

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION,
RECREATION AND DANCE, INC (PSAHPERD)
PSAHPERD CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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CONSTITUTION

Article I NAME

Section 1 The name of this association shall be the Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Inc. (PSAHPERD)

Section 2 The Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Inc. actively promotes the respect for and value of human diversity within its membership and through the professional services and activities provided by and/or for its members. In recognition of this basic tenet, PSAHPERD prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, and veteran status in the treatment of, participation in, access to, or content of its programs and activities. The PSAHPERD does not make, condone or tolerate remarks or inferences which reflect disrespect for individuals.

Article II MISSION AND GOALS

Section 1 Mission

The Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Inc. (PSAHPERD) is committed to:

- A. the continual professional growth and development of its members.
- B. the expansion and application of the knowledge base and pedagogical constructs.
- C. the support of the professions that encourage active healthful lifestyles by all people in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 2 Goals

The goals of the PSAHPERD are to:

- A. improve and expand communication and services to the membership.
- B. prepare members for leadership roles.
- C. identify and promote standards for quality programs, professional competence and ethics.
- D. improve and expand public relations .
- E. foster collaboration with discipline related, professional and community organizations.
- F. encourage active member participation in the PSAHPERD activities .
- G. identify, encourage and assist creative and scholarly endeavor, both theoretical and practical, essential to progress within the professions.
- H. serve as a political advocate .
- I. maintain a fiscally sound and viable state professional association .

Article III MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 The PSAHPERD shall be a corporation without stockholders but shall have members as defined in the Bylaws.
- Section 2 Membership is defined by those having paid the appropriate membership dues as specified in the Bylaws.

Article IV GOVERNANCE

- Section 1 The business of the PSAHPERD shall be conducted by the Representative Assembly, the Executive Board and the Executive Committee each constituted according to the Bylaws.
- Section 2 Under special circumstances the Executive Committee may handle the PSAHPERD business as needed according to the Bylaws.
- Section 3 The decision to dissolve the PSAHPERD shall be determined by a minimum two-thirds majority of the total membership.
- Section 4 In the event of the dissolution of the PSAHPERD any unencumbered assets shall be turned over to such nonprofit organizations qualifying as exempt from federal tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any successor provision thereto as the Executive Board shall select.

Article V OFFICERS

- Section 1 Officers of the PSAHPERD shall be members in good standing.
- Section 2 The elected officers of the PSAHPERD shall consist of the President, President-elect, Immediate Past President; Vice President, Vice President-elect and Past Vice President of the Dance Division; Vice President, President-elect and Past Vice President of the Health Division; Vice President, Vice President-elect, and Past Vice President of the Physical Education Division; Vice President, Vice President-elect and Past Vice President of the Recreation Division; Vice President, Vice President-elect and Past Vice President of the Sport and Athletics Division; and President, President-elect and Vice President of the Future Professionals Division.
- Section 3 All elected officers shall be elected as specified in the Bylaws.
- Section 4 A salaried Executive Director shall be a non-elected officer appointed by the Executive Board.

Article VI AMENDMENTS

- Section 1 Proposed amendments to the Constitution and/or Bylaws shall be:
- A. presented to the Executive Board
 - B. upon approval shall be advertised to the membership at least 21 days prior to the next meeting of the Representative Assembly.
 - C. proposed amendments shall be presented to the Representative Assembly for adoption.
 - D. in the event of an emergency, the Executive Board may resort to a mail vote of the Representative Assembly.
- Section 2 A minimum two-thirds majority of certified delegates attending the Representative Assembly shall be necessary for adoption.
- Section 3 The original Constitution of the PSAHPERD was studied and revision planned during 1951 and 1952. The new Constitution was adopted by the Representative Assembly on December 11, 1952, in Reading, PA. From the recommendations of the Structure and Function Committee after a three-year study, the Constitution and Bylaws were revised and adopted by the Representative Assembly at the Annual State Convention in Philadelphia, PA December 9, 1967. From recommendations of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and after 1995 the Structure and Function Committee, the Constitution and Bylaws were amended by the Representative Assembly at the Annual State Conventions in 1968, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1976, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1985, 1987, 1990, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2003, 2007, and 2011.

