

AAHE/SOPHE UNIFICATION
AAHE-RELATED QUESTIONS

1. What are key next steps in the AAHE disengagement process from AAHPERD?

AAHE and AAHPERD will be developing the processes to transition the activities, services and products that will be going to the new organization. AAHE will provide a full range of health education sessions at the 2013 AAHPERD National Convention and Exhibition in Charlotte. The transition of services to the new organization will occur on or before May 1, 2013.

2. Will AAHE's assets be transferred to the new organization?

SOPHE and AAHPERD will enter into a legal agreement for the formal transfer of any assets to the new organization. The broad terms of the agreement were discussed on September 6, 2011, but will be formalized with the assistance of legal counsel during the spring and summer of 2012.

3. How will AAHE membership be affected, especially for those who are lifetime members?

AAHE members will be encouraged to join the new organization. It is anticipated most will wait until time for the renewal of their AAHE/AAHPERD membership. AAHE/AAHPERD Life members will need to evaluate the services offered by the new organization before committing to joining. AAHPERD life members will remain life members of AAHPERD but AAHE will no longer exist after May 1, 2013.

4. Will AAHE's journals and publications now be published by SOPHE?

A joint AAHE/SOPHE Task Force is reviewing all of the journals published by both organizations. That Task Force will make recommendations to the SOPHE Board of Trustees concerning each publication.

5. How will physical educators who remain with AAHPERD receive training or continuing education on health education?

The leadership of both AAHE and SOPHE has continually emphasized their support for school health education and their willingness to provide professional support to those AAHPERD members who have health education responsibilities but opt not to join the new organization. Specific processes to provide services are yet to be determined, but AAHPERD, AAHE and SOPHE are committed to ensuring that AAHPERD members have access to continuing education in school health education. SOPHE has a strong history of capacity in providing professional development, training, and continuing education through its meetings at the national and chapter levels, as well as webinars and online distance education programs.

6. Will AAHE continue to have future office elections after 2012?

It is anticipated AAHE will cease to exist on May 1, 2013. The election of officers that will occur in 2012 will fill all elected offices for the duration of AAHE's existence.

7. How have AAHE leaders consulted with AAHE members about this potential change and/or kept them informed?

AAHE leadership has solicited responses to two surveys inviting input and assessing member' opinions about the prospect of a merger of the two organizations. Responses to these surveys overwhelmingly supported the merger. AAHE leaders have addressed the potential merger through presentations delivered at a combined national and Midwest District meeting in Indianapolis in 2010, a combined national and Southwest District meeting in San Diego in 2011, the Southern and Central Districts conventions in 2010 and 2011, and the Northwest District convention in 2011. Information about the potential merger has also been available on the AAHE website.