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President's Message

...Deborah L. Feltz,
President

Due to the events of September 11th, we wisely chose not to have an Academy meeting in 2001. However, the program that was planned was well conceived, -so well that we decided to keep it for next year at the same place. I want to thank Dan Landers and all the speakers for agreeing to keep the plans the same.

The Executive Committee did meet, however. We had a one-day meeting in early December in Chicago. As the minutes indicate, we accomplished a lot of Academy business. One of the major decisions that the Executive Committee made was to suspend, for one year, new nominations for the Hetherington Award and new fellows. There was general agreement by the Executive Committee that having two classes of new Fellows and two Hetherington Award recipients, each with remarks, would make for an unwieldy dinner and diminish the focus on those being honored. The Executive Committee recommended, however, that committee appointments stay as they are this year and that normal committee appointments take place next year.

Another major decision from the Executive Committee meeting was to recommend to the membership that the doctoral program evaluation project be institutionalized by creating a new standing committee for doctoral program evaluation. The recommendation is that evaluations occur every 4 years with results published in Quest. The idea of graduate program evaluation started with the Bob Singer's first presidential committee appointment back in the fall of 1995 and has continued through seven presidential committees to get to this point. The careful deliberation and study of the issues, criteria, and protocol took time, which I believe was necessary for such an important issue. I believe the Academy's role in doctoral program evaluation will have the desired intent of elevating and strengthening its identity. I have appointed a presidential committee to organize the details for standardizing the process for a doctoral evaluation committee. I have appointed Joe Hamill to chair this year's committee. This does not mean that we are discontinuing our goal of participation in the National Research Council rankings. Toward this goal, I have asked Scott Kretchmar to continue putting together supporting documentation to send to the National Research Council Studies Unit.

Advancing the progress of the doctoral program evaluation project has been one of my objectives this year as president. Another has been to continue our progress on increasing the visibility of the Academy. I have appointed a presidential committee with John Dunn as chairperson to continue this work. The Executive Committee discussed some ideas at our Chicago meeting (see the minutes of 12/8/01). During our discussions, we uncovered a

bylaw that few of us have followed and one that may help increase our visibility. Article XII, Sect.2, states, "Fellows shall be requested to place the initials F.A.A.K.P.E. following their names on publications or writings, where such usage is in good taste and will bring credit to the Academy." You, as members of the Academy, may have additional ideas, and we need to hear them.

Lastly, as the Executive Committee discussed the 75th anniversary of the Academy, a question arose as to whether to celebrate our 75th year since the Academy's founding, which was in 1930, or its 75th meeting. Given that meetings have not taken place every year since the Academy's founding, a celebration of its founding may be more appropriate. It would at least be easier to pinpoint. This would occur in 2005. The Executive Committee will discuss this further at the next meeting. I welcome your thoughts about how to celebrate this anniversary or other issues of the Academy.

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Past President's Message

...Gary S. Krahenbuhl

During the eleven years I served as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Arizona State University, I attended numerous events where I interacted with alumni and students. In conversations at such gatherings I would frequently ask, "what are your most memorable academic experiences as an undergraduate student at ASU"? Almost invariably, current and former students mentioned time spent with faculty outside the classroom. A common thread unifying the many experiences recalled is that the occasions featured a time of faculty and students working together in a period of "shared discovery." They were equals, together exploring an idea, contemplating a possibility, unraveling a mystery, structuring an argument, working through the logic of an experiment, or finding the most meaningful way to grasp a concept or capture a thought. These events seldom occurred in the passive setting of lecture classes; they came about in research settings in the lab and in the field, in clinics, workshops or internships, or during office hour discussions. These were instances of learning by doing-not listening-reaffirming the old proverb; "I hear and I forget; I see and I remember; I do and I understand."

Faculty members at research universities at times become preoccupied with research and graduate education, to the detriment of undergraduate learning. It is my view that every capable and motivated undergraduate student should have opportunities for active learning and shared discovery, opportunities that are best provided by active researchers committed to undergraduate education. The involvement of students in the generation and application of knowledge deeply enriches the sometimes impersonal process of transmitting knowledge and reminds us that, "the mind is a fire to be lighted, not a vessel to be filled."

Part of what draws people to the realm of ideas in our universities is a sense of wonder and a deep curiosity about our world. Participation in scientific exploration and discovery can be a powerful, life-changing undergraduate experience. As dean, I tried to encourage this process from both ends. A grant program was started to fund undergraduate student research (featuring a faculty mentor) and merit was differentially allocated to departments based, in part, on the quality of the learning and discovery opportunities they provided to undergraduate students.

The scope and depth of these enhanced learning opportunities are what distinguish the

undergraduate possibilities available at a research university from what is available at other educational institutions. Education at its best is more than the mere pursuit of credit hours and credentials. For the student seeking inspiration and involvement, for a student who wants to be challenged, the American research university with faculty committed to undergraduate education is the place to be.

Many, perhaps most of our Academy members are graduates of and/or faculty members at America's great research universities. As leaders in our field it is important to be role models as active researchers committed to excellence in undergraduate education. As an organization committed to learning, discovery and the application of knowledge through teaching and coaching, it is my hope that AAKPE will always take actions that reflect a commitment to professional lives that integrate learning and discovery and involve students in the process. It is difficult to imagine activities that would be more important to ensuring a bright future for our field.

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AAKPE Fall 2002 Conference Information

September 26-28, 2002 Tucson, Arizona

Message from the Conference Chairperson-Daniel Landers

The theme of this year's conference is "Preparing Future Faculty." This theme was recommended by the AAKPE executive committee because of its timeliness. There are currently many doctoral students who wish to obtain a faculty position in a Research I University upon graduation. They prepare themselves for such a position by emphasizing research, but then find that there are very few, if any, positions available in the area in which they have prepared themselves. Most of the jobs are not in Research I universities and these jobs have less emphasis on research and more on place more of a priority on other aspects of faculty work. Lacking a broader preparation, doctoral students often end up biding their time in a temporary position (e.g., post-doctoral researcher, teaching at high school or junior college level) until something becomes available at a Research I university. This situation is not unique to our field and is becoming the norm in many of the natural and behavioral sciences. Of course, there are some doctoral students who are not interested in performing faculty roles and responsibilities. They may be content with preparing themselves solely for careers in research outside of a university setting. However, for those who want a faculty position, an important part of their doctoral training would be to prepare themselves in ways that would enhance their chances of obtaining this position. It is these ways of preparing doctoral students that will be the primary focus of this year's academy meeting.

