

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

## OPERATING CODE FOR RECREATION COMMITTEE

### 1. Name

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

### 2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of the committee shall 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 state convention.
- 2.3. The Committee shall be responsible for the selection of the Recreation Professional of the Year Award.

### 3. Organization

- 3.1. The committee shall be organized as a Standing Committee of the Association.
- 3.2. The committee shall consist of nine (9) members, including the Chair.
- 3.3. Three (3) of the nine (9) members shall be the Vice President, Vice President-elect, and the immediate Past Vice President of the Recreation Division. The remaining six (6) members, and the Chair shall be the immediate Past Vice President of the Recreation Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.
- 3.4. Committee members shall serve three-year (3) terms with two (2) persons being appointed 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 in order to carry out the purpose as stated in Section II, above:
  - 4.1.1. Selection of Recreation Professional of the Year
  - 4.1.2. Plan annual division workshop
  - 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 for approval by the Board of Directors and/or Representative Assembly as appropriate. 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 shall make an annual report to the Board of Directors outlining the activities conducted during the year and containing any recommendations that require approval by the Board of Directors and/or Representative Assembly. The annual report is due to the TAHPERD Office thirty (30) days prior to the Board of Directors Spring and Winter meetings so that distribution can be made to Board members prior to their meeting.
- 4.5. The provisions of *IV.4* do not preclude the committee from submitting recommendations at other times during the year and for such recommendations to be submitted to the Board of Directors or Representative Assembly for approval by mail ballot. The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors has the responsibility of determining when matters shall be referred to these bodies for mail ballot.

## **5. Awards**

- 5.1. The name of the award governed by this Committee is the Recreation Professional 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.
  - 5.2.2. Forward the names of these individuals, where appropriate, as candidates for the District and National awards given through the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD).
- 5.3. Criteria – candidates must:
  - 5.3.1. Serve as a positive role model epitomizing the values and desired goals of recreation.
  - 5.3.2. Demonstrate enthusiasm for the recreation profession and her/his role therein.
  - 5.3.3. Show interest in, and sensitivity to, the needs of students, clients, and fellow professionals.
  - 5.3.4. 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.
  - 5.3.5. 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 Winter issue of the *TAHPERD Journal* and/or newsletter and through forms provided at the TAHPERD Convention.
- 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 awards or be nominated by a colleague.
- 6.4. Nominations may be submitted to the TAHPERD Office on the form distributed at Convention, published in the TAHPERD Journal, published in the TAHPERD Membership Directory and Reference Manual, or typed following that format by March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 6.5. Additional data must be submitted upon request to the Recreation Committee Chair.
- 6.6. Current TAHPERD Division Vice Presidents, past award recipients, and members of the Recreation Committee 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. A brief biography will be prepared by the Recreation Committee Chair for inclusion in the Awards Program and the *TAHPERD Journal*.
- 6.9. The award will be presented at the annual convention with proper recognition and certificate or plaque.
- 6.10. TAHPERD award recipients are encouraged to attend the annual convention and Awards Dinner for recognition by their colleagues.
- 6.11. Descriptions of the award recipients are to be published in the Winter issue of the *TAHPERD Journal*.
- 6.12. 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 for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance to be considered for the District award. A small travel stipend will be provided to TAHPERD members receiving a District award to assist them in receiving the award. District recipients must register and attend the SDAAPERD Convention. Materials concerning District recipients will then be submitted by SDAAPERD for consideration at the national level (AAHPERD).
- 6.13. To be eligible for District or National awards, recipients must be members of AAHPERD. Current Southern District Division Vice Presidents and past SDAAPERD award recipients are not eligible to be selected for the same SDAAPERD award.

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