

## Integrating and Advancing Kinesiology: Research Consortium and American Kinesiology Association

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## American Kinesiology Association

...promotes and enhances kinesiology as a unified field of study and advances its many applications. AKA does this by advocating for the kinesiology at national and international levels as well as by supporting its

**member departments** by providing resource materials and leadership and educational opportunities for university administrators in kinesiology.

## Development of AKA

- Human Kinetics Foundation and AAKPE
- Initial meeting in Orlando
- Nature of organization—Dept. as members
- Allied organizations
- Support of HK Foundation and HK Staff
- Grant from HK Foundation
- Becoming an organization

## AKA

### “Making Connections”

“Coordinating the exchange of information about kinesiology and physical activity between departments, affiliated organizations, and agencies.”

*From AKA Mission Statement*

## AKA Member Departments

111 Departments from Universities

- 37 Research Universities
- 50 Regional Universities
- 24 Private Colleges/Universities

## Affiliated Organizations

- American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education (AAKPE)
- American College of Sport Medicine (ACSM)
- Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP)
- American Educational Research Association (SIG-PE)
- APA, Division 47 of Exercise and Sport Psychology (APA-47)
- International Association for the Philosophy of Sport (IAPS)
- National Association for Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education (NAKPEHE)
- **National Association of Sport and Physical Education (NASPE)**
- National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA)
- National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA)
- North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity (NASPSA)
- North American Society for Sport History (NASSH)
- **AAHPERD Research Consortium**

## Exchange of Information Examples of Data from AKA

- Undergraduate growth in AKA Member Departments 2003-08 (50%)
- Average Salary by rank for AKA Departments
- Listing with emails and links of all US institutions with majors in Kinesiology (> 850)
- Impact factors for Kinesiology journals
- > 30 career options and websites for related professional organizations
- Easy search of NIH CRISP data base

## Opportunities in Kinesiology at AKA

- Current job openings in Member Departments (currently 55)
- Links to other job listings (10 links)
- Newsletter—*Kinesiology Today*

## AKA Workshops

“Educating and providing opportunities for interaction among administrators of member departments regarding the organization and administration of academic departments in kinesiology”

*From AKA Mission Statement*

## AKA Workshop 1

### Academic Leadership and Strategic Planning

Leadership responsibilities including planning, decision making, facilitating collaboration, faculty recruitment and challenges and opportunities of an academic unit.

Chicago, Illinois  
October 2008

## AKA Workshop 2

### Re-Examining the Undergraduate Core in Kinesiology in a Time of Change

Purpose was to re-examine and if possible, identify the undergraduate core of the field of kinesiology. In attempting to re-define the undergraduate core of kinesiology the meeting was unique and the first of its kind since the 1960s.

Orlando, FL  
February 2009

## AKA Workshop 2

### Undergraduate Core in Kinesiology

*Undergraduate majors in kinesiology should share a common core of knowledge. The common core establishes broad knowledge categories that can be used as a guide by faculty in kinesiology to examine and refine current educational expectations, policies and practices.*



## AKA Workshop 2

### Undergraduate Core in Kinesiology

*The undergraduate degree in kinesiology includes principles and experiences focused on physical activity across the lifespan. These include:*

- *Physical activity in health, wellness, and quality of life*
- *Scientific foundations of physical activity*
- *Cultural, historical and philosophical dimensions of physical activity*
- *The practice of physical activity.*

## AKA Workshop 3

### Issues and Strategies for Advancing Kinesiology During Challenging Times

- *Understanding the current academic/economic landscape in higher education*
- *Developing effective strategies for managing budget reductions*
- *Creating innovative approaches to funding teaching and research programs*
- *Using assessment and accountability strategically to advance the department*

Dallas, TX  
February 2010

## Future AKA Workshops

Topics to be determined but may include:

- Promoting collaborative research in kinesiology
- Innovative approaches and new funding sources for research in kinesiology
- Strategies for supporting faculty research initiatives
- Evaluating research contributions across diverse areas of study

## Future AKA Workshops

Other topics will address issues related to:

- Delivering quality undergraduate and graduate programs;
- Developing outreach programs;
- And establishing partnerships with organizations aligned with kinesiology.



## Working with Affiliated Organizations

AKA coordinates information about kinesiology:

- Upcoming events/conferences
- Position papers on physical activity from various organizations
- News from affiliated organizations
- Co-organizing meetings on emerging issues in physical activity

## Integrating and Advancing Kinesiology

American Kinesiology Association is committed to working with our member departments and affiliated organizations to promote the study of physical activity and its many applications.

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Questions and Comments?

Thank You!

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