



# NAGC BOARD POLICY

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<b>POLICY TITLE:</b>	<b>Networks Elections</b>	
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## I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This policy describes the process and guidelines for Network Elections, the qualifications for candidacy, as well as the rights and responsibilities of service for officers within a specified Network.

## II. POLICY STATEMENT

In accordance with NAGC nominations and elections procedures, all NAGC voting members in good standing are invited to submit their applications for candidacy for a Network Officer (defined as chair or chair-elect) as long as all position qualifications are satisfied. The NAGC Elections Committee along with the National Office will conduct all Network officer elections in conjunction with all other association elections.

## III. Terms and Positions

**Tenure of Office.** Candidates elected as chair-elect serve for two years as chair-elect and two years as chair. Candidates elected as chair serve for two years. A term of office begins on September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year elected. Furthermore, Network chairs may serve in this capacity in up to three Networks during a 12-year period, but not for the same network. Other Network officers chosen internally by the Network will serve for two years.

**Network officer positions** must include the chair and chair-elect. Networks may include other officer positions, e.g. secretary, newsletter editor, as desired and needed. Each Network must have a program chair who can be the chair or chair-elect or another person. Networks will select these other positions internally. The chair-elect automatically rolls into the chair position.

## IV. Development of the Slate

**Applications** must include a statement of candidacy (150 words maximum) including: required information (name, home address, phone, and e-mail address), current occupation, education, career highlights and history, NAGC participation, significant local or national leadership activities, interest in or contributions to gifted education including significant presentations, publications and/or creative contributions, and a statement of vision for the Network

The nominations process will then follow the approved policies and procedures for all nominations for candidates for NAGC elected positions (see Elections Policy and Procedures.)

Promotion or endorsement of any candidate is prohibited in any NAGC communications.

**Timelines** for application submission are set by the National Office and must be observed without exception.

**Elections Procedures:** The approved ballot will be sent to ALL eligible voting members of the association, by mail or electronically. The election will be open for at least 30 days. Network members may only vote for leadership positions in Networks to which they belong.

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**Vacancies:** In the event of a vacancy between elections, the chair-elect will become chair and will serve the unexpired portion of the chair's term as chair. In the event that a Network loses both its chair and its chair-elect, the Network Liaison to the BOD, in conjunction with Network leaders, will appoint an eligible interim chair; this person will serve the unexpired portion of the chair's term.

## V. QUALIFICATIONS

The following qualifications must be met by successful candidates and are evaluated by the NAGC Elections Committee in approving a slate of officers.

Successful candidates must:

- Be an NAGC member in good standing.
- Be an active participant of the specified Network.
- Demonstrate experience as a strong facilitator, communicator, and consensus builder.
- Possess documented experience, service, or scholarship in gifted education.

## VI. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### Rights

- Each Network chair or one person of the Network's choosing will receive complimentary conference registration during their terms of office.
- NAGC will cover convention expenses upon presentation of original receipts for travel and hotel for chair or one officer of the Network who has satisfied annual reporting requirements. Reimbursement amounts per chair/officer will not exceed \$450 and are contingent on annual budget determinations. If a chair chooses to stay outside the official NAGC hotel block as designated in conference materials, he/she will not be reimbursed for sleeping room expenses.
- Networks will receive a list of current member emails from the national office on a monthly basis.

## Responsibilities

- Network chairs shall submit annual plans and reports of activity in accordance with the NAGC Board reporting calendar.
- Network chairs shall provide oversight for programming, Network member benefits, and Network activities.
- Network chairs shall assist in establishing vision and activities and projects for the Network.
- Network chairs must attend NAGC's annual convention during their tenure of office.
- Network officers, chairs, and chairs-elect shall participate in Network training as established by the Network Liaison to the Board and NAGC.
- Network chairs and chairs-elect will work in partnership with the National Office regarding how to manage Network finances, recruit members, and election of officers.
- Fulfilling these responsibilities is essential for the welfare of the Network. Chairs and chairs-elect who fail to fulfill these responsibilities for a period of at least six months will be required to resign from the position. The decision and notification to the chair or chair-elect would come from the Network Representative in consultation with the NAGC National Office.