

NAKPEHE OFFICER/COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT FORM
Progress Report
April 7, 2008

Report #: _

Name of Office/Committee: _Past-President

Person Submitting Report: Jan Rintala

Progress Report/Tasks Completed:

- Facilitated transition to new president
- Worked with Gloria Robbins and representatives at Walt Disney World Resort to finalize contract for 2011
- Helped transition copyright clearance material from president to chair of publications
- Communicated with Jerry Thomas AKA, regarding way in which NAKPEHE is presented on AKA website; editorial recommendation to be presented to board

Suggestions for Future Plans Related to this Office/Committee

Action Required by Board:

Provide reactions/revisions to suggestion below to delete the last sentence in the first paragraph.

Academic departments in higher education spent agonizing years resolving how to accommodate the new emerging kinesiology discipline with their long-established physical education programs. Over the last 40 years many combinations of discipline and professional departments emerged, with almost as many names to describe these departments. Gradually the physical activity field better defined itself and kinesiology is becoming the consensus name for departments that focus on the study of physical activity and the education thereof. Through these tumultuous years no organization came forth to represent a united kinesiology. The long-established American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) was unable to accommodate the needs of the sub-discipline scholars as well as their own sub-discipline societies and thus AAHPERD saw an exodus of these scholars. The American College of Sports Medicine served the needs of exercise physiologists, but did not have as its mission to represent the other sub-disciplines. The National Association for Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education (NAKPEHE) also was unable to become a strong voice for kinesiology as it remained focused mostly on physical education and only added "kinesiology" to its name in 2003. Consequently most kinesiologists discontinued membership in NAKPEHE and its membership declined from 1500 in 1976 to less than 300 in 2007.

The lack of a strong national association to represent kinesiology in academic, governmental, and public affairs has been and continues to be detrimental to the discipline. Kinesiology today consists of sub-discipline silos that serve their members well for the most part, but do not provide a strong national voice for kinesiology. Thus we are pleased to announce the formation of the **American Kinesiology Association**, now preparing to serve the maturing discipline of kinesiology.

Budget Implications: none