The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2002 with a keynote address by Jerry Thomas. His address, entitled "Preparing for faculty roles in discovery, learning, and engagement," will give an overview of the current and emerging issues that will impact those wishing to obtain faculty positions. The first session on Friday will address specific issues of doctoral training such as "the expanding set of faculty skills needed for success," (Karen DePauw), "the changing nature of mentoring PhD students and new faculty," (Jane Clark), and "the role of teaching in the preparation of future faculty" (Steve Silverman). This session will close with two young faculty members (Rafer Lutz & Linda Ransdell) giving their impressions on the value of participating in a formal "preparing future faculty program" as part of their doctoral training.

The second session on Friday afternoon will begin with a survey conducted by Deborah Feltz showing "the disconnect between student interest and future job availability." This will be followed by another survey by Marianne Woods and Grace Karp of job notices in the Chronicle of Higher Education that will serve as the basis for evaluating the "emerging and declining areas of specialization." This survey information will be addressed by two reactors: Shirl Hoffman, who will present the merits of a more general doctoral preparation, and Rick Sharp, who will describe a doctoral program that attempts to have students

specialize in a research area, but also be able to teach in more than one area of concentration. This session will conclude with Philip Martin presenting on "recent trends in interdisciplinary/integrative research."

The final session on Saturday morning will begin with a presentation by Richard Cherwitz and Thomas Darwin. They will describe the expansive series of courses and experiences they offer at the University of Texas-Austin to better prepare doctoral students for faculty positions. For doctoral students not seeking faculty positions, Maria Allison will tell us about a University program that is designed to prepare future professionals. Innovative ideas that exist in other countries for preparing graduate students for faculty positions will be addressed by Glyn Roberts (Norway), Benno Nigg (Canada), Bruce Elliott (Australia), and Efthimis Kioumourtoglou (Greece). This session will conclude with an open forum moderated by Bob Christina.

In addition to exciting academic program, we will continue the tradition of having free time after lunch on Friday and Saturday for people to recreate. We will also be honoring new and international fellows on Thursday night at 9:00 p.m. and, of course, the academy banquet will close the meeting on Saturday night. As for the weather in Tucson at this time of year, just anticipate "another boring day in paradise." Please plan to come and participate in a program that promises to deliver interesting ideas on a topic of concern to all academically-minded people.

Tentative Conference Agenda based upon last years agenda and subject to change

Thursday, September 26

2:00-5:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	---
5:30 - 7:00 pm	Registration	---
7:00 pm	Welcoming Comments	Gary Krahenbuhl, President
7:15 pm	Introduction of Conference Theme: "Preparing Future Faculty"	Daniel Landers Arizona State Univ.
7:30 pm	Keynote Address: Preparing for Faculty Roles in Discovery, Learning, and Engagement	Jerry Thomas Chair, Health & Human Performance, Iowa State
8:30 pm	Questions and Discussion	---
9:00 pm	Reception Honoring New and International Fellows	---

Friday, September 27

Session I (Breakfast Meeting)

6:30 am	Continental Breakfast	---
7:00 am	The Expanding Set of Faculty Skills Needed for Success	Karen DePauw Dean, Graduate School Washington State University
7:30 am	The Changing Nature of Mentoring PhD Students & New Faculty	Jane Clark Chair, Kinesiology University of Maryland

8:00 am	The Role of Teaching in the Preparation of Future Faculty	Steve Silverman Teachers' College Columbia University
8:30-9:00	What Students Have Learned From Preparing Future Faculty Programs	Rafer Lutz, Baylor University Linda Ransdell, Univ. of Utah
9:00 - 9:25	Questions and Discussion	---
9:25 - 9:45	Break	---

Session II

9:45-10:15	The Disconnect Between Student Interest and Future Job Availability	Deborah Feltz Chair, Kinesiology Michigan State University
10:15-10:45	Emerging and Declining Areas of Specialization	Marianne Woods & Grace Karp, Division of HPERD, University of Idaho
10:45-11:00	Reactors: Future Demand for PhDs "Generalist" Perspective	Shirl Hoffman, Health & Human Performance, UNC-Greensboro
11:00-11:15	"Mixture" Perspective	Rick Sharp, Graduate Coordinator, Health & Human Performance, Iowa State University
11:15-11:45	Trends in Interdisciplinary/ Integrative Research	Philip Martin Chair, Exercise Science & Physical Education Arizona State University
11:45-12:15	Questions and Discussion	---
12:15-1:15	Lunch	---
1:15 pm	On Your Own	---

Saturday, September 28

Session III

7:00 am	Executive Committee Breakfast with New Fellows and Emeritus Fellows	---
8:00-8:30 am	Developing a Vision and Taking Risks as a Doctoral Student	Richard Cherwitz, Director & Assoc. Dean, & Thomas Darwin Coord. IE Program, Graduate School, Univ. of Texas, Austin
8:30-9:00 am	Preparing Future Professionals	Maria Allison, Associate Dean, & Robin Lattin, Program Coordinator, Graduate College, Arizona State Univ.
9:00 - 9:20	Characteristics of Programs in Other Countries Norway PFF	Glyn Roberts
9:20 - 9:40	Canada PFF	Benno Nigg
9:40-10:00	Break	

10:00-10:20 10:20-10:40	Australia PFF Greece PFF	Bruce Elliott Efthimis Kioumourtzoglou
10:40-11:00 am	Question and Discussion	---
11:00 am	Open Forum	Moderator: Robert Christina, Dean, School of Health and Human Performance, UNC-Greensboro
11:30 am	Update on Graduate Program Evaluation	Deborah Feltz Chair, Kinesiology Michigan State University
12:00-3:00	Lunch and Business Meeting	---
3:00 pm	Recreation New Executive Committee Meeting	---
7:00 pm	Reception	---
7:45 pm	Academy Banquet and Program	Master of Ceremonies

Conference Registration, Lodging, Flight, and Other Planning Information

Start Making Your Plans for the 2002 Annual Meeting

Kim Scott

WESTWARD LOOK RESORT

TUCSON, ARIZONA

September 26-28, 2002

Meeting Location

The site for the 2002 annual meeting is the Westward Look Resort in Tucson, Arizona. The resort is an 80-acre Sonoran Desert oasis nestled in the foothills of Tucson's Santa Catalina Mountains. The resort features:

[suite-size accommodations](#),

[award-winning dining](#),

[championship recreation](#), and

[luxurious health spa](#).

