

Retired Professionals Section

1. Name

- 1.1. The name of this section will be the Retired Professionals Section of the General Division of the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (TAHPERD).

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of the Retired Professionals Section will be to provide staffing for the TAHPERD MarketPlace store during the Summer Conference and Annual Convention.

3. Organization

- 3.1. The Retired Professionals Section will be organized as a section of the General Division.
- 3.2. The section officers will consist of: Chair, Chair-elect, and Past Chair.
- 3.3. Section officers will be elected at a section program during the Annual Convention by a majority of the members in attendance.
- 3.4. In the event that a section fails to elect any of its officers, an appointment will be made by the President.
- 3.5. In the event of death, resignation, or removal of a person in the office of Chair-elect, the person with the second highest vote in the original election shall assume the office. If this person is unable to serve, the President will appoint a person to the office.
- 3.6. Section chairs shall serve three (3) year terms. The officer rotation is: Chair-elect to Chair and Chair to Past Chair.
- 3.7. The Section Officers will conduct activities as are deemed necessary or appropriate between the Annual Conventions to carry out the purposes of and to ensure the continuity of the Section.
- 3.8. All officers are expected to attend the annual Leadership Conference, Summer Conference, and Annual Convention.
- 3.9. Officers desiring to resign should do so by letter/email to the President and copied to the Executive Director.
- 3.10. Officers may be removed by the Executive Committee for inefficiency or other just cause as stated in the Code of Ethics.
- 3.11. Individuals who have served a full term may not immediately succeed themselves.

4. Election of Officers

- 4.1. Officers will be elected by a majority vote of members present at the Annual Convention program session designated for the section's elections.
- 4.2. Voting will be by a show of hands, verbal response, or a secret ballot prepared by the Chair of the Section.

- 4.3. The Chair-elect automatically becomes Chair at the end of the convention. Thus, the officer to be elected each year is the Chair-elect.
- 4.4. To be eligible to hold office, the individual must:
 - 4.4.1. be a member in good standing
 - 4.4.2. have indicated a willingness to serve if elected
 - 4.4.3. not have accepted a nomination for another TAHPERD office
 - 4.4.4. not be holding another TAHPERD office
 - 4.4.5. not resign from an office to accept the nomination for a different office

5. Nominating Process

- 5.1. The Section nominating committee will be the Section Chairs, with the Past Chair presiding.
- 5.2. The nominating committee will present a minimum of two (2) candidates for the office of Chair-elect.
- 5.3. Opportunity must be given for members to make nominations from the floor provided the individuals so nominated are eligible under the provisions of Section 4.4.

6. Nominating Timeline, Procedures, and Responsibilities

- 6.1. TAHPERD Members will be invited to nominate members to be considered for the office of Section Chair-elect with announcements in the electronic newsletter and on the TAHPERD website.
- 6.2. The following dates will be observed for all nominations
 - 6.2.1. Late December or Early January – the call for nominations will be distributed in the electronic newsletter and on the TAHPERD website.
 - 6.2.2. January - Leadership Conference – The Section Officers and Division Vice Presidents will bring names of members they have identified and consulted with for their interest in being considered a nominee for office. Names will be given to the Executive Director and entered into the electronic nomination process on the TAHPERD website.
- 7.2.6. Annual Convention – Past Chair will introduce the candidates at the program session designated for the election process.

*Adopted by Board of Directors:
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