



## CCUPEKA Highlights

Welcome to the first edition of CCUPEKA's newsletter! We're excited to share a simple way for you to stay connected with what's happening across the association. Each edition will bring you quick, meaningful updates – all in one place – along with news, opportunities, and upcoming events that help support and strengthen our CCUPEKA community.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*As we begin the new year, I'm pleased to welcome you to the first edition of CCUPEKA's official newsletter. This publication highlights key updates from across our association and supports our commitment to clear, timely communication with our member institutions.*

*CCUPEKA continues to advance high-quality kinesiology and physical education programs nationwide through accreditation, collaboration, and shared expertise. Our collective work strengthens the profession and enriches student learning.*

*This year brings exciting developments, including leadership transitions, new opportunities for engagement, and preparations for our 2026 AGM in Banff. I encourage you to stay involved and consider contributing to our committees and initiatives.*

*Thank you for your ongoing dedication to advancing kinesiology education. I look forward to connecting with many of you at the AGM in June.*

**Pam Bryden**  
President



## MRU NEW CHAIR

Effective January 1, 2026, Marty Clark assumed the role of Chair of the Department of Health & Physical Education at Mount Royal University.

We extend our thanks to outgoing Chair, Jill Parnell, for her leadership and continued support of CCUPEKA.

## Open Competitions

- UNB, **Dean of Kinesiology**. Opened until the position is filled.
- UoA, **TT Faculty Position** (Indigenous Scholar in Kin or Leisure Studies). Apply before March 1, 2026.



## VACANT CCUPEKA EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

The **Vice President** position on the Executive Committee is currently vacant.

The **Treasurer** position will be vacant on July 1, 2026.

If you are interested or would like to nominate a colleague, please connect with Pam Bryden, President (pbryden@wlu.ca).



## CCUPEKA IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Our new LinkedIn profile is live. Content is coming soon, but we encourage you to follow us now so you don't miss the latest updates, news and highlights from the association.

Stay connected!



## BANFF 2026 - AGM

Planning for the 2026 Annual General Meeting is underway, and we look forward to welcoming members to Banff, Alberta at the Banff Centre for Performing Arts, June 16-17.

Members can take advantage of a preferred accommodation rate by booking before May 14.

The promo code has not been generated yet, but will be circulated by Melanie once it is received.

## CURRENT VACANT COMMITTEE POSITIONS

The Accreditation Committee is seeking one new member for July 1, 2026. Please email Dany MacDonald (danymacdonald@upei.com) if you are interested.

## ACCREDITATION UPDATE

### Currently in Progress

- Acadia University (KIN) Spring 2026

### Upcoming for 2026-2027

The following institutions are scheduled to undergo accreditation during the 2026-2027 year. A number of volunteer reviewers will be required to support these visits:

- Lakehead University (KIN)
- Memorial University (KIN)
- University of Windsor (KIN)
- Université de Moncton (KIN/PE)
- University of Alberta (KIN/PE)
- University of Winnipeg (KIN)
- York University (KIN)
- University of Manitoba (KIN)
- University of New Brunswick (KIN)
- Laurentian University (PE)

Dany will contact all universities up for review. If you want to speak with him sooner, please reach out to him directly at [dany.macdonald@upei.ca](mailto:dany.macdonald@upei.ca).



Have there been any recent leadership changes in your faculty or department?

Please let us know so we can update our membership listing and ensure your new leaders stay connected. Keeping this information current helps us make sure no one misses out on important meetings, invitations, and communications.



Do you have updated for the next CCUPEKA Newsletter? Please send your ads, announcements and updates to [melanie@unb.ca](mailto:melanie@unb.ca) for inclusion in the next newsletter.



### NOVEMBER 2026 S-AGM

The survey results are in, and the membership has spoken! The Semi-Annual General Meeting will take place on **Friday, November 27, 2026 beginning at 12:00 EST** on MS Teams.

A meeting invite has been sent. If you did not receive it, please contact Melanie Nason ([melanie@unb.ca](mailto:melanie@unb.ca)).

Accepting or declining the invite helps the Executive in determining quorum.