For details on activities and restaurants, you can check out the resort's Website at www.westwardlook.com.

A packet of registration materials will be mailed to you the first week of July and the AAKPE website will post an on-line registration form on that same day. More information is provided below to help you begin making your arrangements for the trip.

Room Reservations

A rate of \$129.00 per night (single or double occupancy) has been negotiated with the resort. You may choose a king bed or a double bed at this rate. All the rooms are suite-sized with a private balcony or patio. Rooms include the following amenities: iron, ironing board, bathrobe, coffee maker, mini bar. This rate is available to you for the dates September 23-October 1, 2002.

You may make your room reservation by calling toll free (1-800-722-2500) or emailing the resort at reservations@westwardlook.com. You **must** identify yourself as part of the AAKPE group in order to receive the discounted room rate. As always, you will be required to give a credit card number at the time you make your reservation. All reservations **must** be made by August 31st. We have made sure that there are plenty of "non-smoking" rooms for our entire group this year.

Cancellations or changes may be made to your room reservation up to 7 days prior to arrival without penalty. An early departure fee of 50% of the room rate will apply to all changes made within 7 days of arrival. Reservations that are cancelled within 7 days will be charged one night room and tax.

Airline Travel

You may fly into either Tucson International Airport or Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. The Tucson airport is approximately 40-45 minutes from the resort. The Phoenix airport is approximately 90 minutes from the resort. (Note: the program begins with registration at 5:30 pm on Thursday, September 20th. If you are on the Executive Committee, the first meeting begins at 2:00 pm on Thursday.)

Ground Transportation*

From Tucson: The Arizona Stagecoach will transport you from the airport directly to the Westward Look Resort. The trip will take approximately 40 minutes. The cost is \$24 one-way or \$41 round trip. Reservations must be made in advance. You may use their website (Arizonastagecoach.com) or call directly (520-889-1000). The shuttle operates 24 hours a day and once you reach their counter in the airport, you will be on your way within 15 minutes. If you have 2-4 people traveling with you, you might want to consider taking the Adobe sedan service. The cost for 1-4 people is \$38.00 one way and you can divide this fee among the people in your group.

From Phoenix: The Arizona Shuttle will transport you from Phoenix Sky Harbor airport to the Circle K (a convenience store located on Ina Road) which is very close to the Westward Look Resort. The trip will take approximately 2 hours. The cost is \$24 one way or \$43 round trip. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance by calling 520-795-6771. The shuttle operates from 6:30 am until 11:30 pm. Shuttles leave every hour on the half-hour.

You'll need to take a cab from the Circle K to the Westward Look (6-7 miles). The driver will call dispatch and have a cab waiting for you or you may call a cab yourself. A sedan service recommended by the Westward Look resort is Adobe (520-742-0632). They charge a flat fee of \$12.00 to take you to the Westward Look. The rate for a taxi would be

\$13.50.

Rental Car: If you are going to rent a car and want to share your car with others who might have similar travel arrangements, the AAKPE website will offer a rider board where you can post your information for others to contact you directly.

*The business office will not be making transportation arrangements this year.

Activities

There are numerous golf courses within minutes of the resort. We've reserved tee times at the Golf Club at Vistoso for the Friday afternoon 4-person scramble. Further information will be available on our website and in the packet mailed in July.

Activities you can enjoy at the resort include swimming in one of 3 heated pools, relaxing in one of 3 jacuzzis, playing a challenging match of tennis on one of 8 lighted courts, or challenging yourself to a rugged outdoor hike in the nearby Catalina Mountains. Other activities include horseback adventures, nature walks, biking, or a visit to the wellness center and spa.

For activities off-site, you can access the Tucson Convention and Visitors Bureau website at www.visittucson.org.

Friday Night Activity

For those interested in getting together with other AAKPE members on Friday night, we've reserved space at a local Mexican restaurant called Macayo's Mexican Kitchen for dinner/drinks on Friday night. This is a very informal gathering to give you the opportunity to visit with other AAKPE members and guests. You'll be responsible for paying for your/and your guest's food and drink as the cost is not figured into the registration fee. Macayo's is a local family-run restaurant located minutes from the Westward Look and recommended by the locals as "the" Mexican restaurant in the area. If you want to check out their menu ahead of time, go to www.macayo.com.

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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 25, 2001
Conference Call

Present: B. Berger, D. Feltz, G. Krahenbuhl, J. Martens,, K. Scott, S. Silverman
Absent: J. Dunn, P. Freedson, R. Magill, T. White

1. President D. Feltz called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. EDT

2. Background on Executive Committee Transition

President Feltz asked Past-President Krahenbuhl to report on their recent conversation about transition issues since the meeting in Tucson was canceled. Past-President Krahenbuhl reported that they had agreed that D. Feltz would chair the conference call. G. Krahenbuhl will send out a letter with his comments to the membership. D. Feltz will organize next year's activities and meeting and will also send a letter to the membership indicating her plans. The conference call was set to determine other issues and conduct Academy business. It may be necessary for a face-to-face meeting of the Executive Committee to work other things out.

Past-President Krahenbuhl reported that it was a difficult decision to cancel the meeting. Most other organizations did a similar thing. Conference call participants supported his decision and appreciated the method in which he solicited input and informed everyone about the discussion.

Since there was no meeting, the presidential gavel was passed (electronically) from G. Krahenbuhl to D. Feltz.

3. Meeting Registration Fee Refunds

President Feltz noted there were three options for individuals to decide what to do with their registration fees: (a) receive refund; (b) donate to AAKPE; and (c) donate to another organization to assist those who were effected by the September 11th acts. Based on the e-mail discussions of those registered for the meeting K. Scott reported that eight people had indicated they wanted their fees donated to the AAKPE, eight wanted them donated to an organization to help those affected by the attacks, and two indicated they did not want a refund but did not care where the money went. After discussion, the Executive Committee decided to send out a note to everyone and ask what they want done with their registration fees and provide the three options above. It will be made clear that there is no obligation or expectation that the fees be donated. It was agreed that for those who wanted their fees donated to another organization all contributions would go to one organization and that S. Silverman would send a recommendation. (Since the meeting it was recommended that the donations go to the September 11th Fund created by the New York Community Trust and the United Way of New York City, www.september11fund.org.) The AAKPE will absorb all service fees for refunds. Letters indicating donations will be sent to those making donations.

