Recently, the National Academy of Kinesiology (NAK) Fellow Barbara Ainsworth (Arizona State University) (FNAK #376) and I exchanged emails about her commitment to provide sponsorship support at a future Academy meeting for her Chinese colleagues who are NAK International Fellows. In one of Barbara’s messages, she included this sentence: “This is not the year you envisioned for your leadership year for NAK.” As I reflected on her observation, I realized — she’s absolutely right. At our September 2019 in-person annual conference in Bellevue, Washington, no one—myself included—could have imagined how disrupted our lives and society would become during this past year. Nevertheless, I am convinced that the Academy’s exceptional legacy, unique blend of multidisciplinary strengths, common mission, and members’ resiliency collectively point to a positive, impactful, and thriving future for the Academy.

Key Elements for Thriving

Here, I use the word “thriving” in contrast to “surviving” in the manner in which my former UCLA Kinesiology Department colleague and Academy Fellow Tara Scanlan (FNAK #311) contrasted those terms when she wrote an insightful paper for Quest.¹ At the time, then Academy President-Elect Jack Wilmore (FNAK #252, University of Texas, Austin) had invited Tara to address the Academy about her move from a kinesiology department to a psychology department; specifically, she was invited to discuss how she was surviving. Contrary to the expected response, however, Tara declared: “I’m not surviving, I’m thriving!” In her seminal article, she
provides unique insights about key elements for thriving either as an individual scholar or as an organization. Among those elements that I’ll emphasize, here, are: uniqueness, breadth and depth of content, and multidisciplinary strengths. As her article states: “Kinesiology is inherently inter- and multidisciplinary and more so than most disciplines. Hence, if we truly integrate our inter- and multidisciplinary nature into our mission and resulting endeavors, we can be … strong ….” (Scanlan¹, p. 131). In this respect, the Academy is in an exceptionally solid position to thrive in the future. Not only does the Academy have impressive breadth and depth of sub-disciplines represented by our current cohort of Fellows, but undoubtedly the future portends tremendous potential for continuing to make positive impacts.

Examples of the breadth and depth of the Academy are patently emphasized by its recent awardees and newly elected Fellows. As noted elsewhere in this Newsletter, the Hetherington Awardee for 2021 is Scott Kretchmar (FNAK #330, Pennsylvania State University), an international authority in metaphysics and ethics of games, play, and sport, as well as anthropological philosophy. Scott’s scholarly foci and strengths are unique complements to the Hetherington Awardee for 2020, Beverly Ulrich (FNAK #375, University of Michigan), who is internationally renowned for her pioneering research related to infant and child motor development. Further examples of the extraordinary breadth and depth of the Academy and its members are evident in our 12 newly elected NAK Fellows (2021), who also are introduced in this newsletter and will be profiled in the Fall. Their inter- and multidisciplinary strengths will surely continue to enhance and enrich the Academy, as the new Fellows integrate their wide range of scholarship into the Academy — physical activity across the lifespan, health promotion, health and sport psychology, prevention of musculoskeletal injuries, human factors and ergonomics, health and nutrition, movement disorders and motor control, social justice and equity in sport, exercise for people with disabilities or with ethnic disparities, and pedagogy and curriculum innovation.

**Innovations for Financial Stability**

Fundamental to the Academy’s ability to thrive has been and will continue to be financial stability and sustainability. Past-President, Dave Perrin (FNAK # 401, University of Utah), in 2019 led a Presidential Committee on Financial Stability, and many of the committee’s proposed key action items are now in effect (e.g., sponsorships of annual meeting lectures and scientific sessions). Elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter, Dave provides a succinct and informative update on several initiatives related to the Long-Term Financial Stability of the Academy. In Dave’s update, he notes that the Academy, through its Executive Committee, is continuing to move forward on seeking independent 501(c)3 tax exempt status. Both Dave and I wish to reiterate that the “pending” 501(c)3 status does not preclude individuals from making current or planned gift commitments to the Academy. After the 501(c)3 tax exempt status has been approved, individuals who itemize their tax returns or make estate gifts for tax purposes will benefit. To put the 501(c)3 process in perspective, currently the Academy is registered in the state of Maryland as the American Academy of Physical Education. To the best of our knowledge, the name changes of the now-National Academy of Kinesiology have not been updated and properly registered. Our current plan is to register the National Academy of Kinesiology as a new entity in the State of Illinois. To that end, we filed Articles of Incorporation with the State of Illinois, and we recently received approval. Next, we will file for a Federal Employer Identification Number (FIEN) in the State of Illinois. After that
we will adopt a Conflict-of-Interest Policy for the Academy. The final step will be to complete the Application for Recognition of Exemption (Form 1023). On behalf of the Academy and its Executive Committee, I sincerely thank both Past-President Perrin and Kim Scott (Academy Business Manager) for their inexorable and effective efforts to move this process forward.

