President’s Message

Some Words of Congratulations and Thanks

By Roberta Rikli, California State University, Fullerton

This has been an exciting year for the Academy as officers and committee members have been working hard to find ways of better serving our members, the field, and the public. At the top of this list is Past President Bev Ulrich and her Program Committee, who are planning an exciting fall conference on the theme of “Bridging Kinesiology and Society.” The program will feature a number of notable speakers from both within and outside of our field and promises to stimulate much discussion and debate on important issues. I know you won’t want to miss this conference on October 7-9, 2010, in Williamsburg, Virginia. Additional details can be found in the Past President’s Message and elsewhere in the newsletter.

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Jeff McCubbin as member-at-large. Similarly, the Membership Committee, chaired by Judy Rink, has provided us with an impressive list of new members for our induction as fellows at the Fall Conference. See page 4 for a list of future inductees. Please join me in congratulating these new members. In addition, we are thrilled with the outcome of the Awards Committee, chaired by Amelia Lee, which has selected Dr. Jack Wilmore (Fellow #252) to receive the prestigious Clark W. Hetherington Award, the highest honor that the Academy bestows on its members. As is customary, after being presented with this award at the AAKPE conference banquet, Jack will give the banquet address. We look forward to honoring Jack for his many contributions to the field and to the Academy.

Another increasingly important AAKPE-sponsored activity is the five-year formal review of doctoral programs in kinesiology, with the second round of these evaluations currently underway. With university programs throughout the country being ever more closely scrutinized for their quality and relevance, AAKPE’s doctoral evaluation process seems all the more timely and valuable as a tool in providing background data to support program strengths and/or areas needing improvement. I know that Committee Chair Waneen...
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Spirduso and her committee worked extra hard this year to improve the process and to gain a higher response rate for program involvement. See the Doctoral Evaluation Committee report on page 6 for additional details.

Also deserving of special recognition this year is David Wiggins, AAKPE historian, who completed personal “living history” interviews with two distinguished leaders in our field—Roberta Park and Rainer Martens. These interviews—along with those of former interviewees Franklin Henry, Walter Fraleigh, John Lucas, and Earle Zeigler—can be listened to by visiting the AAKPE Web site at www.aakpe.org. Our thanks to all involved—to David, to Roberta and Rainer, and to Human Kinetics—for their contributions to this important historical database featuring outstanding leaders in kinesiology.

In addition to carrying out the routine business of the Academy, this year’s Executive Committee has taken on a number of other tasks, partially in response to growing concerns about whether it might be time to re-evaluate or reconfirm (whatever the case may be) the mission of the Academy and perhaps some of its long-standing approaches to certain operations, including the structure of annual conferences. One of the Executive Committee’s first tasks was to conduct an electronic survey where member feedback was solicited on a number of items including recommendations for future conference themes, for possible changes in program structure, and for additional Academy projects. Respondents to the survey (representing a 40% return rate) provided some fairly clear suggestions in several categories, with the main ones being:

- Increased participation in conference programs, such as more opportunity for audience discussion, inclusion of more members on the program as reactors, panel members, and so on;
- Greater focus on kinesiology’s relevance to important social issues and improving kinesiology’s visibility in society/academia;
- Greater focus on dissemination of knowledge/ideas to the rest of the field and to the public: Academy should be having a stronger voice and should publish position papers;
- Discussions on the sustainability and future of kinesiology, re-analysis of successful and failed programs/departments, centrality to university mission;
- Increased focus on translational research, theory into practice, implementation of information; and
- More substantive conference program (less free time on Friday afternoon).

Also new this year was the appointment of a Future Directions Committee, chaired by Debbie Rose, through which discussions to date have focused on three major points: 1) ways of raising the visibility and influence of AAKPE, 2) exploring ways that AAKPE and AKA (American Kinesiology Association) might collaborate in some formal relationship to further advance the field, and 3) possible changes in the nature and format of annual AAKPE meetings. The Committee’s mid-year report suggests that members have been actively engaged in a rich dialogue about these and other issues. We look forward to the full report and recommendations at the Academy Business Meeting during the Fall Conference.