4. New (2001) Fellows

An extensive discussion occurred about the status of Fellows who were to be inducted at the 2001 meeting. It was decided that the induction of new fellows from the Class of 2001 will occur at next year's meeting. Membership numbers will be assigned following the normal procedure, applied to those who are present for induction at next year's meeting. (Those who cannot be present will be required to seek the normal approval of the Board for a deferral.) Members of the Class of 2001 will be free to indicate on their resumes that they have been selected for Fellowship, but not admitted to Fellowship (since attendance at the meeting and induction at the Banquet are requirements for Fellowship). New Fellows in the Class of 2001 will not pay membership dues this year and will have their registration fees waived for next year's meeting. (The 2001 - 2002 Membership Committee will review nomination materials and screen candidates for Fellowship in the Class of 2002 in the normal way. Membership numbers for the Class of 2002 will fall below those from the Class of 2001, even though they will be inducted at the same meeting.)

5. 2002 Meeting

A discussion occurred about where to hold next year's meeting and the program for the meeting. Background was provided on program organization and it was noted that in 1999 and in previous years the president-elect planned the program. A transition has been taking place so that the past-president will be responsible for program planning and for the last two years Bill Morgan and Dan Landers volunteered to organize the program. A variety of options were discussed for the program (i.e., not using anything from this year's program, not using the same program next year but having the papers published in Quest, and use the same program with modifications). Since a great deal of work went into organizing the program and preparing for presentations and there seemed to be good interest by the membership, it was decided to use the program planned for this year as next year's program with necessary modifications. This decision will have an impact on Quest since the paper will not appear in an issue this year. J. Martens will follow-up with Quest.

A discussion occurred about the Vendien Fund to bring international scholars to present at the meeting. A consensus was reached to do a better job at integrating this into the program. In accordance with Professor Vendien's donation, there is \$2000. to bring an individual to each meeting.

The meeting location was then discussed. Westward Look Resort, where the 2001 meeting was to be held, did not hold the AAKPE liable for any cancellation fees and worked very cooperatively with our business office to cancel the meeting. They will honor this year's rates if we decide to return next year. It was decided to have next year's meeting at the Westward Look Resort in Tucson, AZ on September 26 -29, 2002.

6. Nomination Form for Officers

A nomination form for new officers beginning terms at the 2002 meeting (president-elect, secretary/treasurer, member-at-large) was to be handed out at the 2001 meeting. President Feltz will include information about nominations in her letter to the membership. In addition, it will be posted on the web, the members will be reminded about nominations, and the Executive Committee also will forward suggestions to President-Elect Magill, chair of the Nominations Committee.

7. Business Materials

Committee and officer reports that normally are distributed at the business meeting

will be posted on the website and hard copies will be sent to those who have indicated they do not have web access.

8. Awards

Past-President Krahenbuhl noted that Larry Locke is the 2001 recipient of the Hetherington Award. After discussion, it was decided that if the Awards Committee determines, both the 2001 and 2002 Hetherington Award will be presented at next year's meeting.

Past-President Krahenbuhl reported that he had ruled one nominee for the Hetherington Award was ineligible for nomination last year since the person was not yet officially retired. The Operating Code was ambiguous as to whether the person had to announce his or her retirement or be officially retired to be considered. G. Krahenbuhl moved and B. Berger seconded that the Operating Code be changed from "Any Academy Fellow (Active or Emeritus) who has retired from his/her professional position is eligible for this award" to "Any Academy Fellow (Active or Emeritus) who is retired at the time of the nomination from his/her professional position is eligible for this award." The motion carried unanimously.

Past officer awards were then discussed. It was decided to present these awards at next year's meeting to thank those who had served the Academy.

9. Letters to Membership

President Feltz noted that much of this agenda item had been dealt with earlier. Past-President Krahenbuhl and President Feltz will send letters to the membership by U.S. mail. The letters will come together. In addition, Past-President Krahenbuhl will send another letter to those new Fellows who were to be inducted this year and to Larry Locke, the Hetherington Award recipient, to inform them of the Executive Committee's actions.

10. Membership Committee Report

The Executive Committee reviewed the report of the Membership Committee that recommended that new Fellow nominations include full contact information and signatures for all sponsors. When asked why the recommendation was being made, Past-President Krahenbuhl reported that one person had not been contacted prior to being listed as a co-sponsor of the nomination. The recommendation was discussed and it was noted that this would greatly increase the time required to prepare a nomination if all signatures were required and that faxing would create a cover page that would be difficult to duplicate and distribute to Active Fellows for voting. A variety of options were discussed, including e-mail confirmation for sponsors, sending a letter indicating their approval, and confirmation by the Academy before final balloting. In order to keep the process simple and to not deter people from sending nominations, it was decided to have the business office verify all co-sponsors during the time the Membership Committee is deliberating on the membership ballot.

11. Membership Costs

J. Martens reviewed the membership report and the costs associated with each kind of membership. It was noted that there was a slight overcharge by HK to AAKPE (\$285.90) for Quest last year. The Executive Committee approved that HK would hold the money in balance against the coming year's charges. Because of changes in postal costs the Academy is losing money on International Fellow (both surface and air postage requests) membership fees and this loss will increase with changes in postal rates. President Feltz suggested this be addressed at the Board meeting to be held in

December and that, in accordance with our by-laws, a recommendation be made so the membership can vote at our next business meeting. It was decided that the academy would absorb all losses until that time.

12. Stewardship Committee Report

Past-President Krahenbuhl presented the report of the Stewardship Committee chaired by Bob Christina and noted that if we adopted the report we would need to make changes in the Operating Code. An extensive discussion took place about the report and the listing of names in various donor amount categories. The report was accepted with the modification that donors to the Academy would be listed in the next Newsletter if they gave their permission, but they would not be listed by categories. For larger gifts (over \$1000.00), if the person agrees, the amount will be recognized in the Newsletter. (After the meeting Past-President Krahenbuhl prepared the information needed for changes in the Operating Code.)

13. Website

A discussion occurred about the website. Everyone agreed that it needed to be cleaned up and it could be made easier to find materials. It was decided that all Executive Committee members should review and send comments to J. Martens by November 1st and she will have Human Kinetics web people suggest ways to improving the website.

14. Newsletter

The composition of the Newsletter was discussed. The last issue was supplied in a number of formats by editor M. Sherman and the HTML version posted on the web. J. Martens reported that in the past Human Kinetics turned the text into HTML and did composition. It was suggested that the HK involvement continue to make the editor's job easier and take advantage of the expertise of Human Kinetics. J. Martens will come up with a list of required items for each issue of the Newsletter and run it by the Executive Committee, editor M. Sherman, and past-editor A. Stull.

