Before becoming president of the Academy, I never paid much attention to our Statement of Purpose. For me, it was just a formal statement that all organizations have. I had always thought of the Academy as a group of distinguished scholars who held meetings to honor those who made significant contributions to our field and to share their knowledge. The American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education actually has a dual purpose. The first part of the dual purpose of the Academy is to encourage and promote the study and educational applications of the art and science of human movement and physical activity. The second part of our purpose is to honor persons who have contributed significantly to the study of and/or application of our field. I think we promote our second purpose very well. I think we can do more, beyond our meetings and publication of Academy proceedings, to promote our first purpose.

It is my hope that the two Presidential Committees that I have continued from previous presidents will move us forward in promoting the study of the art and science of human movement and physical activity and in strengthening our identity. The Visibility Committee, one of the continued Presidential Committees, has been generating ideas over the past several months. Several of their ideas were discussed by the Executive Committee during its spring conference call and are reported in the EC minutes. One way of promoting visibility is by providing doctoral evaluations of our programs to the public. That is why the EC has recommended to the membership that we move forward with the creation of a new standing committee on Doctoral Program Evaluation. The second Presidential Committee, the Doctoral Program Evaluation Committee, is working on recommendations for how the Academy should standardize the process of doctoral evaluation and how results should be published. The EC's recommendation will be discussed during our business meeting in Tucson in September. A new standing committee will require a change in the bylaws, and until we vote on streamlining the bylaw change process, we will not vote on this recommendation at the business meeting. It is my hope that we will vote on the question of having a Doctoral Program Evaluation Standing Committee before our 2003 meeting. I look forward to a lively discussion on moving forward with this issue at our meeting in Tucson.
Several weeks ago our campus was visited by someone involved in the Pew Foundation sponsored "Preparing Future Faculty Project." This effort is aimed at enriching doctoral education by ensuring that newly minted PhD's have a broader professional skill set and deeper understanding of the range of possibilities for academic life at different kinds of institutions than has traditionally been the case.

The problem of narrowly trained PhD's unprepared for anything beyond the pursuit of a research agenda has been addressed in a number of ways. At Duke University it led to the publication of a book, "The Academic's Handbook," which they subsequently used to help their new faculty learn quickly the many important things about academia that their professional training had overlooked. Duke was prompted to prepare this handbook when, over a single week, three examples of a serious lack of basic preparation came to the University's attention.

In the first case, a young new assistant professor, hoping to "bring his work to a broader audience," had submitted the same manuscript to different journals, not knowing that this was improper professionally. In the second case, after hearing reference made to the Chancellor, another new recruit noted that he had no idea what a chancellor was or what one did. The third incident involved a young faculty member who was struggling with teaching, who had become "professionally depressed about his unpreparedness" especially regarding the methods of teaching. Each of these incidents distressed the Duke administrative hierarchy, spurring them to action.

The examples cited above reveal the lack of fundamentals that people need to succeed at the lowest levels of the academy. In training faculty, our aim is to do more than just get people to some minimum. After more than 30 years of observing, evaluating, and administering
faculty efforts, I continue to be astonished at the range of usefulness that one observes from people serving in similar academic roles. The few that fall at the top end of the performance range are what I have come to call the difference makers.

These individuals (the difference makers) may not have exhibited the academic profile one might imagine. They tended to be respected academics, but they were not necessarily the most distinguished figures in their respective fields of specialization. They tended to be younger and broader (intellectually), with a rich set of interdisciplinary connections. They were individuals with uncommon patience and persistence who were exceptional at moving from ideas to action. They were flexible, accommodating and adaptable; they continually revised and strengthened their ideas as they were shaped and sharpened by testing them on others.

These individuals were special in that they worried about results, not who got the credit. They were successful in larger arenas, capable of securing steady funding from the big national sources and were often asked to serve on review panels for these agencies and foundations. They thought strategically for the institution, not selfishly. They saw change as an opportunity, not as a threat. They cared about students (both undergraduates and graduates) and engaged them in their work. These individuals were great externally and understood the importance of a university telling its stories.

In sum, the difference makers were more than people who were engaged in teaching, research and service. They were catalysts for good. They lifted others around them to higher levels of productivity. Their value to the institution went far beyond what one could see on a resume.

Are we preparing difference makers? The theme and program from last year's cancelled meeting will be featured instead at this year's meeting. I am looking forward to hearing about the current condition of our programs that are preparing future faculty in kinesiology and physical education. I hope those individuals know something about the culture of higher education and I hope many of them will become difference makers in our field.

