

## Awards Committee

### 1. Name

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

### 2. Purpose

2.1. The purpose of the Awards Committee is to select individuals to receive the David K. Brace Award, the Honor Award, and the Emerging Professional 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) voting members, including the Chair.

Members should be from various geographical areas, disciplines in the profession, and levels of education. Preference should be given to members who have received TAHPERD Awards. Committee members and the Chair shall be appointed by the TAHPERD President-elect and approved by the Board of Directors. The TAHPERD Executive Director is an ex officio, non-voting member.

3.3. Three members shall be appointed annually for three-year terms.

3.4. Members who have served a full three-year (3) term may not immediately succeed themselves as committee members.

### 4. Awards Timelines, Procedures, and Responsibilities

4.1. **September – January 31:** Awards Committee members and members of all respective standing committees selecting awards recipients will solicit nominees for all TAHPERD Awards.

4.2. **October 1 - December 15:** TAHPERD Office makes nomination forms available to the TAHPERD membership via the e-Journal, electronic newsletter, and the website.

4.3. **February 1:** TAHPERD Office distributes current operating codes for awards to Chairs of each standing committee responsible for selecting award recipients.

4.4. **February 15:** All nominations due to the TAHPERD Office.

4.5. **February 20:** Awards Committee Chair collects and reviews any suggested changes to the Operating Codes from the standing committees selecting award recipients. Copies of suggested changes are sent to the TAHPERD Office by March 1.

4.6. **February 20:** TAHPERD Office emails application packets to eligible nominees.

4.7. **March 31:** All application packets and support materials from nominees due to TAHPERD Office.

4.8. **April 15:** TAHPERD Office emails the applicants' materials to respective committee members with rating forms and information explaining responsibilities and timelines.

4.9. **May 5:** Committee members send their completed rating forms for each nominee to the Committee Chair.

4.10. **May 10:** Rating forms will be tabulated by the respective committee Chair. For the David K. Brace, Honor, and Emerging Professional awards, the lowest and highest

scores will not be used in determining the recipient. The award recipient must have an average rating of 85% or better to receive the award.

- 4.11. **May 10:** In the event of a tie, the respective committee Chair sends a ballot to the committee members for them to rank the nominees.
- 4.12. **May 15:** Ranking ballots are received by the respective committee Chair.
- 4.13. **May 20:** Final award recipients' names are received by the TAHPERD Office.
- 4.14. **June 1:** Chair of each respective standing committee will send all award election results and rating forms to the TAHPERD Office to be archived for a period of one (1) year.
- 4.15. **June 1:** The TAHPERD Office will email letters of congratulations from the TAHPERD President to all award recipients with information on the Awards presentations at the TAHPERD Convention and a request for a short biography and head-shot picture. The TAHPERD Office will also verify the spelling of the award recipients' name, etc.
- 4.16. **June 5:** The TAHPERD Office will email a list of the award recipients to all selecting committee members and the Board of Directors.
- 4.17. **October 1** (end of business): TAHPERD Office shall forward the names of the Texas award recipients as nominees, where appropriate, for Southern District SHAPE America awards.
- 4.18. **Awards Committee Chair** will serve as emcee in conjunction with TAHPERD's President for the Awards program at the Annual Convention.
- 4.19. **Awards Committee members** will:
  - 4.19.1. participate in updating the Awards Committee Operating Code
  - 4.19.2. participate in all meetings of the Awards Committee
  - 4.19.3. participate in the awards selection process
  - 4.19.4. recuse themselves if they are unable to objectively evaluate an award nominee(s). If this occurs, the committee member shall not evaluate any of the candidates for that award.
- 4.20. An appropriate plaque commemorating the award shall be presented to the recipients at a special awards program. The recipient will be recognized at a general session during the Annual Convention. The TAHPERD Office shall have the responsibility for the preparation of the plaque.
- 4.21. An announcement of the awards recipients shall be published in the Fall issue of the *Texas Journal for HPERD*.
- 4.22. The TAHPERD Office shall be responsible for providing a "standard press release" to the award recipient for use in their local newspaper.

## **5. TAHPERD Awards Qualifications and Credentials**

- 5.1. **David K. Brace Award** (Qualifications verified by the TAHPERD Office)
  - 5.1.1. The candidate must have been a Professional, Retired, and/or Emeritus member of TAHPERD for ten (10) years immediately preceding the nomination for the award.
  - 5.1.2. Credentials evaluated by the Awards Committee
    - 5.1.2.1. The candidate for the Brace Award shall have a minimum of twenty (20) years in the fields of health, physical education, recreation, and/or dance.
    - 5.1.2.2. The candidate must have received the TAHPERD Honor Award.
    - 5.1.2.3. Candidate must have received a state, district, or national award for professional contributions.
    - 5.1.2.4. Have documented evidence of extensive professional involvement in

- an associated national organization such as SHAPE America
- 5.1.2.5. Exemplify the best in service, teaching, administration, and/or research.
- 5.1.2.6. Be recognized by TAHPERD members as a noteworthy leader.
- 5.1.2.7. Be the type of person whose life and contributions could inspire others.

