
Advocacy Committee

1. Name

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

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The Advocacy Committee will provide a structure within the Association for the dissemination of information, as well as, a means of initiating action on issues, policies, and laws proposed/issued by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), State Board of Education (SBOE), State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC), and/or the state Legislature and/or the national Congress. The committee will assist in the organization of cohesive strategies with specific action plans for member involvement in the legislative process, when HPERD issues are up for discussion. At no time will the purpose of the committee be construed to support or endorse specific political candidates. It will however, monitor the activities of the legislature and various agencies affecting our professional constituency and disseminate such information in an appropriate manner.

3. Organization

- 3.1. The committee will be organized as a Standing Committee of TAHPERD.
- 3.2. The committee will consist of nine appointed committee members, including the Chair. The Executive Director shall be an *ex officio* member.
- 3.3. Committee members will serve a three-year (3) term-with three (3) new members being appointed each year by the President-elect to serve on the committee upon approval from the Board of Directors at the December meeting.
- 3.4. Members of the committee must be current, retired, or emeritus members of TAHPERD.
- 3.5. The Chair of the committee will be appointed each year by the President-elect and approved by the Board of Directors at the December Board meeting.
- 3.6. Efforts will be made to include representation of all TAHPERD's professional interest areas.
- 3.7. All elected officers and appointed committee chairs are expected to attend the TAHPERD Leadership Conference and the TAHPERD Annual Convention.
- 3.8. Members who have served a full three-year (3) term may not serve consecutive terms.
- 3.9.A member not fulfilling the obligations of the committee without sufficient cause will be automatically removed from the committee. Decisions concerning sufficient cause will be made by the Executive Committee.

4. Operations

- 4.1. The committee Chair will keep the TAHPERD President, and the Executive Director continually and fully informed on the activities of the committee. The

Chair will maintain committee files and make such files available to her/his successor.

- 4.2. The committee stays informed of any actions taken or contemplated by the Legislature, the State Board of Education, the Texas Education Agency, the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, State Board for Education Certification, or other governing bodies, which would affect the HPERD professions.
- 4.3. The committee assists in developing specific plans and procedures to be followed in situations described in Section 2.1.
- 4.4. The committee encourages and assists school districts, colleges, universities, and non-school agencies in developing and implementing HPERD advocacy programs at the local level.
- 4.5. The committee may utilize the TAHPERD E-newsletter, through the Executive Director, to inform the membership when immediate action is necessary to provide input for the legislative process.
- 4.6. The committee works with the Executive Director to collaborate with organizations, such as Society for Health and Physical Education (SHAPE), Texas State Teachers Association, and other groups that support TAHPERD's professional interests and projects.
- 4.8. The Chair of the committee will make at least two (2) 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. The reports are due to the Executive Director thirty (30) days prior to the Board of Directors meeting so that distribution can be made to Board members twenty-one (21) prior to the Spring and Winter meetings.

Adopted by the Board of Directors, May 1986.

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December 1995

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