, having led 2300 members in strategic planning, on the creation of virtual conferences and international student conferences. I also led AASP's professional standards from 2010-2013 (certification, continuing education, ethics, and diversity). I work at Olympics and with professional athletes, whilst having published 120+ peer-reviewed publications and 20 edited textbooks.

Position. Our challenges include membership retention below 100 members after congresses, outsourcing of our congress to local organizing committees foregoing profitability, no opportunity for members to engage in necessary societal work, few women in leadership, no student representation, and limited outreach into (and with) developing countries. ISSP must now spark

think tanks on mental health, sport development, credentialing, technology, obesity and heart disease – all global concerns. Semi-annual virtual conferences are necessary as access points to further these global dialogs. From increased engagement and revenue, we must secure a management group to help meet our operational demands. ISSP is now ready to move beyond strategic thinking to strategic execution and membership mobilization.