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## I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This policy defines the process for establishing Network awards, defines the standards Networks will use to develop awards for members, and outlines considerations and responsibilities of each Network in administering the Awards process. To ensure organizational alignment and sustainability, Network awards proposals will be reviewed and approved by the NAGC Board prior to implementation.

## II. POLICY STATEMENT

### Overview

Networks are created to provide for association of individuals within NAGC who share common interests within the field of gifted education defined by either professional role or personal interest. Each Network shall support the mission, strategic plan, and purposes of the Association through its activities, including the development of awards.

NAGC currently has a robust national awards program recognizing scholarship, leadership, excellence and service across the field and within the organization. This Network Awards policy defines when it is appropriate and justified for individual networks to create awards that more specifically recognize Network members. Considerations include: how a new award will fit into the bigger picture of national recognition, whether there is overlap with other existing awards, whether the cost and complexity of the selection process is sustainable over several years, whether the award appropriately captures the spirit and mission of the Network

### Examples of Network Awards

To facilitate the understanding of what is appropriate, this policy provides the following examples of Network Awards successfully approved by the NAGC Board.

- Global Awareness Award
  - The BOD approved the request to initiate the Annemarie Roeper Global Awareness Award. The Award recognizes one individual and one group, organization, or institution whose work inspires others to provide gifted children with the tools and experience to participate in the shaping of their destinies.

### Professional Development Network

- The BOD approved the request to initiate the Professional Development Award. The Award recognizes an individual, institution, or organization responsible for planning and implementing sustained professional development for educators and service providers in the P-K gifted education community.

### Special Populations Award

- The BOD approved the request to initiate the Special Population's "Gifted AND \_\_\_\_\_ Award." The Award Recognizes 2-3 individuals who have contributed to the mission of Special Populations, advanced recognition of talent and abilities in special populations, created change and impacted gifted children from special populations.

## **Network Award Development Process and Requirements**

By January 10, the Network must submit a formal proposal to the NAGC BOD to establish a new award that is specific to the interests of the Network. This proposal must contain:

- statement of purpose for the award;
  - procedures for submission process (including whether self-nomination or nomination by others);
  - estimated costs.
1. Upon BOD approval, the procedure for nominating a candidate (self-nomination or others nominate); procedure for selection (group making decision using pre-determined rubric or voting by Network members); timeline for awards submission and decision-making; selection criteria to be disseminated to Network membership; rules regarding whether it has to be contested or not; and rubric to be used for selecting recipient(s) will be developed and shared with the Network Representative to the BOD. If the award is determined by a vote of a Network's membership, selection material must be ready for NAGC by May 15 of the year the award starts for inclusion in the regular NAGC elections process.
  2. The Network Liaison to the BOD will review the selection process of a Network Award every other year.
  3. Prior to advertising any new award to Network members, the proposal must be submitted and approved by the NAGC BOD.
  4. Careful consideration should be given to whether the Network desires to honor an individual for his/her contribution, or whether a competitive award should be established.

## **III. RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Responsibilities of Networks**

- If interested in establishing a new award, Network leaders shall work with the national office and the Network Liaison to the NAGC BOD to develop a suitable award proposal for submission prior to the March BOD meeting.
- Networks shall develop and maintain a record of all award procedures and practices as needed.
- Network leaders shall oversee the submission and review process for each award.
- Network leaders should work within approved budget parameters to support the award.
- Network Chairs shall include information about the awards process in the annual report to the Board of Directors.
- Network Chairs shall submit information to the national office about the awards by September 1, so that it can be included in the convention awards booklet.

- Networks will notify Network members about the award process, guidelines, and the outcome of the through official communication channels.
- Networks shall provide appropriate recognition at a Network evening event at some point during the Convention.

### **Responsibilities of NAGC**

- NAGC will provide financial support for Network awards approved within the annual operating budget.
- NAGC will work in partnership with Networks to create and disseminate information about the award and the procedures related to the award.