Building and expanding on these efforts, I recently re-established the Presidential Committee for Financial Stability (PCFS), which will be chaired by Thelma Horn (FNAK #565, Miami University of Ohio and current Academy Secretary-Treasurer). The new PCFS is comprised of five active Academy Fellows, including the current Secretary-Treasurer who will serve as committee chair. The members of the committee were appointed by the President and were selected for their financial experience, expertise, and creativity. This committee will work closely with the Academy Business Manager to review financial records for the Academy, and it will identify and recommend to the Executive Committee specific steps and actions that can be taken to enhance the financial solvency and future of the Academy. Invitations were sent to prospective members of the PCFS, and I am very pleased to announce the exceptionally experienced and talented (e.g., all former NAK officers, including Secretary-Treasurer) Academy members who have agreed to serve on this committee: Thelma Horn (FNAK #565; Chair, Miami University of Ohio), Al Smith (FNAK #522, Michigan State University), Brad Hatfield (FNAK #452, University of Maryland), Debbie Rose (FNAK #447, California State University Fullerton), and John Dunn (FNAK #361, Southern Illinois University). I am confident that this august brain-trust will provide the advice, innovative ideas, and creativity to enable the Academy to thrive.

Privilege & Honor
As I conclude, I wish to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the members of the Academy for granting me the privilege of serving you as your President. It is truly a professional and very personal honor for me. Through this year, I have been blessed to collaborate with an extraordinary team of colleagues as members of the Academy Executive Committee (EC): David Perrin (FNAK #401; Past-President, University of Utah), Melinda Solomon (FNAK #472; President-Elect, Louisiana State University), Thelma Horn (FNAK #565; Secretary-Treasurer, Miami University of Ohio), Jennifer Etnier (FNAK #525; Senior Member-at-Large, University of North Carolina at Greensboro), Amelia Woods (FNAK #544; Junior Member-at-Large, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Patricia Vertinsky (Int’l; International Fellow-at-Large, University of British Columbia). In addition, Brad Cardinal (FNAK #475; Oregon State University) continues to contribute his ideas and wisdom to the EC and Academy as our new Historian. And lastly, but certainly not least, is Kim Scott, our exceptional Academy Business Manager, who brings her highly effective and creative organizational talents to the EC and the Academy.

I am excited and optimistic about a strong future for the National Academy of Kinesiology, and I look forward to continuing to collaborate with all NAK members to ensure the fulfillment of the Academy’s potential to make a positive impact in the profession and society. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

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Under more normal circumstances, I would be writing with an update on my planning for the Fall 2021 annual meeting program, which is the responsibility of the Past-President. With the cancellation of our 2020 annual meeting due to the pandemic, the program conceived by then Past-President Brad Cardinal (FNAK #475) and his program committee was delayed to Fall 2021. This exceptionally timely program will be offered virtually September 22-24, 2021. To restore the normal order of business, I will work with Ron Zernicke (FNAK #503) when he becomes Past-President on the program for the Fall 2022 annual meeting program.

Update on the Long-Term Financial Stability of the Academy

Among the strategies being explored to ensure the long-term financial stability of the Academy is to identify a university to host the Academy, and in this regard, progress has been made. The Academy has signed a sponsorship agreement with the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) to provide support in hosting our website, installing and supporting WordPress, and assisting with Domain Name System (DNS) changes to point our domain to the new site. The UIUC will also designate a staff person to work with the Academy to be responsible for pre-planning and execution of the aforementioned support services. We are grateful to the UIUC, its Department of Kinesiology and Community Health, and Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and NAK Executive Committee Junior Member-at-Large Amy Woods (FNAK #544), and the other NAK Fellows in the department who supported this sponsorship agreement.

