

		NAGC BOARD POLICY	Policy Manual – 3.2.2 Last Modified: 9/13/08
POLICY TITLE:	Qualifications for Service: School/District Representative Candidates		
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I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This policy defines the scope of a school/district representative position on the NAGC Board, the requirements for service, and the criteria by which nominees will be considered and evaluated.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

In accordance with NAGC nomination and election procedures, NAGC voting members in good standing are invited to submit their applications for the one (1) Teacher Board Member position.

III. DEFINITIONS

Tenure and Restrictions of Office

Successful candidates for the Board of Directors serve for three (3) years, beginning on September 1 of the year elected. All elected Board Members are limited to two (2) terms, which may be served consecutively. Past presidents may not run for the Board again at the conclusion of their term of office. Board members may not serve simultaneously on organization committees or in leadership positions for any NAGC Networks including chair or chair elect.

Number of Positions

There is one (1) teacher board position elected every three (3) years.

IV. QUALIFICATIONS

The following qualifications are evaluated by the Elections Committee to develop a slate of candidates for this position:

1. Participation in and support of the National Association for Gifted Children
 - Nominee must be an NAGC member in good standing

- Nominee must currently be a full time PreK-12 school/district employee (i.e., classroom teacher, coordinator of gifted and talented, director of curriculum and instruction, etc.)
- Nominee must have been an active member of NAGC or an affiliate for at least three (3) years
- Active in an NAGC network, committee, or affiliate Board of Directors

The Election Committee will also judge candidates for re-election to the board on:

- Accomplishments for the organization
- Evidence of meeting deadlines
- Responsiveness to communications regarding board issues (e.g. voting, program feedback)

V. RESPONSIBILITIES

- Participate in the development and annual monitoring of NAGC's strategic plan;
- Exercise fiduciary responsibility for the fiscal health of the organization;
- Attend three (3) NAGC Board meetings per year; one in early fall, one at the annual convention each November, and the other usually scheduled in conjunction with the affiliate conference in March. Expenses for Board meetings are eligible for some reimbursement upon presentation of original receipts;
- Serve on at least one Board Committee at the request of the President;
- Represent the best interests of the organization on all issues raised in Board meetings, based on careful analysis of agendas and supporting material;
- Know and uphold the regulations, policies, and procedures of the organization;
- Represent NAGC positions to individuals and groups with whom the Board member interacts (e.g. open doors to potential donors, make visits, or identify key alliance partners;)
- Adhere to conflict of interest policy of NAGC;
- Agree to refrain from simultaneous service on Organizational Committees for the duration of the term of office;
- Make an annual cash or in-kind contribution to NAGC during the term of office;
- Make up to two (2) presentations each year to relevant groups on behalf of the organization for no fee; and,
- Recruit new members for the organization.

VI. APPLICATION FORMAT

All candidates must submit two (2) copies of the information outlined below, which will constitute their application:

- Name, home address, phone, and e-mail address

- Current position
- Career highlights and history (a summary of significant activities and positions held)
- Education
- NAGC participation (include conventions attended, presentations, committee/division/affiliate work) and accomplishments
- Significant leadership activities (local/state/national) including positions held at NAGC and other service provided to the association
- Candidates are requested to provide a minimum of two (2) letters of support from, for example, NAGC leadership, state affiliate officer, division chair, or other individual who will attest to their accomplishments for NAGC. Signed letters sent via e-mail will be accepted.
- Statement of Candidacy (150 words maximum for inclusion on ballot). The Elections Committee reserves the right to edit any Statement of Candidacy to meet space requirements on the official NAGC ballot.
- One (1) digital photograph, which can be e-mailed to the applications coordinator at the national office, or a scan-able version sent by mail.

VII. ACTIVITIES OF CANDIDATES

Election to serve in this association, as it is in other professional organizations, is based on the membership's evaluation of a candidate's service to the field and his or her ability to provide leadership in the affairs of NAGC. Candidates and their supporters understand that ballots describing the merits of each candidate will be distributed to the membership electronically. Candidates and their supporters are encouraged not to engage in any organized effort to promote a candidacy. No candidacy may be promoted or endorsed in any way in any NAGC or division publication.