

Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance

OPERATING CODE FOR DANCE COMMITTEE

1. Name

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

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of the committee shall be to initiate and conduct projects designed to improve programs in dance in public and private elementary and secondary schools, in 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 as well as the TAHPERD Annual Convention.
- 2.3. The Committee shall be responsible for the selection of the Educator of the Year Awards for Dance: K-12 and College/University, the Dance Heritage Award, and the Shining Star Award.

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 Dance Division. The remaining six (6) members shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The immediate Past Vice President of the Dance Division shall serve as Chair (ex officio) 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 for Dance.
- 3.5. Appointments shall be made to ensure that at least three (3) of the members are from the elementary and/or secondary schools, that at least three (3) are from colleges and universities and that minority representation is encouraged.
- 3.6. Individuals appointed to this committee must be actively engaged in dance education or dance as a performing art.
- 3.7. Individuals who have served a full three-year (3) term on the Dance Committee 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 Dance Educators/Professionals of the Year Awards.
 - 4.1.2. Scope and sequence of activities in the dance program.
 - 4.1.3. Resource materials and curriculum guides for dance.
 - 4.1.4. Standards for teacher preparation programs.
 - 4.1.5. Recruitment, selection, and retention of majors in dance.
 - 4.1.6. Standards in dance for accreditation of the public schools.
 - 4.1.7. Standards for dance in colleges and universities.
 - 4.1.8. The place of professional preparation for dance, as well as teacher preparation in dance.

- 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 by 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 shall make an annual report 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 due to the TAHPERD Office 21 days prior to the Board of Directors meeting so that distribution can be made to Board members prior to their Spring and Winter meetings.
- 4.5. The provisions of 4.4 do not preclude the committee from submitting recommendations at other times during the year and for such recommendations to be submitted to the Board of Directors or Representative Assembly for approval by mail/email ballot. The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors has the responsibility of determining when matters shall be referred to these bodies for mail ballot.

5. Dance Educator of the Year Awards

- 5.1. The purpose of these awards is to: encourage and recognize outstanding teaching and professional involvement by educators/professionals in the various areas of dance education. (no Dance Heritage and Shining Star)
- 5.2. Criteria – candidates must:
 - 5.2.1. Be a dance teacher or provide a significant contribution to students in the field of dance for a minimum of three years
 - 5.2.2. Serve as a positive role model epitomizing personal health and fitness, enjoyment of activity, and sensitivity to students.
 - 5.2.3. Teach creatively and utilizes various methodologies.
 - 5.2.4. Promote an understanding of dance as a creative art form.
 - 5.2.5. Emphasize the significance of dance as an integral cultural component that enables students to understand their own cultural heritage as well as that of others.
 - 5.2.6. Present a balanced and sequential curriculum based on the developmental, somatic, social, and psychological needs of the students.
 - 5.2.7. Encourage an appreciation of dance as an art form.
 - 5.2.8. Demonstrate professional commitment through membership and active participation in local, state, and/or national dance organizations.
 - 5.2.9. Provide opportunities for students to share their creative work with appropriate audiences.
- 5.3. Nomination/Application for Dance Educator of the Year
 - 5.3.1. At the time of nomination, nominees must have been members of TAHPERD for three (3) years immediately preceding nomination.
 - 5.3.2. Any educator/professional who meets the criteria outlined may nominate themselves or be nominated by a colleague.
 - 5.3.3. Nominations may be submitted to the TAHPERD Office on the form distributed at Annual Convention or online on the TAHPERD website

- 5.4. Additional data must be submitted upon request to the Dance Committee Chair.
- 5.5. Current members of the Dance Committee are not eligible as nominees.
- 5.6. See the Operating Code of the Awards Committee for a timeline for nominations, balloting, and notification of award recipients.
- 5.7. Brief biographies will be prepared by the Dance Committee Chair for inclusion in the Awards Program and the *TAHPERD Journal*.
- 5.8. These awards will be presented at the Annual Convention with proper recognition and certificate or plaque.
- 5.9. TAHPERD award recipients are encouraged to attend the annual convention and Awards Dinner for recognition by their colleagues.
- 5.10. Descriptions of the award recipients are to be published in the Fall issue of the *TAHPERD Journal*.
- 5.11. The Executive Director will forward the recipient's name to SHAPE America as a nominee for the district and national dance awards.
- 5.12. To be eligible for District or National awards, recipients must be members of SHAPE America.

Adopted by the Board of Directors December 1982

Amended:

April	1986
December	1987
November	2001
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