15. Dues Follow-up

S. Silverman reported that two reminders were sent to those Fellows who were delinquent in sending their dues and that 115 Active Fellows, 60 Emeritus Fellows, and 51 International Fellows were current. Of the Active Fellows, two had not paid their dues for two years. Past-President Krahenbuhl noted that he had contacted four Active Fellows whose membership had expired since they had not paid their dues for three years. He indicated that they elected not to pay their dues and that it was not an act of omission. A discussion took place about how to categorize these individuals since they had not resigned their membership, and while inactive and stricken from the roll, might restrict the number of new Fellows that we could elect. Past-President Krahenbuhl will follow-up with each of the four individuals and ask whether they wish to resign. President Feltz indicated that there is a box on the membership form indicating that a Fellow does not wish further contact but this was designed for Emeritus Fellows. President Feltz indicated that this should be discussed further at the next Executive Committee meeting.

16. Meeting of Executive Committee

Due to the late hour and the need for B. Berger to go to another meeting, a possible meeting of the Executive Committee was discussed. It was determined that because two Executive Committee meetings and the business meeting did not occur this year that a meeting of the Executive Committee was needed to conduct Academy business. Since everyone on the phone could attend, it was decided to meet December 7th and 8th in Chicago. R. Magill and J. Dunn will be contacted to see if these dates work for

them.

B. Berger thanked the group and then left the meeting to attend another previously scheduled meeting.

17. Changes to By-Laws

The status of the proposed changes to the By-Laws to take advantage of electronic and other methods of communication was discussed. It was noted that the Documents of Governance Committee had made recommendation and that these needed to be distributed to the membership and voted on at our next meeting. S. Silverman will contact J. Morrow to find out what has been done and will follow-up so this can be voted on at the next meeting.

18. Update on Graduate Program Evaluation

President Feltz, in her capacity as chair of Graduate Program Evaluation Committee, reported that last January then-President Krahenbuhl sent a letter to 55 institutions offering a doctorate in kinesiology, physical education, or a related field inviting them to participate in the AAKPE doctoral evaluation. Thirty-eight programs accepted the invitation and the chairpersons of 26 departments submitted completed surveys. This represents 47% of the total institutions initially contacted.

The written report was discussed at length. Since institutions were promised they would receive their own results, a report will be sent to each institution that participated without other institutions identified. It was noted that unless a majority of the institutions and the membership of the Academy approved we had promised not to identify institutions. President Feltz noted that the intention was to do this survey every four years and this should be on the agenda for the next meeting of our membership.

19. New Business

President Feltz indicated that she would send recommendations for committee membership to the Executive Committee.

Past-President Krahenbuhl said since he did not have the opportunity to do so publicly at our meeting he wanted to extend an enthusiastic and special thank you to J. Martens and K. Scott for all the work they do to make the AAKPE run. This thank you was strongly endorsed by the other members of the Executive Committee!

The Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m. EDT

Respectfully submitted.
Stephen Silverman
Secretary-Treasurer

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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, December 8, 2001
Des Plaines, IL

Present: B. Berger, J. Dunn, D. Feltz, R. Magill, J. Martens, K. Scott, S. Silverman
Absent: G. Krahenbuhl

- 1. President D. Feltz called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m. CDT**
- 2. Discussion of the agenda and approval of the minutes of Conference Call on September 25th**
After a short discussion of the order of items on the agenda, it was moved by J. Dunn and seconded by B. Berger that the minutes of the September 25th conference call be approved. They were approved unanimously.
- 3. Membership Costs**
J. Martens presented the dues structure and reported that postage rates have gone up and are about to go up again and that expenses for Quest have increased slightly. While this increase has occurred across all membership categories, it is a particular problem for the coming year since International Fellow dues will not cover expenses. When surface mail is used for International Fellows dues are short of expenses by \$3.82 and when airmail is used by \$7.82. After a lengthy discussion two motions were presented (moved by J. Dunn and seconded by B. Berger): (1) The Executive Committee recommends that the membership vote to increase the dues to \$57.00 for International Fellow receiving mailings and Quest by airmail and to \$37.00 for those receiving mailings and Quest by surface mail; (2) The Executive Committee recommends the membership approve a change in the bylaws so that dues can be adjusted by the Executive Committee based on increases related to journal costs and mailings only. Article XI, Section 2 of the bylaws would, if approved, read "The base amount of annual dues for Active Fellows and Inactive Fellows, as well as the annual fees for International Fellows shall be established by the Executive Committee and approved by the Active Fellows at the annual business meeting. On the recommendation of the Secretary/Treasurer the portion of dues related to journal expenses and mailing may be increased by a vote of the Executive Committee. Dues shall be payable within the thirty (30) days after notification by the Business Office or Secretary-Treasurer." After additional discussion both motions carried unanimously.
- 4. Membership Issue**
J. Martens brought up the case of an International Fellow who had moved to the United States. Packianathan Chelladurai was an Inactive International Fellow since the AAKPE lost him from the database of Fellows and did not send information. He contacted the business office and asked about reinstating his membership since he is now in the United States. The bylaws permit International Fellows to become Active Fellows if they become employed in the United States. During discussion it was noted that it was our fault that he was inactive and the sense was that it would not be appropriate to request back dues. President-elect Magill moved and J. Dunn seconded

that Packianathan Chelladurai's membership be converted from International Fellow to Active Fellow and that he be given a Fellow number at the end of the class that will be inducted at the next meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. By-Laws Changes

S. Silverman reported that he and J. Morrow had discussed the bylaws changes recommended by the Committee on Documents of Governance and that changes previously approved by the Executive Committee were ready to go to the membership for a vote. S. Silverman suggested one other minor change so it is clear that any form of electronic communication could be used with the membership not just the Newsletter. Everyone agrees this was an appropriate change. S. Silverman moved and President-elect Magill seconded that Article XIII, Section 1 and Article XIV, Section I shall now be presented to the membership for approval with the phrase "This can be through direct mailing or through electronic means." The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Doctoral Program Evaluation