The UIUC sponsorship agreement does not include a fiscal sponsorship for the Academy. As such, we are actively pursuing the possibility of seeking independent 501(c)3 tax exempt status, enabling the Academy to receive grants and tax-deductible donations.

Philanthropic support could play an important role in helping to ensure the long-term viability of the Academy. This support could be in the form of current or planned gifts. To create a mechanism for planned gifts, the Executive Committee has created the National Academy of Kinesiology Legacy Society. The Legacy Society honors the five original members of the Academy and provides a mechanism for Academy members and friends to designate the Academy in their estate plans. A link to information about The Legacy Society can be found in this newsletter. Fellows or friends interested in making either a current or planned gift can contact Business Manager Kim Scott for additional details.

Standing Committee on Documents of Governance

An additional responsibility of the Past-President is to chair the Standing Committee on Documents of Governance. I am grateful to committee members Monica Lounsbery (FNAK #551; California State University - Long Beach) and Stephen Roth (FNAK #542; University of Maryland) for their service this year. The primary changes made to the By-Laws and Oper-
ating Codes are related to the increase in the maximum number of Active Fellows from 165 to 200, and the addition of the International Member-at-Large to the Executive Committee.

The general duties of the International Member-at-Large are:

1. Assumes responsibilities at the end of the Annual Meeting of the year elected and serves for a two-year period.
2. Represents International Fellows on the Academy Executive Committee.
3. Perform such Academy duties as may be delegated by the President.
4. Attend all meetings of the Executive Committee.

a. Solicits input from International Fellows.
b. Inspires the continuation of International Fellows as paid members of the Academy.
c. Encourages active participation among International Fellows at the Annual Meeting.
d. Promotes International Fellow nominations.

Reflections and Thanks

As I write this message, we appear to be moving toward a return to normalcy following an incredibly stressful year for so many. My own institution is preparing for a regular fall semester, and I anticipate our travel ban will be lifted this summer. I am hopeful every member of the Academy is or soon will be COVID-vaccinated. I can't wait to see many of you at an upcoming in-person meeting, hopefully sooner rather than later. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your President-Elect, President, and Past-President over the past three years. Thank you for the opportunity.

New Officers for 2021-2022 Announced

A special thanks to Jeff Woods (FNAK #533; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) and the Standing Committee on Membership for presenting another stellar slate of nominees for review by the Active Fellows.

The Committee on Nominations and Election of Officers, under the leadership of President-Elect, Melinda Solmon (FNAK #472; Louisiana State University), presented an outstanding slate of candidates for new officers in the Academy. We are grateful to those who agreed to run for office and congratulate new incoming 2021-2022 officers, which include President-Elect Bo Fernhall (FNAK #455, University of Illinois at Chicago), Junior Member-at-Large, Sandra Shultz (FNAK #530, University of North Carolina at Greensboro), and International Member-at-Large, Doune Macdonald (Int'l, University of Queensland). These individuals are upholding their pledge to which we all committed when elected to the Academy – a willingness to commit to the goals and activities of the Academy.
When I learned that I was to become the NAK President-Elect last spring, we were just beginning to grasp how much the global pandemic was going to affect each aspect of our everyday lives. Louisiana State University, like most colleges and universities, had abruptly shifted to 100 percent remote classes and the campus was closed to everyone except “essential personnel.” Seemingly, every aspect of academic life was affected as not only were all instructional activities conducted virtually, but data collection and other research activities were also suspended. Our professional lives were dramatically altered during the lockdown period, as we were forced into a world of virtual work and compelled to learn how to function in the remote environment. Some of those lessons learned will prove to be useful in the future, as in some contexts remote meetings and other forms of virtual communication proved to be efficient. I learned that although that may be true, a virtual meeting is not always a satisfactory substitute for face-to-face interaction. I also learned that I do not appreciate being considered “nonessential.” That seemed to imply that the rest of us were just hanging out at home lounging around. I found that I was working more hours, not less. Handling my regular duties remotely took longer than walking down the hallway to talk with someone, and there were seemingly endless additional tasks created by the situations stemming from the pandemic.

