

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

**OPERATING CODE
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

1. Name

- 1.1. The name of this committee shall be the Legislative Affairs Committee of the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of the Legislative Affairs Committee shall be to provide a structure within the association for the dissemination of information; as well as a means of initiating action on issues, policies, and laws proposed/issued by the TEA, the SBOE, SBEC, and/or the state and/or the national legislatures. The committee shall be engaged in assisting association members in the organization of cohesive campaigns to develop positive actions and stimulate informed, professional involvement of the members in the political and legislative processes. At no time shall the purpose of the committee be construed to support or endorse specific political candidates. It shall, however, monitor the activities of the legislature and various agencies affecting our professional constituency and disseminate such information in an appropriate manner. All elected officers and/or appointed committee Chair are expected to attend the annual TAHPERD Leadership Conference as well as the annual state convention.

3. Organization

- 3.1. The committee shall be organized as a Standing Committee of the association.
- 3.2. The committee shall consist of six appointed committee members, including the Chair. The Executive Director shall be an *ex officio* member.
- 3.3. Committee members and the Chair shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.
- 3.4. To provide for continuity, the Chair should serve as the Chair Designate for a one-year period prior to serving a two-year term as Chair.
- 3.5. Committee members shall serve for three-year terms with two persons being appointed each year.
- 3.6. Efforts should be made to include all professional interests in the various divisions for representation on the committee.
- 3.7. The Chair of the committee shall not hold an office concurrently on the Board of Directors of the Association.

4. Operations

- 4.1. The committee Chair shall keep the TAHPERD President and the Executive Director continually and fully informed of the activities of the committee. The Chair shall maintain committee files and make such files available to her/his successor. The following are specific procedures to which attention should be given in the operation of the committee.
- 4.2. Keep informed of any actions taken or contemplated by the Legislature, the State Board of Education, the Texas Education Agency, the Coordinating Board, Texas

College and University System, State Board for Education Certification, or other governing bodies, which would affect the profession.

- 4.3. Assist in developing specific plans and procedures to be followed in situations described in Number 1 above, and in the event of any such actions or pending actions, select and implement appropriate measures.
- 4.4. Encourage and assist school systems, colleges and universities, and non-school agencies in developing and implementing political action programs at the local level.
- 4.5. Establish a telephone or contact network of the membership to be used when immediate action is necessary to provide input to the State Board of Education, Texas Education Agency, Legislature, etc.
- 4.6. Work with the Director of Public Affairs to collaborate with organizations and agencies that support our professional interests and projects.
- 4.7. Maintain a line of communication with the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance concerning publications on and suggested strategies for intervention in the legislative process.
- 4.8. Make an annual report to the President and Board of Directors reviewing committee activities.

Adopted by the Board of Directors, May 1986

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