5.1.3. Committee Rating Procedures

- 5.1.3.1. Committee members shall rate each candidate from one to ten (1-10) on each of the four (4) credential categories. The highest possible score for all four qualifications would be forty (40) points.
- 5.1.3.2. The Chair will tabulate the ratings of the committee and select the candidate with the highest average rating. In order to receive the award, a candidate must have an average rating of thirty-four (34) points or better, equaling an 85% average.
- 5.1.3.3. If two (2) or more people are tied for first (1) place, the Chair will send the names of these candidates to the committee members for ranking. All candidates must be ranked. Not more than one (1) person may be selected each year for the Brace Award.
- 5.1.3.4. Credentials of candidates not selected for the award will remain in the nomination pool for two more years. A letter and/or email will be sent to request a one-page vita update previous to the next period of consideration each year.

**5.2. Honor Award**

5.2.1. Eligibility verified by the TAHPERD Office

- 5.2.1.1. The candidate must have been a Professional, Retired, and/or Emeritus member of TAHPERD for five (5) years immediately preceding nomination for the award.
- 5.2.1.2. Credentials evaluated by the Awards Committee
- 5.2.1.3. The candidate for the Honor Award shall have served a minimum of ten (10) years in Texas in the field of health, physical education, recreation, and/or dance as evidenced through the following areas:
  - 5.2.1.3.1. Excellence in teaching and/or administrative achievement, significant contribution to research, professional literature, and/or creative endeavors
  - 5.2.1.3.2. Leadership in the profession including attendance at clinics, workshops, and conventions; administrative achievement; and service to professional associations
  - 5.2.1.3.3. Outstanding community service, activities such as, volunteering for American Cancer Society, Community Food Bank, Kiwanis, etc.

5.2.2. Committee Rating Procedures

- 5.2.2.1. Committee members shall rate each candidate from one to ten (1-10) in the four (4) credential categories. Scores from the highest **three** categories will be used to determine the average final score for the candidate (the highest possible score for all three qualifications would be thirty (30) points).
- 5.2.2.2. The Chair will tabulate the ratings of the committee and select the three (3) candidates with the highest average rating. In order to receive the award, a candidate must have an average rating of

twenty-six (26) points or better equaling an 85% or higher average.

5.2.2.3. If two or more people are tied for third place, the Chair will send the names of these candidates to the committee members for ranking. All candidates must be ranked.

5.2.3. Credentials of candidates not selected for the award will remain in the nomination pool for two more years. A letter and/or email will be sent to request a one-page vita update before the next period of consideration each year.

### **5.3. Emerging Professional**

5.3.1. Qualifications to be verified by the TAHPERD Office

5.3.1.1. Must have been a TAHPERD member for the two (2) years preceding nomination. Two (2) years as a student member would qualify.

5.3.1.2. The candidate must be a current professional member

5.3.2. Criteria evaluated by the Awards Committee:

5.3.2.1. The candidate for the Emerging Professional of the Year Award must have been working five (5) or fewer years in the profession since obtaining their undergraduate degree with a major/minor in HPERD. Transcripts are to be included with application and support materials.

5.3.2.2. Recognized excellence in professional duties

5.3.2.3. Leadership and service to the profession to include contributions made to TAHPERD conventions, workshops, and conferences.

5.3.2.4. Community service

5.3.2.5. Enthusiastic promotion of the HPERD profession

5.3.3. Committee Rating Procedures

5.3.3.1. Nominees will be evaluated on a scale of one to ten (1-10) in each of the four (4) criteria listed above (5.3.2.1-5.3.2.5). The highest possible score for all four (4) criteria categories would be forty (40).

5.3.3.2. The Chair will tabulate the ratings of the committee and select the candidate with the highest average rating. In order to receive the award, a candidate must have an average rating of thirty-four (34) points or better equaling an 85% or higher average.

5.3.3.3. If two (2) or more people are tied for first place, the Chair will send the names of these candidates to the committee members for ranking. All candidates must be ranked.

### **5.4. Pathfinder Award**

5.4.1. The TAHPERD Pathfinder Award will be established to provide state recognition to women who have demonstrated continuous dedication to the advocacy, recruitment, and enhancement of girls and women in sport and sport leadership in Texas. The presentation for the TAHPERD Pathfinder Award will qualify a TAHPERD member for consideration for the NAGWS national Pathfinder Award.

5.4.2. Criteria

5.4.2.1. Candidates must be a current TAHPERD member for at least the five (5) years immediately preceding nomination for the award.

5.4.2.2. The female candidate for the Pathfinder Award must have worked for ten (10) or more years in the profession as is evidenced by:

5.4.2.2.1. Recognized excellence and dedication to the advocacy and recruitment of girls and women in sport and sport leadership in the State of Texas.