President Feltz, the previous chair of the Doctoral Program Evaluation Committee, stated that for this year she has appointed a presidential committee to continue the work of last year's committee. She sent a letter to the 26 institutions that participated in the first national survey to ask if they want their identify or data revealed to the other participants. She noted that at the Big 10 CIC department chairs meeting data were shared among the institutions. It was noted that those institutions participating in the U.S. News and World Report surveys automatically agree to have their data published but also can correct data from the previous year but not change rankings. It also was noted that this project could help increase the AAKPE's visibility. J. Dunn suggested publishing the results. President Feltz recommended the project be institutionalized by creating a standing committee with a budget. After an extensive discussion about the results, President Feltz stated that she would get back to all participants that, as agreed earlier, the data will not be released until the membership votes to do so. After further discussion, President-elect Magill moved and J. Dunn seconded that the Executive Committee recommend to the membership that: (1) the evaluations would be completed every 4 years with 4 years of data; (2) the bylaws be changed to include a standing committee on doctoral program evaluation; (3) we include a budget for the committee to pay for various expenses; (4) the results of the evaluations be published, for example in Quest; and (5) we include in the letter of request for institutions to participate that an agreement to participate means that data will be published with the institution identified. After additional discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

7. Visibility of AAKPE

The Executive Committee discussed the visibility of the AAKPE. President Feltz noted that she has appointed a presidential committee to address this issue. The committee is chaired by J. Dunn. A number of ways of increasing the visibility of the AAKPE were discussed. Among these were reestablishing our relationship as a sponsor of the McKenzie Lecture at AAHPERD, have a booth to promote the work of the AAKPE at appropriate meetings like ACSM and AAHPERD, commission a medal so Fellows could wear it with their commencement regalia, publish the names of new Fellows in Quest, have the Hetherington Award winner publish her or his reflections in Quest, produce news releases when new Fellows are inducted, distribute brochures at appropriate venues, publish results of the doctoral program evaluation, and have Fellows use "FAAKPE" after their name as recommended in the bylaws to promote their affiliation with the AAKPE. A wide ranging discussion took place about the

history of our "divorce" from AAHPERD, the topics of our meetings, and the establishment of our meeting time. J. Martens noted in the recent survey completed on meeting preferences the time at which we have been meeting was the most preferred. The Executive Committee referred the discussion items to the presidential committee and reaffirmed the timing of the meetings.

8. Update of Next Annual Meeting

Decisions that were made on the September 25th conference call about the Hetherington Award and selection of new Fellows were readdressed. Much of the discussion focused on the impact having two Hetherington Award winners and two classes of new Fellows would have on the annual dinner. There was general agreement that we may have acted too quickly on the conference call in deciding to have the Awards Committee solicit nominations for the Hetherington Award and the Membership Committee for new Fellows. There was further agreement that having two classes of new Fellows and two Hetherington Award recipients, each with remarks, would make for an unwieldy dinner and diminish the focus on those being honored. J. Dunn moved and President-elect Magill seconded that there not be a Hetherington Award selection this year. The motion carried unanimously. The discussion continued on the selection of new Fellows. J. Dunn moved and President-elect Magill seconded that we not entertain new fellow nominations during this year. This motion also was passed unanimously. President Feltz indicated she would alert the chair of both the Awards Committee and the Membership Committee. In addition, she suggested that committee appointments stay as they are and that normal committee appointments take place next year. The Executive Committee agreed this was appropriate.

9. Vendien Award

J. Martens reported that the Executive Committee had previously voted to use the money from the Vendien bequest to establish the Vendien Lecture at the annual meeting in response to Professor Vendien's instructions that the money was to be used to have an International Fellow participate in the annual meeting. The Executive Committee had decided that the person doing the lecture would be given a \$500 honorarium, a plaque, and have their expenses paid to the meeting. Since the endowment does not generate income to cover expenses related to an honorarium and travel, particularly for overseas participants, there was discussion about whether this was prudent. Further discussion focused on how the award recipient would be selected and would fit into the meeting program. It was decided that selection of the Vendien Award recipient would be added to the duties of the past-president in the Operating Code. In addition, at the next meeting the Executive Committee will discuss an addition to the Operating Code for the Vendien Award that focuses on defraying costs for the speaker.

10. Directory of Specialists

President Feltz presented a short overview of the Directory of Specialists. There was discussion on the best ways to update the directory. President Feltz will call Roberta Rikli to see if she would like to continue as the chair of the directory and will consider ways to add new people and update old information.

11. Website

A discussion took place as a follow-up to the conference call on September 25th about the website. J. Martens presented some ideas on how to enhance the website. President Feltz noted that although the maintenance of the website currently was a duty of the senior member-at-large, that having previously served in that capacity and now as

president it would make much more sense for this to become the president's responsibility. President Feltz requested that the Executive Committee provide her with feedback on J. Martens ideas by January 5, 2002 so we can refine the website.

12. Requests for Academy Mailing Lists/E-Mail Lists

There have been requests for mailing and e-mail lists of AAKPE members so that announcements can be sent to Fellows. After a short discussion it was agreed not to provide this information, which already is available to Fellows in the AAKPE directory on the website.

13. Newsletter

President Feltz reminded everyone about M. Sherman's e-mail requesting items for the Newsletter. A short discussion about the Newsletter followed.

14. Approval of Membership Form

The membership renewal form was discussed so that dues statements can be sent next month. Much of the discussion focused on Inactive Fellows, those Fellows who have not paid dues. The effort by Past-President Krahenbuhl and Secretary/Treasurer Silverman to follow-up with those who were behind in paying their dues was successful. There is one Inactive (formerly Active) Fellow who is more than three years behind in paying dues who did not respond to calls and correspondence from Past-President Krahenbuhl while he was still president. This is a problem since the Inactive Fellow must resign in writing and if that is not received the Fellow counts against the total number of Fellows and necessitates action by the officers. President Feltz said she would continue the practice of contacting any Fellows who were three years behind in their dues payments, prior to us stopping all correspondence with the person. In addition, the Executive Committee changed one part of the membership form to now read "As an emeritus member, I no longer wish to be contacted by the Academy."

15. New Historian

President Feltz announced that Scott Kretchmar had agreed to become the new Academy Historian. President Feltz noted how pleased she was and that Professor Kretchmar would serve as the Historian of record and that a doctoral student at Penn State who was interested in the history of the Academy would look at the archives.

16. Operating Code

President-elect Magill noted that the Operating Code was in conflict for the member-at-large and the Nominations Committee. It was decided to change the President's Operating Code duties to include the website.

President Feltz thanked everyone for participating in the meeting. J. Dunn moved and President-elect Magill seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m. CDT

Respectfully submitted.
Stephen Silverman
Secretary-Treasurer

Committee on Memorials

Please notify Janet Harris (jharris2@calstatela.edu; ph 323/343-4653), Chair of the Committee on Memorials, if you learn that an AAKPE Fellow has passed away. I will make arrangements for a member of the Committee or another AAKPE Fellow to write a statement of remembrance which he/she will read at the Annual Meeting next Fall in Tucson. Thank you in advance for helping to keep us all informed.

