
Health Education Committee

1. Name

- 1.1. The name of this committee will be the Health Education Committee of the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (TAHPERD).

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of the Health Education Committee will be to initiate and conduct projects designed to improve programs in health education in public and private schools, colleges and universities, non-school agencies and organizations, and in the community. All elected officers and/or appointed committee chairs are expected to attend the annual TAHPERD Leadership Conference and the Annual Convention.
- 2.2. The Committee will be responsible for the selection of the Educator/Professional of the Year Awards in health education for K-12 and college/university categories.

3. Organization

- 3.1. The committee will be a Standing Committee of the Association.
- 3.2. The committee will consist of a maximum of nine (9) members to include the Chair.
- 3.3. Three of the nine (9) members shall be the Vice President, Vice President-elect, and immediate Past Vice President of the Health Division. These three (3) are ex officio voting members of the committee. The remaining six (6) members shall be appointed by the President-elect and approved by the Board of Directors. The immediate Past Vice-President of the Health Division shall serve as Chair of the committee.
- 3.4. Committee members shall serve three-year (3) terms with two (2) persons being appointed each year and one (1) person becoming a member by being elected Vice President-elect of the Health Division.
- 3.5. Appointments shall be made to ensure at least two (2) of the members are from the elementary and/or secondary schools, and at least two (2) members are from colleges and universities.
- 3.6. Individuals appointed to this committee must be actively engaged in health education in elementary or secondary schools, colleges or universities, public or voluntary health agencies, or in health promotion at a worksite.
- 3.7. Individuals who have served a full three-year (3) term may not immediately succeed themselves as committee members.

4. Operation

- 4.1. The following are examples of matters to which the Committee should direct its attention in order to carry out the purpose as stated above:
 - 4.1.1. Selection of health education Educator/Professional of the Year Awards
 - 4.1.2. Scope and sequence for health education courses
 - 4.1.3. Resource materials and curriculum guides
 - 4.1.4. Standards for teacher preparation programs
 - 4.1.5. Recruitment, selection, and retention of majors in health education
 - 4.1.6. Health standards for accreditation of public schools
 - 4.1.7. Standards for health education in colleges and universities

- 4.2. Major projects such as scheduling and conducting conferences, making extensive surveys, and those involving considerable interaction with individuals and groups outside the association must be approved by the Board of Directors before they are conducted.
- 4.3. Recommendations and materials developed by the Committee are to be presented for approval to the Board of Directors as appropriate. Upon approval, the President would then forward these to the designated individuals or groups as the official recommendation of the Association.
- 4.4. The Committee Chair will make two annual reports to the Board of Directors outlining the activities conducted during the year and containing any recommendations that require approval by the Board of Directors and/or Representative Assembly. Each report is due to the TAHPERD Office thirty days prior to the Board of Directors meeting so that distribution can be made to Board members prior to their Spring and Winter meetings.

5. Awards

- 5.1. The names of the awards governed by this Committee are: K-12 Health Educator of the Year and College/University Health Educator of the Year.
- 5.2. The purpose of these awards is to:
 - 5.2.1. encourage and recognize outstanding teaching and professional involvement by educators/professionals in the various areas of health education.
 - 5.2.2. The Executive Director will forward the names of award recipients, where appropriate, as candidates for the district and national awards given through SHAPE America. The recipient must be a member of SHAPE America and meet the district and/or national award criteria to be nominated.
- 5.3. Criteria – candidates must:
 - 5.3.1. Serve as a positive role model epitomizing personal health,
 - 5.3.2. Utilize various teaching/assessment methodologies and plan innovative learning experiences or assessment.
 - 5.3.3. Display professional commitment through membership and involvement in local, state, and national health organizations or other volunteer service.
 - 5.3.4. Exhibit leadership in developing, implementing, directing, and/or coordinating effective health education or promotion.
 - 5.3.5. Provide evidence of meritorious professional activity in at least three of the following: innovative teaching, publications, presentations, funded research, special projects, or other health-related activities.
 - 5.3.6. Candidates must provide three (3) letters of recommendation from administrators/supervisors, professional colleagues, and/or prominent officials, e.g., government officials, who are in a position to evaluate each candidate's qualifications related to the criteria for this award. TAHPERD Health Education Committee members are not to be solicited for letters of recommendation.

6. Nomination/Application

- 6.1. Requests for nominations are to be published in the electronic newsletter and through information provided at the Annual Convention, Leadership Conference, and on the TAHPERD website.
- 6.2. At the time of nomination, nominees must have been members of TAHPERD for three (3) years.
- 6.3. Any educator/professional who meets the criteria outlined may apply personally for the awards or be nominated by a TAHPERD member colleague.
- 6.4. Nominations must be submitted to the TAHPERD Office online on the TAHPERD

- website.
- 6.5. Additional data must be submitted, upon request, to the Health Education Committee Chair.
 - 6.6. Current TAHPERD Division Vice Presidents, members of the Health Education Committee, and past recipients of the award are not eligible as candidates.
 - 6.7. See the Operating Code of the Awards Committee for a timeline for nominations, balloting, and notification of award recipients.
 - 6.8. A brief biography and photograph will be provided by the recipient for inclusion in the Awards Program and the Texas HPERD Journal.
 - 6.9. These awards will be presented during the Annual Convention with proper recognition.
 - 6.10. TAHPERD award recipients are encouraged to attend the Annual Convention and Awards Dinner for recognition by their colleagues.
 - 6.11. All materials pertaining to TAHPERD award recipients will be submitted by the TAHPERD Office to the appropriate committee chair in the Southern District SHAPE America to be considered for the District award. District recipients are encouraged to register and attend the Southern District SHAPE America Convention. Materials concerning District award recipients will then be submitted by Southern District SHAPE America for consideration at the national level by SHAPE America

To be eligible for district or national awards, recipients must be a member of SHAPE America and meet the criteria posted on SHAPE America's webpage.

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