Once again, my heartiest congratulations to our new officers and especially to our newly elected fellows. Mark your calendars now for AAKPE’s Fall Conference, October 7-9, 2010, in Williamsburg, Virginia. You won’t want to miss it.
Three years ago, prior to giving the Raymond Weiss lecture at AAHPERD, I had the privilege of speaking with Dr. Weiss. We discussed one of the career milestones we had in common, that of having been president of the AAKPE. I asked him what he enjoyed most about the Academy meetings in his day and he said the rigorous debates about important issues of our day that were the mainstay of the meetings.

I was surprised and inspired by his response, perhaps because I love to debate (or some would say, argue) but also because I did not know this was core to what our programs used to look like. Fundamental to Dr. Weiss’s enthusiasm and mine for debate is our shared belief that when conducted in a respectful and constructively critical manner, dialogue among a diverse group of experts can lead to more powerful solutions to important issues than efforts that are more narrowly focused. What better group than our leaders in the Academy to pool collective wisdom and take on important societal issues? And what fun! This is what I hope our meeting will be this year, full of shared expertise and data, focused on a subset of important topics, with plenty of time for members as well as invited speakers to be heard and to converse. Ultimately, we hope the essence of these discussions can be distilled into the first of a series of Academy perspective or position papers.

The title for this year’s meeting is “Bridging Kinesiology and Society.” I invited an interdisciplinary group of members to form a conference committee with me: Barb Ainsworth, Patty Freedson, Bob Gregor, Jan Harris, Karl Newell, Mary O’Sullivan, Greg Reid, Maureen Weiss, and Dave Wiggins. We worked together on the goal of identifying important societal issues for which our kinesiology research and scholarship can contribute uniquely to solutions. We considered many options but settled on just two in order to allow sufficient breadth and depth of presentations and discussions before culling key points that might form the basis for position or perspective papers on behalf of the Academy. The issues we selected are: “PE: Education/Skill and/or Health/Fitness” and “Multicultural Issues in Physical Activity and Health.” Subcommittees were formed to work on identifying speakers and formats for individual sessions. The PE Subcommitte consists of Cathy Ennis, Karl Newell, Mary O’Sullivan, Russ Pate, and me. The Multiculturalism Subcommittee, chaired by Jan Harris, includes Greg Reid, Maureen Weiss, and Dave Wiggins. Our formats will include lots of variety and interdisciplinarity, including emphasis on stakeholders in these issues. And, of course, significant blocks of time are set aside for member participation in discussion (debate, perhaps?), following speakers’ presentations. More specifics can be found on page 5, where details of the Annual Meeting are shared.

Request for volunteers: Here is your chance to engage in the process of moving our visibility forward. One way of having greater impact and being more visible is to create meaningful position or perspective papers and then disseminating these in substantive venues. We have not done this before and to do so may be enhanced by developing a set of guidelines for this process. It will set the stage for some consistency and transparency as we move forward. I would like to form a working group to develop these guidelines that would meet on Friday afternoon during the conference. Members who have experience with this task in other organizations would be particularly valuable contributors, but also folks willing to collect position statement examples from other organizations with some relevance to our field would be real assets. The action I would like to come out of the Friday session would be a draft

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One of my responsibilities was to chair the committee on nominations and election of officers. I want to thank my committee members—Emily Haymes, Jane Kent-Braun, Li Li Ji, and Jeff McCubbin—for generating and selecting outstanding nominees for three positions. The final slate of candidates running for office included Patty Freedson and Toby Tate for president-elect, Debbie Rose and Melinda Solmon for secretary-treasurer, and Jeff McCubbin and Li Li Ji for member-at-large. Many thanks to all these individuals for being willing to run for office and serve the organization. After an online voting process, Patty Freedson, Debbie Rose, and Jeff McCubbin were elected to their respective offices.

I am looking forward to our annual conference in historic Williamsburg in October and hope to see all of you there. Bev Ulrich has planned an exceptionally strong and socially relevant program on bridging kinesiology and society. We are looking forward to having Academy members participate in thoughtful discussions about the topics and dialogue about potential position papers. Some of the presentation formats will be different than in previous years and, as a future conference program chair, I am very interested in your response to these alternative modes of presenting material.

