

**Pennsylvania State Association for Health,
Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Inc.**

Code: 300

09/09

OPERATING CODE FOR THE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

I. Name of Committee

The name of this committee shall be Advocacy Committee of the Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Inc. (PSAHPERD).

II. Type of Committee

The Advocacy Committee is a Standing Committee

III. Purpose

The purpose of the Advocacy Committee shall be to promote the PSAHPERD mission and goals, monitor legislative actions impacting the disciplines, prepare resolutions appropriate to pending legislation, and create position statements on critical issues.

IV. Structure (membership/terms of service)

The Chair of the Advocacy Committee shall be appointed by the PSAHPERD President, subject to Executive Board approval. This Committee shall consist of a Chair and eight(8) to ten(10) members as hereinafter provided.

A. Qualifications

1. Committee Chair
 - a. Present member of the PSAHPERD
 - b. Prior service on the Advocacy Committee
2. Committee Members
 - a. Present member of the PSAHPERD
 - b. Interest in Committee content

B. Term

1. The Chair of the Advocacy Committee is appointed for a three-year term.
2. The Advocacy Committee members shall be appointed to a three-year term on a rotating basis and are eligible for reappointment.

C. Membership

1. Membership on this committee shall include the following:
 - a. The Advocacy Committee Chair
 - b. Members with good verbal and writing skills
 - c. Members representing various geographical areas of the State
 - d. Members representing each discipline of the PSAHPERD
 - e. PDE Advisor(s)
2. The Chair serves on the PSAHPERD Board and the Representative Assembly
3. Coordinate and supervise the selection of the Legislative Award recipient

V. Responsibilities and Procedures

A. Organization

1. Upon assuming the position, the Chair shall perform the duties designated in the Operating Code and as assigned by the PSAHPERD President
2. The Chair shall attend and participate in all PSAHPERD Executive Board Meetings
 - a. Convention upon assuming office (Sunday AM)
 - b. Spring
 - c. Fall
 - d. Beginning of Annual Convention (Thursday PM)
3. The Chair shall regularly communicate with the PSAHPERD President and Executive Director
4. The Chair shall call and preside over meetings of the Committee as needed.
5. The Chair shall preside over the Legislative Award selection

B. Policies and Procedures

1. General Responsibilities During Term of Office
 - a. Shall serve as the spokesperson for the Committee
 - b. Shall become familiar with the PSAHPERD Constitution and Bylaws, the Operating Code, Applied Strategic Plan (ASP) and budgets (PSAHPERD General Budget and Convention Budget)
 - c. Attend and participate in the PSAHPERD Executive Board meetings and the Representative Assembly
 - d. Prepare and submit reports in the proper format
 - e. Secure programs and participate in the Convention Planning Process
 - f. Stay current on legislative issues relating to HPERD and related fields
 - g. Attend and participate in relevant events promoting advocacy
 - h. Direct the development of PSAHPERD Resolutions and Position Statements
 - i. Maintain a file of PSAHPERD Resolutions and Position Statements
 - j. Shall coordinate and supervise the Committee Award
 - k. Shall communicate with the PSAHPERD Awards Chair concerning the Committee Award
 - l. Regular communications with Committee members
 - m. Attend and participate in the Annual Convention
 - n. Review and suggest revisions to the Operating Code as necessary
 - o. Copy all official correspondence to the Executive Committee
 - p. Provide information to keep publications current (Website, Newsletters, Journals, etc.)
 - q. Submit expense vouchers in a timely manner for payment throughout the year with all vouchers due by December 15 to the appropriate person (Executive Director for General Budget or Convention Treasurer for the Convention Budget)

2. Specific Duties Immediately Upon Taking Office
 - a. Attend the “new” PSAHPERD Executive Board meeting following convention
 - b. Update the directory with contact information as will be printed on the Website and in the Winter Journal
 - c. Read the “Conflict of Interest Policy” and sign the provided form in compliance
 - d. Review the “Fraudulent or Dishonest Conduct and Whistleblower Policy Statement”
 - e. Review Journal responsibilities – see Addendum
 - f. Confirm all Committee members and contact information to be printed on the Website and in the Winter Journal.

3. Specific Duties Prior to Spring Executive Board Meeting
 - a. Communicate with Committee members and review their responsibilities
 - b. Complete Convention Program responsibilities
 - c. Prepare the Committee oral or written report for the Spring Meeting
 - d. Prepare to attend the Convention Planning and Executive Board Meetings
 - e. Review Legislative Award files to create a list of previous nominees
 - f. Solicit additional Legislative Award nominees
 - g. Identify areas for potential Resolutions and/or Position Statements

4. Specific Duties Prior to the Fall Executive Board Meeting
 - a. Communicate with Committee members to check their progress regarding their responsibilities
 - b. Complete Convention Program responsibilities (see addendum)
 - c. Prepare the Committee oral or written report for the Fall Meeting
 - d. Prepare to attend the Convention Planning and Executive Board Meetings
 - e. Communicate with all prospective presenters regarding the status of their Convention Program proposals.
 - f. Coordinate and facilitate the selection of Committee Award recipient(s)
 - g. Submit the Award recipient(s) name and contact information to the PSAHPERD Award’s Chair and the PSAHPERD President
 - h. Compose ½ page biography of Legislative Award Recipient(s), obtain a digital photo and forward to the Convention Program Chair and the PSAHPERD Awards Chair
 - i. Identify areas for potential Resolutions and/or Position Statements
 - j. Draft Resolutions and/or Position Statements needing Executive Board approval

5. Specific Duties Prior to Annual Convention
 - a. Send Convention Program confirmation letters to presenters and presidors
 - b. Communicate with committee members to check progress regarding their responsibilities
 - c. Prepare a cumulative end-of-year report

d. Confirm Convention specific Committee program/sessions needs with the Convention Manager.

6. Specific Duties During the Convention

a. Monitor Committee programs/workshops/events

b. Attend the Executive Board Meetings and the Representative Assembly

c. Attend the following sessions/functions but not limited to

-Awards Luncheon

-Opening General Session

-Exhibitor Reception

-Appreciation Awards

-President's Reception

-E B Cottrell Banquet

d. Read the Board approved Resolutions and/or Position Statements to the membership at the Opening General Session and the Representative Assembly

e. Present the Legislative Award during the Cottrell Banquet

VI. Addendums

A. PSAHPERD Constitution and Bylaws

B. PSAHPERD Applied Strategic Plan
Future Directions Guidelines

C. Financial

1. Payables: Voucher Procedures and Form

2. Reimbursement Policy

3. Budget

Development Procedures

Budget Sample

4. Internal Audit Procedures

5. General Ledger Sample

6. Convention Profit Distribution

7. Investments

Philosophy

Purpose and Focus

Contact Information

8. Treasurer's Report Sample

9. Sponsor/Partner Guidelines

D. Journal Responsibilities and Deadlines

E. Awards (see Awards Manual

Name of the Awards

PSAHPERD, Division, Committee and Future Professionals

1. Committee Procedures and Time Lines

2. Application Form
3. Award Description
4. Award Chronology
5. Sample Letters

G. Convention Program Management

1. Procedures and Time lines
2. Program Session Proposal Template
3. Program Session Allotment
4. Session Evaluation
5. Presenter Guidelines
6. Presider Guidelines
7. Sample Grids and Forms
8. Format and Content of Program
9. Sample letters

V. Resolutions

1. Criteria
2. Procedures
3. Template
4. Past Approved PSAHPERD Resolutions and Position Statements

CC. Chronologies

EE. Electronic Letterhead