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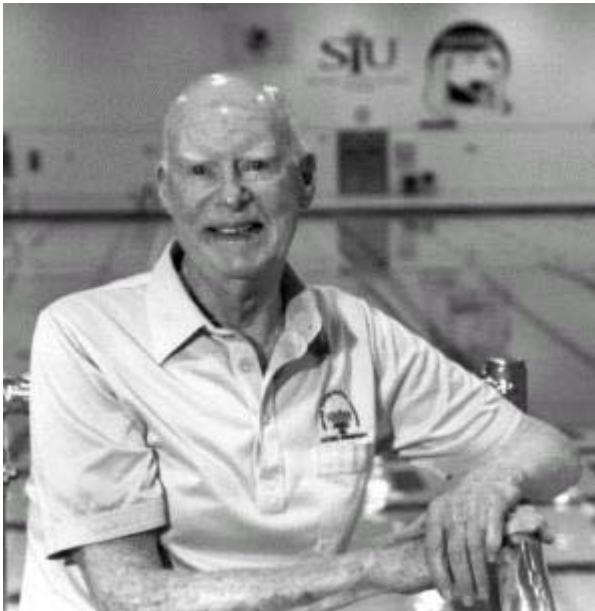
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News from Members

Please submit news and information to Mike Sherman at sherman.4@osu.edu that can be included in the next newsletter.

Dr. Edward J. Shea Natatorium



On Sunday, September 15, 2001, Southern Illinois University Carbondale's recreation center was dedicated as the Dr. Edward J. Shea Natatorium. Shea captured swimming honors on five continents. He was the chairperson of the physical education department for men for 27 y and chaired the joint men and women's department for four years before retiring in 1985. He holds 59 world and national backstroke records in United States Masters, National YMCA and National Senior Olympics and nine world titles. He has been a member of the All-American Masters United States Swimming Team for 17 consecutive years beginning in 1985. He has written four books and 46 articles and in 1987 was presented with the American Academy of

Kinesiology and Physical Education's Clark W. Hetherington Award for significant service to the academy and to the profession. Contact Southern Illinois University @ Carbondale public affairs office for additional information (siucnews@siu.edu).

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Addendum

The tragic events of September 11, 2001 caused much discussion and debate about holding the meeting later that month. While there was general consensus that the events did not alter our willingness to gather for the meeting, it was clear that the ability to gather would be altered by the availability of transportation and being responsive to the wishes of some loved ones to remain close-by. President Krahenbuhl and the executive committee along with the Human Kinetics staff had several discussions about the meeting. President Krahenbuhl also secured input from the membership about the desirability to meet.

Considering all of this input, President Krahenbuhl made the difficult decision to not hold the meeting. As one can see from the letter that he sent to the membership, this decision was formidable. The response in support of his decision was also formidable as represented by a



synthesis of the comments he received that are included below. The cooperation of the Westward Look Hotel and of the airlines to accommodate cancelling the meeting should be acknowledged. In addition, the academy membership responded with donating a large portion of the conference registration fee and the fees for the extracurricular activities to either the Academy or to the "Victims of September 11 Relief Fund."

This information is added to this newsletter to document the significance of this decision to the Academy and to provide a context for the Academy membership's support of this nation and their sympathy for those lost and to their survivors and for strength for the injured.

Letter from President Krahenbuhl to the membership about canceling the meeting

Dear Academy Members, Program Participants and New Fellow Inductees,

The 2001 Academy meeting scheduled to be held in Tucson September 20 - 22, has been

cancelled. With over 55% of those originally planning to attend responding, an overwhelming majority (2/3) believe we should not hold the meeting this year. So you can better understand the views of our members, I will (in later email) send you examples of the many thoughtful opinions expressed for and against holding the meeting. The hotel has agreed to refund all room deposits and will hold the Academy harmless for other contracted charges. Airline policies differ, but a statement from the airlines serving Tucson indicates that they are allowing tickets to be re-issued or cancelled without penalty on all travel due to depart through 25 September.

It will take a bit of time, but the Academy will refund your registration fees. I will ask the Board to have the Academy cover the credit card transaction service fees that have been charged. I have not been able to reach Dan Landers, but I am hoping that we can defer the program and offer it next year. The topic will be no less timely and I would like to see the participants given a chance to present their work. The Board will convene by conference call as soon as possible to discuss how to handle the transition of office holders, the induction of new Fellows, and a host of other questions.

To ensure that all members are notified, please by email reply to Kim Scott <kims@hkusa.com> let us know that you have received this message. As mentioned above, the Westward Look has agreed to not penalize our members for the late notice cancellation of room reservations and deposits. Kim will email you with a list of rooms that have been cancelled. If your name is not on that list and you had a reservation, then you will need to follow up with the resort directly at 800-722-2500. We are still waiting to hear back from the golf course on the status of the golf fees, but we will get back to the planned participants as soon as possible.

My heart aches that we are having to take this action. It would have been my preference to hold the meeting for those who could attend, exercising maximum latitude for personal choice on member's decisions about whether or not to attend. I know there would have been many travel problems and inconveniences, but limited to those that wanted to incur them. The voice of the membership was so firmly in favor of cancellation, however, that I felt there was no other reasonable choice. Is this the right decision? I do not know. I hope in time that it appears to be the correct one.

Whatever the verdict, I made the final call and anyone who wishes to complain should contact me gary.krahenbuhl@asu.edu.

Best wishes to everyone for a return to normal times.

Gary Krahenbuhl , President, AAKPE

Synopsis of responses from the Academy membership to President Krahenbuhl about cancellation of the meeting

Dear Academy Members, Program Participants and New Fellow Inductees,

As noted in the message sent earlier to cancel this year's meeting, I indicated I would send a

follow-up note which contained a sampling of the views expressed over what to do. They are varied, but thoughtful. They reflect reason and passion and the many mixed emotions that were created by the events less than a week ago. It is my hope that by reading them you can help appreciate not only the sentiment of the members, but the quality of the collective character of the Academy members.

Here then, with identities protected, is a sampling of the opinions expressed. These statements were extracted from longer notes; each paragraph represents a different individual's opinion.