Please send me your ideas about organizational activities, initiatives, conference themes, and any other issues regarding the future of AAKPE. I look forward to transitioning into the president’s role at the end of the Williamsburg conference, and I welcome ideas and suggestions for sustaining the strength of our organization and the field of kinesiology. Thank you all for your continuing support and the momentum we have generated with pushing the boundaries of knowledge forward on kinesiology’s contributions to the health and well-being of individuals across the lifespan.

I look forward to working with and for you in the next two years and will continue to do my very best to represent your interests and sustain the tradition of a strong academic society.

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2010 AAKPE Meeting
Plans for Annual Meeting Announced
By Bev Ulrich and Amy Rose

This year’s annual meeting will have historic significance not only in what is accomplished by our members but in the beautiful location that has been selected. The AAKPE would like you to be a part of history on Thursday, October 7, through Saturday, October 9, 2010.

The Colonial Williamsburg Lodge is located within the Colonial Williamsburg resort collection. The Lodge has been newly renovated with all the comfort and convenience desired by conference attendees, including Wi-Fi in all guest rooms and certain public and prefunction areas. Decorative elements of classic American style give character and charm to this unique hotel.

The Lodge has ten on-site restaurants, including four historic dining taverns. It is located adjacent to the Spa of Colonial Williamsburg and the Golden Horseshoe golf course. The grounds also include two outdoor pools, one indoor pool, eight tennis courts, lawn croquet, and lawn bowling for guests.

Room reservations will be $199 a night for single or double occupancy. These special rates will apply three days before and after the dates of the group’s conference for those wanting to add an extra day or two of relaxation. The deadline for reservations at this rate will be Friday, August 20. Reservations can be made by calling 800-261-9530 or by the online PASSKEY system. More information will be sent out in the conference packets.

During free time, members are encouraged to explore the Historic Area, where costumed interpreters lead guests through 18th-century homes and businesses, providing a unique way to explore our country’s beginnings.

An exciting program is planned for this year’s meeting, one that we hope will attract members and nonmembers alike. Please spread the word that anyone can register for and attend all sessions (except the Business Meeting). We believe the content will be of interest to kinesiology faculty members and professionals as well as to people in overlapping areas related to our subthemes this year. Spread the word, plan to attend, and invite your friends and colleagues to join us!

The theme for our 2010 conference is “Bridging Kinesiology and Society.” Our goal is to highlight ways in which kinesiology research and scholarship contribute to solving important societal problems. And we will work toward ways to communicate this knowledge to stakeholders in society. The opening session on Thursday evening will feature a keynote address by Dr. Yvonne Maddox, who is the deputy director of the NICHD and co-chair of the NIH’s Public Trust Initiative.

For each of our conference days we will focus...
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AAKPE Evaluation of Doctoral Programs is Underway
By Waneen Spirduso, University of Texas at Austin

The second round of the AAKPE evaluations of doctoral programs in kinesiology is underway. The first round was a pilot study used to establish the procedures for the conducting of these evaluations. The second round included data from 2000 to 2004. The present evaluation is of graduate activity from 2005 to 2009. Letters of invitation to participate, with a list of participating benefits, were distributed to all departments with doctoral granting degrees in November. The letters were sent to the administrative head of the unit, usually departmental chairs, and the dean of the graduate schools. Reminder letters were sent in December 2009 to those schools that had not yet returned their intent-to-participate letter. Instructional materials for completing the forms and data Excel spreadsheets were sent out in February 2010, with a second reminder letter to those not participating in early February 2010.

Thirty-seven schools are participating in this round of evaluations, which is a 16% increase over the 2000-2004 evaluation period. Twenty-five institutions participated in both rounds of evaluation. All but seven of the participating institutions have an AAKPE member either in their department or serving as chair of the department.

The deadline for submitting the data was March 12, 2010. The data will be analyzed March through July, the technical report will be written in August, and the chairs and deans will receive the results of the program evaluation in early September 2010. The results will be placed on the AAKPE Web site in mid-September 2010.