By September when I assumed the office of President-Elect, our campus was partially open. Although most classes were still remote, offices and research labs were open. Our faculty is a collegial group, and we were all happy to be able to interact in person on even a limited basis, but life was far from normal. Beginning my term in office was marked by a range of emotions—being incredibly honored and humbled to have the opportunity to serve the Academy, perhaps a bit of intimidation by the responsibilities of the role, and a sense of wistfulness, likely shared by others, that an in-person meeting was not possible. The necessity of having the NAK business meeting and induction of new Fellows virtually added a layer of complexity to the leadership transition. We learned that there may be advantages to including virtual options for conference attendance, in that the number of attendees attending the business meeting was likely an all-time high. I was reminded, however, during the induction of New Fellows, of how much I value the memory of my own induction. Although the induction session was a great virtual event, I think we are all very anxious for a return to in-person meetings to celebrate honors and to socialize with colleagues.

I learned during the pandemic that recruiting individuals to accept additional duties is sometimes not an easy task. The challenges faced and the stress, both personal and professional, that individuals have endured has often been overwhelming, and taking on one more thing sometimes seems to be unmanageable. The primary duty of the President-Elect is chairing the standing Committee on Nominations and
Election of Officers. It goes without saying that this committee plays a critical role in the future of the Academy by ensuring individuals willing and able to assume leadership roles are identified as potential candidates, and in the shadow of the pandemic, I approached this task with a level of trepidation. I am happy to say that my fears were unfounded, as many Fellows who were contacted readily agreed to accept an office in the Academy, if elected. Many thanks go to committee members Debra Bemben (FNAK #550, University of Oklahoma), Ang Chen (FNAK #496, University of North Carolina at Greensboro), Deborah Riebe (FNAK #580, University of Rhode Island), and Tom Templin (FNAK #473, University of Michigan) for their excellent service on this committee. These individuals were instrumental in developing the outstanding slate of candidates on this year’s ballot. We had numerous excellent nominations from both committee members and other NAK Fellows. We are appreciative of the commitment demonstrated by Fellows who agreed to be considered for the available executive committee positions and thank the nominees for their willingness to serve. Please join me in congratulating the individuals who will join the NAK leadership team: President-Elect Bo Fernhall (FNAK #455, University of Illinois Chicago), Junior Member-at-Large Sandra Shultz (FNAK #530, University of North Carolina at Greensboro), and International Member-at-Large Doune Macdonald (Int’l, University of Queensland). I know they are all ready, willing, and able to make substantial contributions to the executive committee. Engaging in professional service is a core value of NAK, and every Fellow agrees to work to further the goals of the Academy. I encourage each of you to take part next year in this process by nominating individuals and accepting a nomination for a leadership role.

There are many lessons that living through the era of the pandemic has either reinforced or revealed. On a basic level, I have learned that life is simplified to a great degree when your only human interaction is via Zoom and your wardrobe decisions revolve around which T-shirt to wear. However, I also learned that routine gets old very quickly and that being able to return to work can be a refreshing experience. I found that working at home often meant working nonstop in a way, because you never left work. When I was able to go back to work, I enjoyed going, and I enjoyed leaving! Beyond those basic lessons, there are more meaningful lessons that highlight the value of the discipline of Kinesiology and are a source of pride for the contributions that we make to society. Many threads are woven through the cloth of the academic discipline that unites us. One of these is a focus on the promotion of physical activity. As we were all forced to stay at home and our options for social interaction, entertainment, and lots of other things that previously occupied our time were very limited, I began to spend evenings on my front porch (which was not often used prior to the pandemic). I saw neighbors walking, families biking together—lots more people being active in the neighborhood than before the pandemic. So perhaps the best lesson of the pandemic is something that we have all known for a long time: the importance of maintaining a physically active lifestyle. I hope that people outside of our discipline have also learned that lesson and come to realize the value of physical activity and the powerful role it can play in promoting both physical and mental health.

