

April 24, 2009

Dear Members and Other Colleagues,

It is a privilege for me to be elected as President of the International Chinese Society for Physical Activities and Health (ICSPAH) for 2009-2011. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support for this organization and its leadership teams. I also want to thank Dr Hongwei Guan for his excellent leadership and Drs. Siu-yin Cheung, Zan Gao, Xiaofen Keating, Ming Li, Guoli Liang, John Liu, Jinjin Yang and Ms. Xiangli Gu for all the wonderful work they had done to move our society forward in the past year.

I am honored to introduce you the 2009-2010 executive committee members here. They are: Dr. Hongwei Guan as Past President; Dr. Zan Gao as Secretary; Dr. Guoyuan Huang as Member-at-Large; Dr. Xiaofen Keating as Member-at-Large; and Dr. John Liu as Treasurer. I am also honored to introduce you Dr. Siu-yin Cheung as Representative from Hong Kong. I greatly appreciate their willingness to serve our society.

To further the development and growth of our society, we need to continue to work together as a team! During my tenure as president, I will work closely with the executive committee and our members on the following areas:

1. To facilitate the professional growth and development of our members by providing opportunities to strengthen teaching, research, and service. This may include creating opportunities on a regular basis for our members to academically interact with colleagues in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and other countries, establishing a mini grant to encourage members to collaborate on research projects, and forming committees for shared governance.
2. To promote our society by creating and maintaining a quarterly newsletter, actively recruiting members, and collaborating with other non-profit professional organizations in the field of physical activity and health.
3. To further revise the By-law so it can provide better guidance for the government of our society.
4. Fundraising activities. For example, we will actively seek sponsorships for our General Assembly held at the annual convention of AAHPERD.

To make any progress in these areas, I will need your support and help!!! Please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions. My e-mail address is: ping@hlkn.tamu.edu; my office phone number is: 979-845-1668.

Finally, for our members, once again I want to thank you for your support for our society. For those who are not a member yet, I would strongly encourage you to join us. As of April 24, 2009, we have 25 members, including 5 lifetime members. They are Drs. Hongwei Guan, Xiaofeng Keating, John Liu, Jinjin Yang, and Zhenhao Zheng. The membership fee is \$25 for general member, \$10 for student member and \$200 for lifetime member. For the year of 2009-2010, the membership fee is due by May 1, 2009, a week from now. Please make a check payable to ICSPAH and mail it to:

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I look forward to working with you all.

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