Changes in the Form. The Academy approved substantive changes in the 2009 Business Meeting:

Only the publications by corresponding authors of scholarly papers will be recorded, representing the total publications from the department, and only this variable will be used in the analysis to determine rankings. The impact of this change is that we will not have inflated numbers of papers reported as publications from departments because each of four or five authors reported the same paper.

Faculty who are co-authors in multiple authorship papers are recording theirs in the column for co-authors, and these will be analyzed using a few different models to see if this variable emerges as a contributing factor to the total variance. The analyses will be discussed by the Doctoral Evaluation Committee, and if the committee determines that the outcome of one of these models adds to the integrity and usefulness of the evaluation, it will recommend to the Academy next fall its inclusion in the 2010-2014 evaluation.

The second substantive change was in counting external funding for grants. In the previous 2000-2004 round, faculty reported the full amount of the grant that was awarded. The change for this round is that only grant fund expenditures that are processed through the departmental budget are recorded. The impact of this change is that grant amounts that are reported are indeed funds that were available to the department, and were not housed in some other department on campus. For example, it prevents departments from reporting the full amount of a $2 million grant as available resources for their department, when in fact the department might only have had access to funds from a subcontract of the grant that was actually substantially less (e.g., $30,000).

Opportunity: Any faculty member or chair of a department who has completed the doctoral evaluation forms or participated in the process and has suggestions for improvement or comments, please send those to Dr. Waneen Spirduso, Chair of the AAKPE Doctoral Evaluation Committee at spirduso@mail.utexas.edu. The changes that were made in this round of evaluation were initially made by individual faculty, discussed and recommended by the AAKPE Doctoral Evaluation Committee, and approved in the business meeting of the Academy in 2009.
New Prominent Leader Interview with Roberta Park Now Available

By David Wiggins, AAKPE Historian

It was a pleasure to conduct the latest AAKPE interview with Professor Roberta Park. A long-time faculty member at the University of California, Berkeley, and one of the most prominent historians of physical education and sport in the world, Professor Park discusses a wide range of topics that should be of great interest to both AAKPE members and other professionals in kinesiology and physical education. It is fascinating to hear her talk about her family and some of her famous colleagues, how she became involved in the profession, and the history and future of the field. Always engaging and thoughtful, Professor Park offers insights that all of us with a passion and commitment to kinesiology and physical education should consider and take seriously.

Find the interview at www.aakpe.org/Show-Article.cfm?id=84

America’s National Physical Activity Plan Unveiled in DC

By Daryl Siedentop

On May 3, America’s first National Physical Activity Plan (NPAP) was unveiled in Washington, DC. The NPAP was developed in eight sectors (Public Health; Education; Non-Profit; The Built Environment; Media; Healthcare; Business and Industry; and Park, Recreation, Fitness and Sport). The NPAP process began with the commissioning of white papers for each sector. The white papers for each sector focused primarily on a review and distillation of evidence-based outcomes for that sector. The authors of each sector were instructed to develop ten recommendations for their sector. The white papers were published in the Journal of Physical Activity & Health (Volume 6, Supplement 2, November 2009).

The second step in the process was a two-day conference in Washington, DC, designed primarily to examine the white paper recommendations and create a final set of recommendations. Key leaders within each sector were invited to participate in the conference. The results for each sector were then assigned to a smaller group of representative professionals to determine the final recommendations and the action items necessary to achieve the goals embedded in the recommendations. The recommendations and action items from each of these smaller groups were forwarded to the central leadership group for the NPAP, who

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Mike Sherman (AAKPE Fellow #415) will become senior vice president, provost, and chief operating officer at the University of Akron on June 1, 2010. Sherman has been a faculty member for 25 years at The Ohio State University, where he most recently served as vice provost for academic planning; prior to that, he was the inaugural director of the school of physical activity and educational services. Most recently, he oversaw initial college-level strategic planning, helped oversee the $50 million Targeted Investment in Excellence program, facilitated the Academic Facilities Plan that is a component of the One University Framework (a 25-, 50-, and 100-year vision of the University) and helped set the stage for the university’s emerging global strategies.