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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, May 6, 2002


Absent: J. Dunn

1. President D. Feltz called the meeting to order at 3:35 p. m. EDT

2. Approval of Minutes from the December 8th meeting in Illinois
   President-elect Magill moved, and Past-president Krahenbuhl seconded the approval of the minutes from the December 8, 2001 meeting in Illinois. The motion carried unanimously. This was followed by a brief discussion of how the Executive Committee’s decision to postpone both new fellow elections and the selection of an additional Hetherington Award recipient was received by the membership. All reports suggested that the membership agreed with the decision.

3. Update on Election of Officers
   President Feltz suggested that election ballots need to be distributed soon. K. Scott indicated that she would send a call for nominations for president-elect, secretary/treasurer, and member-at-large. Past-president Krahenbuhl noted it was critical to immediately work to get a list of nominees. President-elect Magill indicated he would work with K. Scott to get out the request for nominations by e-mail. This was followed by a discussion of possible nominees who the nominations committee might like to consider.

4. Update on Vendien Lecture
   As a follow-up to the last meeting, further discussion occurred about the Vendien Lecture and how to use the money donated by Professor Vandien’s estate to support a presentation by an International Fellow at each meeting without depleting the donation corpus. It was suggested that each Vendien Lecturer have his or her economy airfare paid for by the fund and that she or he receive an honorarium of $500. Other options were presented and Past-president Krahenbuhl said he would further discuss the arrangements with Dan Landers, this year's program chair. It was decided to continue this discussion at the fall Executive Committee meeting.
5. **Update on Visibility Committee**

President Feltz reported for J. Dunn who chairs the Visibility Committee with members Scott Kretchmar, Bob Singer, and Mo Weiss. The committee has been busy generating ideas and possibilities. J. Dunn would welcome other ideas that the Executive Committee or any Fellow would like the committee to consider.

Among the ideas the committee is discussing are getting information out to the Chronicle of Higher Education about meetings and new fellows, resurrecting co-sponsoring the McKenzie Lecture at AAHPERD, promoting the graduate program evaluation, having position papers, and encouraging members to use "FAAKPE" after their names. The last idea, encouraging members to use "FAAKPE" after their names, will be revisited at the fall Executive Committee meeting since it is in the bylaws but not many Fellows actually use it. The committee will make a report at the fall meeting.

It was noted that the deadline to update Fellow information in the Directory of Specialists is May 17, 2002. K. Scott will compile the revised directory and ask R. Rikli to review. After a short discussion it was decided to invite emeriti to send information and each Emeritus Fellow can decide if she or he would like to be included in the directory.

6. **Newsletter Update**

President Feltz announce that the following Friday (May 10th) was the deadline for submitting items for the next Newsletter.

7. **Bylaws/Operating Code Change Mailing**

S. Silverman will get information to K. Scott by mid-June so that proposed changes can be sent to the membership well in advance of the 30 days required by the bylaws. Changes were discussed and approved at the previous meeting based on information from the Committee on Governance.

8. **Membership Update**

K. Scott reported that there are 182 Fellows who are current with their dues. This includes 99 Active Fellows, 51 Emeritus Fellows, and 32 International Fellows. There are an additional 15 Active Fellows who have not paid their dues for this year. K. Scott sent an e-mail reminder to these 15 Fellows explaining they have not paid their dues and some had responded to the reminder.

There was a discussion about the small number of Fellows who are three years or more behind in their dues. Last year they received letters from then-President Krahenbuhl indicating they were no longer eligible to list themselves as Fellows.

K. Scott reported that we had received $817 in donations with dues payments. These donations are in addition to those donating back their conference fees.

There was a discussion of when dues notices were sent and when payments were due. There was strong feeling among the Executive Committee members that notices should go out earlier and payments should be due on December 31st. The reasons for these feelings were that many decide on charitable donations in December and it would be helpful if dues could be deducted for income tax purposes a year earlier. It
was decided that dues statements would be sent out for the following year after the fall meeting and that the deadline would be December 31st in future years.

9. Directory of Specialists
   This agenda item was dealt with partially under item 5 above. K. Scott reported that 53 Fellows had sent in new or updated entries. Once all have been received the entries will be sent to R. Rikli for editing and to look at consistency. President Feltz said she would ask J. Dunn and the Visibility Committee to look at ways in which the directory would help with the Academy's visibility initiative. An extensive discussion followed on ways to access the directory and to make it more useful. J. Martens indicated that she would check with the HK webmaster and get back to the Executive Committee on possibilities and problems.

