



# NAGC GOVERNANCE POLICY

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<b>POLICY TITLE:</b>	<b>Formation of Special Interest Groups</b>	
<b>RESPONSIBILITY OF:</b>	<b>Governance Secretary, Network Liaison</b>	<b>APPROVED ON: 09/13/08</b>
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## I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This policy defines the purpose of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and the standards by which these communities will be created and dissolved.

## II. POLICY STATEMENT

### Overview

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are created to address special issues and concerns related to gifted and talented education such as information about identification, support services and/or research related to gifted children. In addition, these groups provide a more targeted avenue for NAGC members to build smaller, more specialized communities within gifted education. Each SIG shall support the mission, strategic plan, and purposes of the Association through its activities.

#### a. Formation of SIGs

SIGs can be formed by any group of NAGC members with a common substantive interest that is consistent with the mission and goals of NAGC. SIGs must apply to be recognized as such and be approved by the Board of Directors. The application shall include a statement about the focus of the SIG, a designated leader or contact person for the SIG, a list of at least 15 NAGC members who plan to participate in the SIG, and a list of proposed activities.

## III. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

SIGs must demonstrate through a brief annual report that they are communicating actively via e-mail, listservs or other electronic means. This report shall include any other SIG activities, such as producing shared content and actively pursuing projects that are relevant to the special interest.

SIGs may propose community-building activities such as special convention events, which must be approved by the National Program Committee, who may also request review by the Network Liaison to the Board (Network Liaison).

While no dues are required to specifically participate in SIGS, SIG members must be members of NAGC. SIGS do not receive any funds from NAGC nor do they conduct activities to generate them.

An active and successful SIG may apply for status as a Network following the guidelines and procedures for establishing of new Networks as specified in the policy manual. These applications will be reviewed by the Network Liaison and approved by the Board of Directors.

### **Responsibilities of NAGC**

- NAGC will provide meeting space for SIGs at the annual convention.
- NAGC will assist SIGS with securing space and other resources for NAGC Board approved SIG activities
- NAGC will assist SIGs in advertising their group and meeting times to the membership of NAGC.
- NAGC will assist SIGS with communications between SIG members via listservs or message boards or other electronic media when feasible.
- The NAGC Board of Directors, with input from the Network Liaison, shall review the annual reports of the SIGs to determine success and continued status as an NAGC SIG.
- The Network Board representative shall serve as liaison to the SIGS.