Joseph Hamill (AAKPE Fellow #384) visited the University of the Andes (ULA) in Merida, Venezuela, on behalf of the International Society of Biomechanics. He was accompanied by Dr. Li Li of Louisiana State University. The purpose of the trip was to help set up a new biomechanics laboratory with equipment donated for this purpose. In addition, Li and Hamill discussed future collaborative research projects with both faculty and students.

ULA is located in the northwestern corner of Venezuela in the city of Merida. The university is 215 years old, has 50,000 students, and has been rated as one of the top universities in the former Spanish colonies. The donation of the equipment was very well received by the ULA administration. Li and Hamill met with the university officials and local media to celebrate the opening of the laboratory. The donated equipment will certainly enhance the research activity of the ULA biomechanics group, which is in the process of setting up a new interdisciplinary graduate program in biomechanics.

Tom Templin (AAKPE Fellow #472) has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the American Kinesiology Association.

Templin also reports that the Department of Health and Kinesiology at Purdue University will be leaving the College of Liberal Arts and joining the newly formed College of Health and Human Sciences. The realignment will create no changes for the current undergraduate majors and graduate students in the academic programs involved. “A college dedicated to health and human sciences would enhance student opportunities and promote faculty collaborations aimed at improving health and quality of life of people,” said Purdue President France A. Córdova. “The realignment could consolidate and elevate Purdue’s reputation in the health and human sciences.”
On Saturday we will focus on “Multicultural Issues in Physical Activity and Health.” This topic is critical to any efforts to grow the involvement and commitment of society to the joys and benefits of activity; too often, research in this area is not being utilized optimally when programs are designed and implemented. To help us pull together the best kinesiology research and practical expertise, we will have three main speakers. Each will make a 30-minute presentation on physical activity programming that is designed to attract people in localities where particular ethnic groups dominate.

One speaker will be Dr. Wendy Frisby from the University of British Columbia, who will focus on her work with low-income, immigrant women in Vancouver. Dr. Deborah Parra-Medina from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio will talk about her community-based interventions in Latino communities. Our third speaker will be Dr. Karla Henderson from North Carolina State University, who will focus on physical activity programs in African-American communities. After each presenter there will be shorter responses, followed by 30 minutes of discussion open to all. We hope to include responses from people involved directly in these programs via Skype hookup.

We are also considering having a few of the presentations videotaped so we can post them on the Academy Web site after the conference.

reviewed them and returned suggestions to each sector’s leadership group, with this process going through several iterations.

For AAKPE members, the two key sectors are Education, and Park, Recreation, Fitness and Sport (PRFS). The recommendations for the Education sector focused primarily on two issues. The first issue was the development of comprehensive school physical activity programs (binding adequate time requirements in PE with qualified teachers, daily recess, classroom activity breaks, health-related PE for middle and high schools, intramurals and PA clubs), and the capacity of those programs to have such a high “fun quotient” that children and youths develop self-efficacy for physical activity. The second issue was the development of state policies supporting these efforts, the creation of surveillance systems to monitor school compliance with the policies, and adequate funding to districts to enable these programs.

The PRFS recommendations were defined in five areas: Proximity and Place Priorities; Program, Partnership, and Promotion Priorities; People Priorities; Policy Priorities; and Performance Indicators Priorities. Key issues addressed dealt with access; connections among settings; personnel and fiscal resources; attention to at-risk children, youth, and adults; social marketing campaigns; facility partnerships; staff development for promoting PA; land use and zoning policies to preserve green spaces; adequate funding to maintain and expand local facilities; community planning guidelines; and methods to evaluate specific PRFS programs.

of guidelines to share with members during our Saturday afternoon Business Meeting. Please contact me at bdulrich@umich.edu if you would like to volunteer or learn more about this.

Many, many thanks to the committee members who have been working very hard to develop an exciting and meaningful experience for all of us in Williamsburg. Thank you, the membership, for allowing me to serve the Academy as its past president for 2009-2010. I look forward to seeing all of you in Virginia in October!
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