- I am in favor of going ahead with the meeting. I don't have any insight into how air travel will be by then but unless it is impossible, I think we should try it. How long are we willing to have our lives disrupted by a group of outlaws and bandits?
- We will NOT have terrorists running our lives. We plan to travel. Should the decision be made to cancel, we will understand.
- Given the current situation, and the information I have (little) I would be in favor of proceeding as planned. I appreciate the fact that you took the time to ask members about this issue because if other people's circumstance are dire, I would defer to their wishes. If there are quite a few members who have been directly affected by these attacks, out of respect for them and their loss, I would have no problem with canceling the meeting. Otherwise, barring another event that would add to the concern for flight safety, I would support "moving forward."
- We still don't know what is going on. There have been so many rumors reported as fact that it is difficult to tell if the terrorists are finished or not. It is taking the airlines a long time to get going, and it is unclear if they are ready to go back to full force. Also, three Northwest Airlines employees decided to check out the security at Sky Harbor Airport (Phoenix) yesterday, and all three were able to pass through security with weapons undetected (one was a pilot). This was confirmed by the spokesperson for Sky Harbor. So, there are still many questions.
- On the other hand, will people be able to get refunds on the airfare? Will Westward Look hold us to not meeting the cancellation deadline (for individual rooms)? It might be best to wait until Monday night to make a final decision. Many of the question marks might be resolved by that time. It will also give our members time to think about whether they still want to come or not.
- I was in Washington D.C. on Tuesday and drove back with two friends, arriving in Chicago on Wednesday at 5:00 a.m. I am tired and would be very happy not to travel. BUT I think we owe it to those who died and who are working so hard to restore things to normal to hold the conference. The airlines, hotels and rental car companies need our support and business. I vote to hold the conference and that we put up with the inevitable inconvenience of traveling. I realize this is a difficult decision with no right answer. I totally support whatever decision you decide to make.
- I do not intend to attend the Academy Meeting. The risk is too great! In addition to the reasons outlined in your message, there is still the possibility that the terrorists have a ongoing plan of assaults. I think we must give our airports and other agencies time to

mobilize and train their personnel to heighten the probability of safety and security. I think we may be opening air travel before we are ready which makes no sense to me. It also makes no sense to hold a professional meeting and put so many people at risk. If nothing happens before, during and after the Meeting then you made a good decision to hold it and I was wrong. However, if something were to happen.....

- The thought of traveling to Arizona from Washington this Thursday is not appealing. I understand the dilemma you are in... and the reason you are of two minds on this. I certainly am. I am not concerned for my safety. I am concerned about traveling 2000 miles at this time - both for the possible delays, the possible retaliations (and consequent disruptions) that might occur if the US decides to strike at the terrorists in the next week -and that this may occur while I am so far away from home. We can say as someone commented that we "can't let them win" -- but that is to deny that life is going to be the same after the events of 9/11...and that changing anything is "letting them win". That is just not true. Life in the US is not going to be the same and if one thinks so they need to read more carefully the words of the President. I realize these may seem like unreasonable thoughts, but perhaps it is the memory of sitting at my desk here at the U. on Tuesday about 25 miles from the Pentagon and hearing on the radio - first of the WTC crashes and then to hear of an explosion at the Pentagon and the State Dept (turned out not to be true) and that DC was to be evacuated. And to watch and listen as everyone tried to contact their love ones who worked in DC (and the pentagon). Or perhaps it was waking in the morning to the sound of fighter planes crisscrossing the sky.
- If I were not speaking at the conference, I would cancel. Two of my faculty cancelled trips to Chicago for the Am. Heart Assoc meetings this coming week (though the conference is not canceled as far as I know). One of my faculty has canceled his trip to Spain (to an intl conference on Tuesday). I recount these figures to indicate the impact I think this is having on the psyche of those here in the DC area. And as I look down the list of emails of those coming to the conference, I see a very small contingent from the east coast -- so maybe that will be where it falls. This is just an unreal time. The bottom line: I am not happy about traveling to Tucson Thursday
- I have no fear of flying to the meeting, assuming the airports and flights are running. I lived too many years as a youth on air force bases to have even a tragedy such as this affect my willingness to fly. My significant other is less inclined to fly at this time. More succinctly put, she has fears, even though she knows they are unfounded. In addition, the two AAKPE meetings that we have attended since my induction were always a) very informative, and b) a very good time. It is point b that has me concerned. In my heart, I know that there is no way that I would be able to allow myself to "have a good time" at the meeting, despite the good company and outstanding location. For me, it is still too soon for a "pleasure trip". I'm sure this is more than you wanted to know, but I wanted you to know why I have decided to cancel.
- Our airline systems are stressed in terms of the number of travelers and the limited number of flights. Although attending the AAKPE conference is important, it is not essential. Do I really need to show up at the airport, make my presence an added burden to the security systems, take up a flight seat, simply to attend a conference. Most airlines are allowing travelers to get refunds for flights scheduled between September 11 and 25. I guess what I am saying is that it is not just a question of inconveniences, rather it is a question of what is really essential at this time. If the meeting is held, I will attend (given my airline is flying its schedule). However, I will wonder if it is really necessary that we ask the airlines to carry

our members to a meeting, when there may be others whose travel is more essential at this time.

- First, I want to thank you for your sensitivity in this very challenging of times. I appreciate your consideration in polling the members about a decision. As you say events may emerge that may make an imminent decision more clear. in lieu of that I would vote to POSTPONE the meeting until a time we are more confident about what is going on.
- Two issues exacerbate for me the happenings of this past week. One is that I'm due to fly from Dulles to Tucson on United Airlines. United is operating at less than 50% of its normal schedule. Thus the possibility of getting out at all let alone on Thursday seems dubious. Second, Monday evening starts the Jewish holidays. I am hoping against hope that the timing of last week's events has nothing to do with the 10-day events approaching. However, as a child of a family devastated by the holocaust I am fearful and anxious about the upcoming weeks in general, and even more so with the events approaching.
- While I have plenty to say about the events this last week, I will only say here that I have some concern about whether we should have a meeting this year. The timing of the meeting seems awfully close to the tragic events this week, and it is not clear that airports will be functioning smoothly enough to ensure that everyone will arrive on time anyway. It could also be that there are many of us are still in the mourning and reflection stage related to the tragedies in Pennsylvania, New York and Washington, DC. I am inclined at this point to consider canceling the meeting this year.

There were many other very thoughtful notes, but these are fairly representative of the sentiments that were expressed.

If you have any ideas or recommendations you would like to pass along to the board, we would be happy to receive them.

Thank you for your understanding.

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