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Thanks for your interest and/or involvement in the sport & exercise psychology area. We would like to update you on the recent official re-instatement of this area with the Canadian Psychological Association. Gerry and I will continue to be your interim chairs until the Interest Group re-establishes Section status with the corresponding election process as outlined in the CPA Section By-laws.

Thanks also for the questions and concerns brought forth. We would like to hear more about some of these items and we will be sending out specific questions in another email based on the issues raised.

These issues, and many other items will be discussed at the CPA conference in June 8-11, 2006. We hope you will be able to attend as this initial Interest Group meeting- scheduled on Saturday, June 10th at 8am- will be instrumental in shaping the direction of our proposed Section. At this meeting, we will also be fielding requests for conference presentations, workshops and keynote speakers for the 2007 CPA conference. Many of you have expressed interest in communicating your sport-related research at the CPA conference and are most likely aware that the Call for submissions usually occurs in the Fall of each year preceding the conference. With our established Group, we will be able to accept submissions related to sport & exercise/health psychology so this preliminary tally on conference interest will aid in planning for the next conference. Like other organizations, such as APA and AAASP, you will need to be a member of CPA & our section to present at the conference. Kinesiology members will most likely be allowed to join as Associate members- we will update you on how to do this if you would like to partake in the CPA conference.

We would also like to ask if there is anyone else interested in contributing to the Group's activities, to please let Gerry and I know. We will be following up individually with those who have expressed such interest. One of the key activities based on initial concerns from members, other than the 2007 conference preparations, is to develop satisfactory licensing requirements for Psychologists who wish to practice in the area of sport psychology. To this end, we are working to collaborate with the newly developed CSPA (sport psyc association) to ensure that our Psychologists meet the sport-specific requirements needed to practice in this area, while preserving the integrity of "psychology", titles, and psychology-based competencies required by our Colleges across Canada. We would like to hear your thoughts on this- as being one of the major issues brought forth.

If you have received this email in error or do not wish to be updated on the CPA group's activities, please email [torzeck@ucalgary.ca](mailto:torzeck@ucalgary.ca) and we will take you off this email list. Thanks again for your interest and we will be in touch soon.

Sincerely,

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