10. 2003 Meeting and Proposed Theme
    J. Martens reminded the committee that the next meeting would be at Callaway Gardens in Georgia. The possible dates are September 11th to September 14th or September 18th to September 21st. These dates are not in conflict with the AAASP nor the Jewish holidays and are early enough in the fall so that all activities can be accommodated. After some discussion the group agreed that the later date might be better since the earlier date is close to the start of the academic semester.

    President Feltz, who will chair the program on the new rotation of duties among officers, suggested that the topic of the meeting be focused on obesity. This topic cuts across most areas of the Academy and would return the meeting focus to an academic topic of interest. She noted that at the recent AAHPERD meeting NASPE had interdisciplinary sessions on obesity and talked with others who thought this topic had lots of merit. There was consensus that this topic would be appropriate for the 2003 meeting and was followed by a discussion of possible keynote speakers.

    It was noted that the 75th anniversary meeting of the AAKPE would occur in 2005. The person who is elected president-elect this year will be program chair while he or she serves as past-president. There was discussion about the importance of celebrating our 75th year and history during that meeting.

11. Website review and Recommendations
    There was a discussion of J. Martens ideas for improving the website which were presented at the last meeting. There was agreement that these would greatly improve our current website and we should move forward. President Feltz noted that she would work with J. Martens to improve the website.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m. EDT

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 rememberance which he/she will read at the Annual Meeting next Fall in Tucson. Thank you in advance for helping to keep us all informed.
Visibility Committee

John M. Dunn, Chair

The Visibility Committee is a Presidential Committee initiated by Robert Singer in 1995 during his AAKPE Presidency and continued during subsequent presidencies. The committee is charged with the responsibility for generating recommendations that can be implemented to enhance the visibility of the Academy. In March, I forwarded to the committee members (S. Kretchmar, R. Singer, and M. Weiss) a first draft of a series of "thoughts" that I had about how best to enhance the Academy and its members. These included suggestions that are "obvious" but not currently operational, such as sending news releases to media sources (local institutional paper, Chronicle of Higher Education etc.) when a member is inducted. This simple but achievable recommendation would serve to highlight the newest members as well as promote the Academy. A sensitive but important related topic is to revisit (again) the site of the annual meeting and whether the Academy is accessible and open to other non-members who might benefit from the meeting, its presenters and presentations. Other areas of possible discussion included the Academy Papers and whether the reliance on Quest provides the appropriate outlet for the papers.

Although feedback from committee members is still surfacing, it is clear that the committee will need to separate items that focus on how best to enhance visibility for members (recognition, induction etc.) from the Academy (the organization) itself. In the latter category, the effort to publish a document that analyses and comments on graduate programs is an example of an excellent effort to contribute to and serve the discipline/profession. Many, I suspect, would argue that the Academy has lost its prestige or "influence" factor as the forum where critical issues facing the field are addressed, discussed, debated, the results of which lead to new directions or outcomes that serve to inform (influence) others. Related to this concern, is the opinion shared by some that the Academy has lost its "lead" as a change agent for issues confronting the profession/discipline. Critics might also suggest that the newest members of the profession are unaware of the Academy and, if aware, are not clear as to its mission.

The goal of the committee will be to continue to formulate our thinking into recommendations that can be shared with the Executive Committee and, as appropriate, submitted to the membership for discussion, debate, and action. The committee welcomes input from each member; we need your thoughts and input. Members of the Committee include:

John M. Dunn, Chair
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"Letters to Monty"

Please submit letters to Mike Sherman at sherman.4@osu.edu for future editions of the newsletter.
News from Members

Dear American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education:

I have recently retired from active duties at the University of Western Ontario. I continue to do research and publish some papers of recent experiments, and enjoy a slower pace. I plan to move this summer to a remote area of northern Ontario on the edge of a lovely lake. This move will end any further science but start a new life with new interests. I would like to let some of my good friends in the Academy of my retirement. A special word to Henry Montoye, John Faulkner, and others of early work at the University of Michigan.

Best wishes to all,

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Lawrence W. Green has moved from the University of British Columbia to CDC in Atlanta where he is now heading the Office of Extramural Prevention Research and Academic Partnerships.

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