I look forward to continuing in my role as President-Elect and learning the lessons that will enable me to serve effectively. We have a very strong executive committee, and it is a privilege to learn from them. The conditions have dictated the use of a virtual platform for this year’s annual meeting, but the lessons we have learned this year will enable us to embrace the experience. The program could not be more timely and the conference promises to be a great event. Hope to see everyone there!
Life is change. Those three words serve as reminders that adaptation is necessary to survive and thrive. The message was reinforced when Chuck Corbin (FNAK #267) repeatedly observed “Things change!” (Corbin, 2013, p. 19) during his Hetherington Award acceptance speech.

Learning from Chuck’s experiences and reflecting on my own, I have come to conclude that responding (vs. reacting) to change usually results in a positive outcome. Since announcing the 90th anniversary meeting theme of, “Kinesiology’s Social Justice Imperative” at the close of the 2019 annual meeting in Bellevue, Washington, change has most certainly been a constant.

Change

Our 90th anniversary meeting was originally scheduled for September 24–26, 2020 in Providence, Rhode Island. The COVID-19 global pandemic resulted in the meeting’s deferral to September 23–25, 2021 in Newport Beach, California. However, with the ongoing pandemic, uncertainty about institutional travel restrictions, and wanting to keep the health and safety of our members, speakers, and guests first and foremost, the National Academy of Kinesiology’s annual meeting will occur virtually this year. In moving to this format, the meeting dates have been altered to September 22–24, 2021 (i.e., Wednesday–Friday).

As I am sure you will recognize, that is a lot of change! Fortunately, there has been some constancy, too.

Constancy

Given all of these changes, I am grateful to the Executive Committee, Program Planning Committee, NAK@90 Presidential Committee, and the invited speakers for remaining steadfastly committed to delivering this specific thematic program in 2021. Our Business Manager, Kim Scott, had experience dealing with the cancellation of the 2001 meeting due to the tragic events of 9/11, which helped us adapt to the current situation. The collective faithfulness, support, and wisdom of all have been constant, which, during unpredictable circumstances and times, has been enormously appreciated.

The sub-themes and nearly all of our original program speakers remain intact. The named and invited speakers are being scheduled for “live” presentations followed by Moderator led Question and Answer periods. The New Fellow “TedTalk-type” speakers (from 2019 and 2020) will be pre-recorded and available on-demand. Opportunities to interact with those speakers will be available through planned social events. Opportunities to honor our Emeriti Fellows, International Fellows, New Fellows, and Hetherington Award recipients will occur through scheduled social events. We will hold a virtual induction ceremony for the class of 2021 new Fellows, hear from the 2020 and 2021 Hetherington Award recipients, and recognize new and outgoing members of the Executive Committee.

Invitation to Contribute a Haiku-Style Poem

Over the past several years, the Academy has made progress to increase the involvement and representation of our International
Fellows and colleagues (Cardinal, 2019; Dyreson, 2019). To reinforce this idea, tap into your creative talents, and increase your active engagement with the meeting’s theme. I invite you to write and contribute an original haiku-style poem pertaining to this year’s meeting theme.

The haiku-style poem must be comprised of three lines and seventeen syllables. The first line must be five syllables, the second line must be seven syllables, and the third line must be five syllables. Here is an example focused on the meeting’s theme:

Social justice now
Kinesiology check
Lead the change we speak

My hope is to feature a selection of submissions throughout the 90th annual meeting in September. Toward that end, please send your contributions directly to me at Brad.Cardinal@oregonstate.edu no later than September 1, 2021. On the email subject line please specify “NAK haiku”. Your submission should include your haiku-style poem, full name, Fellow designation (i.e., Number or International), and your institutional affiliation.

Conclusion
I am looking forward to exploring Kinesiology’s Social Justice Imperative with you – albeit virtually – September 22–24, 2021.

“Pass it on!”

