
Physical Education Committee

1. Name

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

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of the Committee will be to initiate and conduct projects designed to improve programs in physical education in public and private elementary and secondary schools, in the colleges and universities, in non-school groups and agencies, and in the community.
- 2.2. All elected officers and/or appointed committee Chairs are expected to attend the annual TAHPERD Leadership Conference and the Annual Convention.
- 2.3. The Committee shall be responsible for the selection of the Professional/Educator of the Year Awards for physical education in: elementary school, middle school, and high school categories.

3. Organization

- 3.1. The committee shall be organized as a Standing Committee of the Association.
- 3.2. The committee shall consist of nine (9) members, including the Chair.
- 3.3. Three (3) of the nine (9) members shall be the Vice President, Vice President-elect, and the immediate Past Vice President of the Physical Education Division. The Chair shall be the immediate Past Vice President of the Physical Education Division. The Chair and committee members are to be approved by the Board of Directors.
- 3.4. Committee members shall serve for 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 for the Physical Education Division.
- 3.5. Appointments shall be made to ensure that at least three (3) of the members are from the elementary school level, and three are from the secondary school level, and that at least three (3) are men and at least three (3) are women.
- 3.6. Individuals appointed from the elementary and secondary levels must hold a teaching certificate in physical education and must have the major portion of their teaching assignment in physical education (pedagogy).
- 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 attention in order to carry out the purpose as stated in Section 2, above:
 - 4.1.1. Selection of physical education Professional/Educators of the Year Awards for elementary, middle school, and high school.
 - 4.1.2. Scope and sequence of activities in the physical education program
 - 4.1.3. Resource materials and curriculum guides for physical education
 - 4.1.4. Standards for teacher preparation programs
 - 4.1.5. Recruitment, selection, and retention of majors in physical education
 - 4.1.6. Standards in physical education for accreditation of the public schools
 - 4.1.7. Standards for physical 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 prepared for approval and presentation to the Board of Directors and/or Representative Assembly as appropriate. Upon approval these items would then be forwarded by the President to the designated individuals or groups as the official recommendation of the Association.
- 4.4. The Committee 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. The annual report is to be emailed to the Executive Director so that distribution can be made to the Board of Directors 21 days prior to their spring and fall meetings.

5. Awards

- 5.1. The names of the awards governed by this Committee are: Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year, Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year, and High School Physical Education Teacher 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 in the various areas of physical education.
Serve as TAHPERD's nomination of these individuals, where appropriate, as candidates for the district and national awards given through the Society for Health and Physical Education (SHAPE America).
 - 5.3. Criteria – award candidates must:
 - 5.3.1. Must have been a TAHPERD member for the three (3) years preceding nomination.
 - 5.3.2. be professionals in physical education.
 - 5.3.3. have major responsibility for teaching physical education.
 - 5.3.4. serve as positive role models epitomizing the values and desired outcomes of physical education.
 - 5.3.5. demonstrate enthusiasm for the profession and her/his role in it
 - 5.3.6. show interest in, and sensitivity to, the needs of students and fellow professionals.
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- 5.3.7. utilize various methodologies and implement creative, innovative, safe, and effective courses/programs in physical education.
- 5.3.8. assume responsibility for her/his professional growth and evidence professional commitment through membership and involvement in local, state, and national HPERD organizations.

6. Nomination/Application

- 6.1. Requests for nominations are to be published in the TAHPERD electronic newsletter, announced during the Annual Convention and Leadership Conference, and through online nomination forms 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 online on the TAHPERD website.
- 6.5. Additional data must be submitted upon request to the Physical Education Committee Chair.
- 6.6. Current TAHPERD Division Vice Presidents, past award recipients, and members of the Physical Education Committee are not eligible as candidates.
- 6.7. See the Operating Code for the Awards Committee for a timeline for nominations, balloting, and notification of award recipients.
- 6.8. A brief biography and a “head shot” photograph are required from the candidates for inclusion in the Awards Dinner Program and the *Texas Journal of HPERD*.
- 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. Descriptions of the award recipients are to be published in the Fall issue of the *Texas Journal of HPERD*.
- 6.12. All materials pertaining to TAHPERD award recipients will be submitted, by the appropriate deadline, by the Executive Director to the appropriate committee chair in the Southern District SHAPE America to be considered for the District award. District recipients are encouraged to attend the SD SHAPE America Convention. Materials concerning District recipients will be submitted by the District for consideration at the national level (SHAPE America).
- 6.13. To be eligible for District or National awards, recipients must be members of SHAPE America and meet the award criteria published on the SHAPE America website.

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