5.4.2.2.2. Exhibit leadership and service to the profession in girls and women's sport

5.4.2.2.3. Demonstrate enthusiastic promotion of girls and women's sport within the HPERD profession.

5.4.3. Committee Rating Procedures

5.4.3.1. Committee members shall rate each candidate from one to ten (1-10) on each of the four (4) credential categories. The highest possible score for all four qualifications would be forty (40) points.

5.4.3.2. The Chair will tabulate the ratings of the committee and select the candidate with the highest average rating. In order to receive the award, a candidate must have an average rating of thirty-four (34) points or better equaling an 85% or higher average.

5.4.3.3. If two (2) or more people are tied for first (1<sup>st</sup>) place, the Chair will send the names of these candidates to the committee members for ranking. All candidates must be ranked. Not more than one (1) person may be selected each year for the Pathfinder Award.

5.5. **Trailblazer Award**

5.5.1. The TAHPERD Trailblazer Award will be established to provide state recognition to TAHPERD members who have demonstrated continuous dedication to the advocacy, recruitment, and enhancement of male and/or female sport and sport leadership in Texas.

5.5.2. Criteria

5.5.2.1. Candidates must be a TAHPERD member for at least the five (5) years immediately preceding nomination for the award.

5.5.2.2. The candidate for the Trailblazer Award must have worked for ten (10) or more years in the profession as is evidenced by:

5.5.2.2.1. Recognized excellence and dedication to the advocacy and recruitment of athletes in male and/or female sport and sport leadership in the State of Texas

5.5.2.2.2. Exhibit leadership and service to the profession in male and/or female sport

5.5.2.2.3. Demonstrate enthusiastic promotion of male and/or female sport within the HPERD profession.

5.5.3. Committee Rating Procedures

5.5.3.1. Committee members shall rate each candidate from one to ten (1-10) on each of the four (4) credential categories. The highest possible score for all four qualifications would be forty (40) points.

5.5.3.2. The Chair will tabulate the ratings of the committee and select the candidate with the highest average rating. In order to receive the award, a candidate must have an average rating of thirty-four (34) points or better equaling an 85% or higher average.

5.5.3.3. If two (2) or more people are tied for first (1<sup>st</sup>) place, the Chair will send the names of these candidates to the committee members for ranking. All candidates must be ranked. Not more than one (1) person may be selected each year for the Trailblazer Award.

## 5.6. Distinguished Service Award

- 5.6.1. Qualifications verified by the TAHPERD Office
- 5.6.2. There may be up to two (2) awards selected each year.
- 5.6.3. One award shall be awarded to an individual or organization outside the HPERD profession.
- 5.6.4. The second award may be awarded to an individual or organization inside or outside the HPERD profession.
- 5.6.5. Meritorious service and contributions to the fields of health, physical education, recreation, or dance in Texas
- 5.6.6. Recipients of the Distinguished Service Citation may be nominated by the membership of TAHPERD and selected by the TAHPERD President.
- 5.6.7. Recipients of the Distinguished Service Award may be individuals, organizations, schools, or businesses.
- 5.6.8. Recipients of the Distinguished Service Award will have provided meritorious service, support, and/or contributions to the President, TAHPERD, and/or the profession in Texas.

## 5.7. TAHPERD Outstanding Student of the Year (TOSY)

- 5.7.1. Must be a current TAHPERD member to nominate a student
- 5.7.2. May nominate only one (1) student in any of the four disciplines per year
- 5.7.3. Students may be K-12 or college/university level
- 5.7.4. College students must be TAHPERD members to receive recognition
- 5.7.5. **February 1:** nomination deadline
- 5.7.6. All students nominated will receive a certificate of recognition
- 5.7.7. **March 15:** certificates will be mailed to the nominating TAHPERD member for presentation to the student

## 6. Method of Selecting TAHPERD Award Recipients

- 6.1 Any TAHPERD member may nominate persons for consideration for awards presented by TAHPERD. Members of the Awards Committee and standing committees responsible for selecting the award recipients also have the responsibility to solicit nominations.
- 6.2 Development of specific criteria for selection of TAHPERD Awards recipients will remain the responsibility of each individual standing committee.
- 6.3 In the event there is a single (1) nominee for an award; the individual will be evaluated on the same basis as if there were multiple nominees.
- 6.4 To receive an award, all nominees must receive an average rating of 85% or higher to be considered eligible.
- 6.5 Unsuccessful candidates for the David K. Brace Award, Honor Award, and Scholar Award will remain in the candidate pool for two years after nomination.
- 6.6 Unsuccessful candidates for all other TAHPERD awards may reapply but will not automatically be forwarded for reconsideration.
- 6.7 Diversity should be considered in selecting award recipients.
- 6.8 Members of awards selection committees are not eligible to be nominated for the respective committee's award.
- 6.9 An award nominee may only be considered for one award per year. The TAHPERD Office will contact any member nominated for more than one award and the nominee will select the award for which he/she wants to be considered.
- 6.10 A member may not receive the same award twice.

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