

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

OPERATING CODE FOR HEALTH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. Name

- 1.1. The name of this committee shall 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 shall be to initiate and conduct projects designed to improve programs in health and safety education in public and private schools, in colleges and universities, in 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 as well as the annual state convention.
- 2.2. The Committee shall be responsible for the selection of the Educator/Professional of the Year Awards for health education for K-12 and for college/university categories.

3. Organization

- 3.1. The committee shall be organized as a Standing Committee of the association.
- 3.2. The committee shall 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 and approved by the Board of Directors. The immediate Past Vice-President of the Health 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 of Health.
- 3.5. Appointments shall be made to ensure that at least two (2) of the members are from the elementary and/or secondary schools, and that at least two (2) are from colleges and the universities.
- 3.6. Individuals appointed to this committee must be actively engaged in health education in the elementary or secondary schools, universities or colleges, 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 in Section 2, 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 by the Board of Directors and/or Representative Assembly 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 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 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.
- 4.5. The provisions of 4.1.4 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 by mail 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. Awards

- 5.1. The names of the awards governed by this Committee are: Health Educator of the Year (K-12), and Health Educator of the Year (college/university).
- 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. Forward the names of these individuals, where appropriate, as candidates for the District and National awards given through the SHAPE America
- 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 plans 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 Spring issue of the *TAHPERD Journal* and/or newsletter and through forms provided at the Annual Convention 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 colleague.
- 6.4. Nominations may be submitted to the TAHPERD Office on the form distributed at Convention or 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, past award recipients, and members of the Health Education Committee 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. Brief biographies will be prepared by the Health Education Committee Chair for inclusion in the Awards Program.
- 6.9. These awards will be presented at the Annual Convention with proper recognition and certificate or plaque.
- 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 *TAHPERD Journal*.
- 6.12. All materials pertaining to TAHPERD award recipients will be submitted, by the appropriate deadline, 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 recipients will then be submitted by Southern District SHAPE America 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. Current Southern District Division Vice Presidents and past Southern District SHAPE America award recipients are not eligible to be selected for the same Southern District SHAPE America award.

Adopted by the Board of Directors December 1975

Amended:

November	1978
April	1986
December	1983
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April	2011