Reference


THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF KINESIOLOGY LEGACY SOCIETY
The NAK Executive Committee is pleased to announce the creation of the National Academy of Kinesiology Legacy Society. The Society provides a mechanism for members and friends of the Academy to designate the National Academy of Kinesiology in their estate plans. The Legacy Society – which honors the five original members of the Academy – contributes to the long-term financial viability of the National Academy of Kinesiology. Questions about membership in the Society should be directed to the NAK Business Manager or current NAK President. The NAK Legacy Society Estate Designation form can be found here on the NAK website.
A Commentary on Virtual Meetings

By Al Smith (FNAK #522), Michigan State University

Having completed much of the planning for the 2021 American Kinesiology Association (AKA) Annual Workshop by early 2020, I was not enthusiastic about canceling the in-person meeting and moving to an online format. “Pivot” was fast becoming a four-letter word on our campuses. Moreover, AKA has never exactly been a tech-forward organization. The switch was necessary, but unwelcomed to put it mildly. As we moved to fully remote University work in late spring 2020, it was evident that conducting all of our business through Zoom had its shortcomings. Retaining attention over extended periods was challenging, and meetings brought an unusual degree of fatigue. There was a slight hitch in the usual give-and-take of an in-person conversation, it was tougher to pick up on nonverbal cues that clarify verbal messages, and the mute function found itself off, or on, at the instant the opposite was desired. This did not leave me confident that we could offer the stimulating, interactive, and energizing AKA meeting to which we were accustomed.

Complain all you like, but a pandemic has a way of dictating how you will have to do business. Just as we all were forced to instruct our students at a distance, like it or not, the AKA would similarly have to jump into the proverbial deep end to hold the annual workshop. The AKA leadership team acknowledged that how one enters the deep end would matter, and Kim Scott went to work exploring possible vendors to assist our organization. Because of the interactive nature of the annual AKA meeting – it is a workshop, not a conference – a meeting platform with broad functionality was critical. The platform needed to be easy for attendees to navigate, professional looking, and allow for engagement with sponsors.

We settled on Hopin as our platform and purchased one year of access in collaboration with the National Academy of Kinesiology, the North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity, and the North American Society for Sport History. The AKA would be the first to Hopin to the deep end, running a workshop with featured speakers, interactive activities, breakout sessions, social and networking opportunities, a live simulcast on Facebook, and whole-group meetings. Hopin provided a needed registration portal, the ability to highlight sponsors, a speaker preparation room, and a location for attendees to bring technical questions. The platform also was intuitive for workshop attendees to use. It provided a meeting experience that was – pleasantly surprising to me – stimulating, highly interactive, and energizing.

How did attendees evaluate the meeting? The themes and tenor of feedback in our post-conference survey were entirely in line with what we receive most years. Though attendees would have preferred to gather in-person, particularly to enjoy the informal interactions that enrich a meeting experience, they were highly satisfied with the AKA workshop. Any early difficulties navigating the Hopin platform were easily and quickly resolved, attendees had ample...
opportunity to engage with one another, and the meeting experience stimulated thinking about how we can augment our future in-person workshop offerings.

I should also note that attendance was much higher than usual, thanks in part to the reduced expense of and barriers to travel. In offering a high-quality and well-received workshop with broader reach than usual, we believe that we strengthened interest in and commitment to the AKA. With full appreciation of the reservations you may have about the fall NAK meeting moving to an online format, I hold great confidence that you will be pleasantly surprised with the Hopin platform and will have a satisfying experience. I also see great potential to increase awareness and appreciation of the NAK and hope that this virtual conference will allow more of our international and other fellows with travel limitations, as well as a broader audience, to participate in this always engaging and thought-provoking conference.

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**Scott Kretchmar Named Hetherington Award Winner for 2021**

The Hetherington Award Committee selected Professor Scott Kretchmar (FNAK #330) to receive the 2021 Clark W. Hetherington Award, the highest distinction recognized by the National Academy of Kinesiology. From a very competitive and large group of nominees, Scott Kretchmar from Pennsylvania State University was selected. Professor Kretchmar is most deserving of this award by virtue of his extraordinary career, including his service to the Academy and significant and sustained scholarly contributions to Kinesiology. Congratulations Dr. Kretchmar! A special thanks to Lynda Ransdell (FNAK #579; Northern Arizona University) and members of the Standing Committee on Awards for their exceptional nomination.
Historian’s Column

Connecting the Past to the Present

By Bradley J. Cardinal (FNAK #475), Oregon State University

It is with humility that I step into the role of Historian of the National Academy of Kinesiology. My immediate predecessor in this role was Mark Dyreson (FNAK #539, Pennsylvania State University), who succeeded David Wiggins (FNAK #483, George Mason University). Both are eminent sport historians, and they each graciously provided tangible support to me, particularly with regard to preparing for and conducting the “Leader’s Speak” interviews (i.e., oral histories). I am also grateful to the trust bestowed upon me by President Ron Zernicke (FNAK #503), Past-President Dave Perrin (FNAK #401), and our Business Manager, Kim Scott.

