

## **NAKHE Nomination for Vice President Elect**

### **Dr. Robert Knipe Biographical Sketch**

Dr. Knipe is an advocate for Physical Education and the passionate Teachers who teach students to live a healthy and active lifestyle for life. Knipe began his career with eight dedicated years of K-12 teaching, at the University of Texas Elementary School, where he was recognized as the 2011 Teacher of the Year and Coordinated the Healthy Families Initiative. As the founder of the PE Pep Talk project Knipe helps to ensure that teachers feel appreciated and encouraged to keep up the important work that they do in the lives of the children and communities they serve. Knipe completed his PhD work at The University of Texas, in Curriculum and Instruction with a focus in Physical Education Teacher Education. Knipe started his Assistant Professor position in the Physical Education Teacher Education program, at Southern Connecticut State University within the College of Health and Human Services. Throughout his 15-year career, Knipe has served the Health Education and Physical Education field at the local, state, and national levels. Since 2021 Knipe has served NAKHE in several roles that include member of the Marketing Committee, the 2022 Virtual Conference Experience Coordinator, 2023 Conference Planning Committee Member, Chair of the Technology Task Force, as well as being the NAKHE Social Media Coordinator from 2021 to present.

Knipe believes that professional organizations have the potential to support professionals throughout their career as they gain competence and confidence in each of the three role facets of the professoriate, as well as their administrative responsibilities. Knipe further recognizes that NAKHE is uniquely positioned to foster Interprofessional collaboration that crosses boundaries in kinesiology in higher education and helps members develop an understanding of how departments and colleges can take advantage of unique skills sets and perspectives to better serve society. This boundary crossing is also important geographically as the organization looks to serve higher education professionals whose work has an international impact.

The position of NAKHE Vice President will be evolving within the next couple years, with the hiring of a conference manager. This change will require a professional that is flexible, creative and has professional relationships with and is open to working alongside current leadership to redefine the roles and responsibilities of the position. Dr. Knipe's experience and commitment to NAKHE match up well with the current needs of the position of Vice President Elect.