

FAHPERDS Sport Association

Welcome Statement

On behalf of our leadership team, our current members, and the members we hope to cultivate, it is a pleasure to welcome you to the FAHPERDS home page for the Sport Association. The Sport Association is dedicated to serving its constituents in a variety of ways, in addition to enhancing the various disciplines within the FAHPERDS family, including health, physical education, recreation, dance, and educational leadership professionals. The Sport Association is committed to providing for its members – students and professionals – access to professionals at the state and national level, top quality programs, and ideas that can be implemented and combined with our other FAHPERDS disciplines. This includes important and timely information regarding the current status of our field, legislative initiatives, professional standards and guidelines, online services, information on state and national conferences, networking opportunities, job contacts, and scholarships and awards, to name just a few.

By way of introduction, the Sport Association seeks to serve those who serve the sport profession, or those involved in the “business” of sport, whether it be at the high school, recreational, college, or professional level. Although there is no such thing as a “typical” member, we do have a number of members involved in the field of “sport management” or “sport administration, including college professors and teachers. Sport management is a relatively new field, often with its genesis in physical education programs that either expanded or were phased out of university curricula. Therefore, many programs are housed in university schools of education. Others might be housed elsewhere such as in schools of business due to the focus on the business aspects of sport.

We also include sport managers serving in the sport industry as athletic directors, academic advisors, marketing directors, sport information personnel, etc. Of course, we also include coaches and teachers in our Association. To summarize, we welcome and encourage all sport professionals. Our Association is truly inclusive.

Membership and participation are valuable to the Associations’ efforts in continuing to promote the various professions, recruiting new members while retaining the current ones, and enhancing the experience of all we serve. Members can demonstrate their commitment to the Association by writing journal articles, serving on committees, holding office, attending and participating in conferences, and collaborating with other FAHPERDS associations. Members understand that growth from professional involvement is critical to enhancing skills, knowledge, dispositions, and promoting a positive image of the various professions and professional organizations such as FAHPERDS and its Sport Association. Involvement with the Sport Association allows its members to share ideas with one another, promote common goals and objectives, enhance communication, and demonstrate tolerance, understanding, and support of others. Thank for your interest, and we welcome you into our Association.