Scholar Committee

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

2. Purpose
   2.1 The purpose of the committee is to select a member of TAHPERD who has a record of scholarly activities.

3. Eligibility
   3.1 Persons must be an active member of TAHPERD, i.e., service, leadership, etc., for the five years preceding nomination.

4. Criteria for Selection
   4.1 Scholarly activities must be in the areas of our profession.
   4.2 Persons selected shall be clearly outstanding and an individual who is recognized statewide and nationally for their expertise.
   4.3 Persons must be actively engaged in the profession for the previous ten (10) years as demonstrated by publications, presentations, and/or creative endeavors.
   4.4 Persons must be actively engaged in TAHPERD.

5. Operation
   5.1 Committee members will be responsible for solicitation of nominees. Nominees will also be solicited by publication of a notice in the TAHPERD Journal by emails to the TAHPERD membership.
   5.2 The Scholar Committee shall be composed of nine (9) voting members. Six (6) members of the Scholar Committee shall be appointed by the President for staggered, three (3) year terms. Two (2) of the six (6) appointed members will be previous TAHPERD Scholars and the other four (4) shall represent various interests within the profession. The three (3) College Division Vice-Presidents shall serve as voting ex-officio members of the Scholar Committee with the current Past Vice-President of the College Division serving as chairperson. The Scholar Committee shall select the TAHPERD Scholar Award recipient.

6. Nomination and Application
   6.1. Nominations shall be sent to the TAHPERD Office on or before February 1. The TAHPERD Office will verify that each candidate is eligible and notify the committee Chair.
   6.2. The TAHPERD Office will:
       6.2.1. Confirm eligibility of each nominee to the committee chair.
       6.2.2. Request from confirmed nominees a complete vita.
       6.2.3. Copy and distribute completed nominee packets to all committee members.
6.3. One scholar may be selected annually; however, in the event that the committee determines that a qualified candidate has not been nominated, they may withhold the selection for that year.

6.4. Credentials of candidates not selected for the award will remain in the nomination pool for two more years. A communications from the TAHPERD Office will be sent to request a one page vita update previous to the next period of consideration each year.

6.5. A recipient of the Scholar Award may not receive the award more than once.

6.6. The committee may meet during the TAHPERD Annual Convention and at other times as needed.

7. Responsibilities for the Scholar Recipient
   7.1. The scholar will be available for presentations.
   7.2. TAHPERD shall budget appropriate funds to apply toward travel expenses to sites for the Scholars’ presentations during the year.

8. Notification
   8.1. The Scholar Committee Chair will notify the TAHPERD Office of the committee’s decision.
   8.2. The Scholar will make a presentation at the Annual Convention and be recognized at the Convention Awards Dinner.

Adopted by the Board of Directors December 1981

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