Below I will offer three updates on the activities and initiatives undertaken to date as they pertain to connecting the past to the present.

Update #1: University of Utah Donation

In late 2020, we received a donation of 102 photographs from the University of Utah. Many of the photographs are of early Academy Fellows. Kim Scott successfully digitized the images and safely stored them in our Forever cloud storage account.

Beginning with these images, we would like to initiate the construction of an archival photo sequence of all Academy Fellows. The aim would be to have a photo history of all Academy Fellows (e.g., Active, Emeriti, International, Deceased), which will be supplemented with biographical information, completed for a reveal at our 100th anniversary meeting. We are currently developing a data input form for the biographical information and will ask all Fellows to submit that information along with a professional headshot photograph to Kim Scott (KimS@NationalAcademyofKinesiology.org) in the near future. More information and an example will be introduced and shared at the Fall Business Meeting.

Update #2: Leader’s Speak Relaunch

Leader’s Speak is an initiative of the National Academy of Kinesiology whereby leaders and luminaries share their experiences and insights with future generations. Multiple interviews are already available on the Academy’s website. The plan is to add new content in 2021 beginning with an interview with Robert M. Malina (FNAK #287, University of Texas), who served as Academy President during 1987–1988 and who received the Academy’s Hetherington Award in 2007.

Update #3: Historical Session at the 90th Anniversary Meeting

As part of the Academy’s 90th anniversary meeting, a session aimed at familiarizing/re-familiarizing attendees with the Academy’s history will be provided. The session is planned to provide a sweeping overview of the Academy, beginning with the vision of Luther Halsey Gulick (Fellow In Memoriam) through modern times. The hope is to inspire affinity and to develop understanding. In future years, perhaps an abridged version will be incorporated into the New Fellow’s Breakfast.

“Pass it on!”
NAK Member News

**Damon Andrew** (FNAK #546, Florida State University) was inducted into the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA) Hall of Fame in the category of Distinguished Administrator. The COSMA Hall of Fame was established to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the academic field of sport management. This award represents the first time in COSMA's history that an individual was inducted in the Distinguished Administrator category. For more information, visit: [https://www.cosmaweb.org/hall-of-fame.html](https://www.cosmaweb.org/hall-of-fame.html)

In February 2021, **Jenny Etnier** (FNAK #525, University of North Carolina at Greensboro), received the UNC Greensboro Senior Research Excellence Award. A link to the full announcement can be found [here](https://www.cosmaweb.org/hall-of-fame.html).

**Kim C. Graber** (FNAK #526, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign) who is currently serving in the role of Interim Department Head in the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health gave the Raymond A. Weiss Lecture as part of the SHAPE America Distinguished Lecture Series during the recent SHAPE America National Convention. The Weiss lecture supports a scholar who is an outstanding leader in the field and has contributed in the arts and sciences within the fields represented in the organization.

**Duane Knudson** (FNAK #588, Texas State University) was named one of three faculty recognized as Regents’ Professor by The Texas State University System (TSUS) Board of Regents. The 3rd edition of his book *Fundamentals of Biomechanics* (Springer) comes out this year, along with the 6th edition of *Introduction to Kinesiology* (Human Kinetics) which he co-edited with Tim Brusseau. He is also completing his term as President of the International Society of Biomechanics in Sports.
Penny McCullagh, (FNAK #431, California State University - East Bay) is Professor Emerita in her last year of early retirement. She serves as Editor of *Kinesiology Today*, an online magazine published by the American Kinesiology Association (www.amerikankinesiology.org). Penny also served as the Member at Large and on the NAK Executive Committee from 2011-2013. She recently delivered a keynote address to the European Network of Young Specialists in Sport Psychology titled “Research to Practice – Does It Occur in Sport Psychology”. Penny has served as President of four national associations. She has been heavily involved with NASPSPA for more than 45 years and has been Conference Site Director for more than 25 years. She was recently named Executive Director for NASPSPA and will contribute to the leadership of that organization.

