
Recreation Committee

1. Name

- 1.1. The name of this committee will be the Recreation 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 recreation 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 as well as the Annual Convention.
- 2.3. The Committee will be responsible for the selection of the Recreation Professional of the Year Award.

3. Organization

- 3.1. The committee will be organized as a Standing Committee of the Association.
- 3.2. The committee will consist of nine (9) members, including the Chair.
- 3.3. Three (3) of the nine (9) members will be the Vice President, Vice President-elect, and the immediate Past Vice President of the Recreation Division. The Chair will be the immediate Past Vice President. All members of the Recreation Committee will be approved by the Board of Directors.
- 3.4. Committee members will serve three-year (3) terms with two (2) persons being appointed by the President-elect each year and one (1) person becoming a member by being elected Vice President-elect for Recreation.
- 3.5. Appointments shall be made to ensure that at least two (2) of the members are from the elementary and/or secondary schools, that at least two (2) are from colleges and universities, and that at least three (3) are men and at least three (3) are women.
- 3.6. Individuals appointed to this committee must be actively engaged in recreation, intramurals, or recreation education.
- 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 to carry out the purpose as stated in Section 2 above:
 - 4.1.1. Selection of Recreation Professional of the Year Award recipient
 - 4.1.2. Solicit program proposals for Annual Convention and Summer Conference with the option to plan annual division workshops.

- 4.1.3. Organizational structures and procedural guides for recreation programs
- 4.1.4. Resource materials and curriculum guides for recreation programs
- 4.1.5. Standards for professional preparation programs for recreation leaders
- 4.1.6. Recruitment, selection, and retention of majors in recreation
- 4.1.7. Standards for recreation in colleges and universities
- 4.1.8. Standards for school and community recreation
- 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 and presented for approval by the Board of Directors. Upon approval, the President would then forward these items 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. The annual report is due to the TAHPERD Office thirty (30) days prior to the Board of Directors Spring and Fall meetings so that distribution can be made to Board members 21 days prior to their meeting.

5. Awards

- 5.1. The name of the award governed by this Committee is the Recreation Professional of the Year Award.
- 5.2. The purpose of this award is to:
 - 5.2.1. encourage and recognize outstanding teaching and professional involvement by educators/professionals in the various areas of recreation.
- 5.3. Criteria – candidates must:
 - 5.3.1. Must have been a TAHPERD member for the three (3) years preceding nomination.
 - 5.3.2. Serve as a positive role model epitomizing the values and desired goals of recreation.
 - 5.3.3. Demonstrate enthusiasm for the recreation profession and her/his role therein.
 - 5.3.4. Show interest in, and sensitivity to, the needs of students, clients, and fellow professionals.
 - 5.3.5. Utilize various teaching methodologies and implement creative, innovative, safe, and effective courses and/or programs based on the developmental, social, and psychological needs of students and clients.

- 5.3.6. Display professional commitment through membership and involvement in local, state, and national recreation organizations.

6. Nomination/Application

- 6.1. Requests for nominations are to be published in the TAHPERD electronic newsletter and through the online process 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 award 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 Recreation Committee Chair.
- 6.6. Current TAHPERD Division Vice Presidents, members of the Recreation Committee, and past award recipients 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. The award will be presented during the Annual Convention with proper recognition.
- 6.9. TAHPERD award recipients are encouraged to attend the Annual Convention and the Awards Dinner for recognition by their colleagues.
- 6.10. Descriptions of the award recipients are to be published in the Fall issue of the *Texas Journal of HPERD*.
- 6.11. 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 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).
- 6.12. 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.

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