Nick Stergiou (FNAK #510, University of Nebraska Omaha) received the 2020 University of Nebraska system wide Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award (ORCA). ORCA recognizes individual faculty members for outstanding research or creative activity of national or international significance. Dr. Stergiou is the second faculty member in the history of the University of Nebraska who has received both the ORCA (2020) and the Innovation, Development and Engagement (IDEA; 2017) system wide awards.

**Congratulations to the New Fellows selected for the NAK**

Carrie Docherty, Indiana University
David Edwards, University of Delaware
Avery Faigenbaum, The College of New Jersey
Brian Focht, The Ohio State University
Peter Hancock, University of Central Florida
Christopher Janelle, University of Florida
NiCole Keith, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
David Marquez, University of Illinois at Chicago
Labros Sidossis, Rutgers University
Ellen Staurowsky, Ithaca College & Drexel University
Jeffrey Stout, University of Central Florida
David Vaillancourt, University of Florida
I’m delighted to announce our new International Member-at-large, Doune Macdonald (Int’l), Professor and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) at the University of Queensland, Australia, who will take over this leadership position following our annual meeting in September, 2021.

The tasks for this portfolio have evolved over the last two years building upon the useful work of former NAK President Brad Cardinal (FNAK #475), and others, who have gathered lots of useful information about our past international members and their intellectual activities and contributions. Some of this information can be found on the NAK website and in our archives but it is as yet scattered and incomplete, which is unfortunate given the important legacy of so many well known and influential physical educators, health promoters and kinesiologists from around the world.

International fellows – sometimes called corresponding fellows, or even honorary fellows – don’t have a Fellow number, and we most likely have missing names on our list as record keeping has been inconsistent over the years. We can, however, learn a great deal from their many contributions to research and development in physical education and kinesiology. According to the NAK website, the first international members in 1939 were Carlos Alvarez and Harry Crowe Buck (a Springfield graduate and YMCA missionary who spent most of his career in Madras and became known as the Father of Physical Education in India). Percy Dawson followed in 1944, and A.D. (Dave) Munrow, influential founder of the first undergraduate physical education degree program in England, was inducted in 1951. Liselotte Diem from Germany was the first female international fellow in 1955.

There are many more luminaries providing a backdrop to the Academy’s illustrious group of International Fellows, past and present, and we would like to find ways to both celebrate their relationship to the NAK community and bring current international fellows more closely into the affairs of the Academy. I’d be happy to hear your ideas. patricia.vertinsky@ubc.ca
Update on the Physical Activity Alliance

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The Physical Activity Alliance (PAA) is a new organization that represents the merger of three organizations: the National Physical Activity Plan Alliance (NPAPA), the National Physical Activity Society, and the National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity. This organization is dedicated to the promotion of active lifestyles through policies, advocacy, strategic planning and workforce development. The National Academy of Kinesiology was one of about 20 organizations that comprised the original membership of the NPAPA.

On March 25, 2021, PAA hosted a Congressional Briefing to introduce its policy priorities and the new Congressional Physical Activity Caucus (formerly the Congressional Fitness Caucus). The renaming of the caucus was deemed a big win for PAA. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7E29dVDA-0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7E29dVDA-0)

On May 11, 2021, PAA hosted a Congressional Briefing on “The Urgency of Addressing Physical Activity During and After the Pandemic.” Graham Melstrand (American Council on Exercise), Mark Fenton (Tufts University), Rachel Levine (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services), Katie Adamson (YMCA), and Ken McLeod (League of American Bicyclists) presented. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LjcnD9CrT8U&t=4s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LjcnD9CrT8U&t=4s)

The PAA executive committee will meet this summer to discuss the role that smaller organizations might play in the organization. Russ Pate (FNAK #310, University of South Carolina) and David Bassett (FNAK #495) will attend and talk about possible ways that membership fees might be scaled, based upon size of the organization or annual revenues.

A tentative timeline for the next National Physical Activity Plan is being developed. Over the next five years, the NPAP version 3.0 will be released. A public meeting will be held in conjunction with development of the plan.

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