

*“Before you are a leader,
success is all about growing
yourself. When you become
a leader, success is all
about growing others.”*

-Jack Welch

Your membership in the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) provides many opportunities to “grow” your expertise about gifted children, from the many publications, like *Gifted Child Quarterly*, to the annual national convention and convenient website features like “Gifted by State” and “Gifted in the News.”

Did you know there are other NAGC opportunities to expand your knowledge and skills by pursuing *pathways to leadership*?

NAGC’s committees, task forces, and networks are made up of members just like you who have discovered how they can contribute their time, energy and ideas to important work on behalf of gifted children.

No matter what your interest or role in gifted education, NAGC has a volunteer opportunity for you.

**And isn’t that what leadership
is all about?**



NAGC Board of Directors and Officers

- President
- Vice President
(elected in odd-numbered years)
- Past President
(serves two years)
- Treasurer
- Governance Secretary
(elected in even-numbered years)

- Parent Representative
- State Representative
- At-large members (2)
(elected in even-numbered years)

- Teacher Representative
- Network Representative
- At-large members (2)
(elected in odd-numbered years)

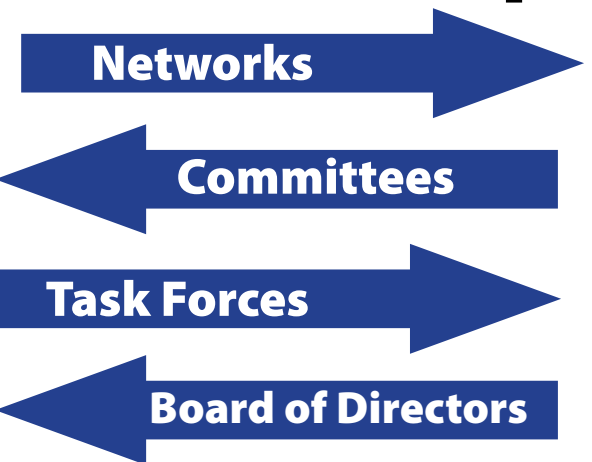
- Appointed Members (2)
(appointed by the Board with staggered terms)

- Ex-Officio Member:
Executive Director

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Pathways to Leadership



NAGC Networks (formerly called Divisions)

Looking to make connections and build a community with others who share your interests? Good news . . . NAGC has a home for you!

Fourteen (14) NAGC Networks exist to explore special issues and concerns related to the primary emphasis of that Network within NAGC. In addition to building a special community for its subset of NAGC members, each Network supports the mission, purposes, and goals of NAGC through its activities. Networks also provide valuable input to the NAGC national convention each year by recommending presentations for their own dedicated strands.

Arts	Parent and
Creativity	Community
Computers & Technology	Professional Development
Conceptual Foundations	Research and Evaluation
Counseling and Guidance	Special Populations Early Childhood
Curriculum Studies	Special Schools and Programs
Global Awareness	
Middle Grades	

Get Involved

Join any or all of the Networks and receive periodic newsletter updates, access to an online forum, and invitations to special events during the NAGC Annual Convention.

For more information and to see an issue of the new publication *Network News*, go to www.nagc.org and click on “Networks.”

NAGC Committees

Share your expertise and experience and contribute to the growth and success of NAGC’s mission to serve gifted children!

The organization committees and task forces accomplish important work in many content areas.

Organization Committees

- Awards
- Development and Fundraising
- Diversity/Equity
- Education
- Graduate Students
- Leadership Development
- Legislative
- Membership
- Parent Advisory
- Professional Standards
- Publications
- *Teaching for High Potential* Advisory
- *Parenting for High Potential* Advisory

Sample Task Forces/Work Groups

- State Policy Task Force
- Math/Science Task Force
- Secondary Schools Task Force
- Task Force on IQ Test Interpretation
- Work Group on Sexually Diverse Gifted Students

“Serving on a committee gave me the opportunity to network with professionals from across the country... I was amazed at how our work had real impact on NAGC policy and practices.”

-Jeanne Paynter, Maryland

How to apply for a Committee

- Each spring, the NAGC Board of Directors issues an open call for interested and qualified individuals.
- The online “application to serve” gathers information about your interests, involvement, and experience in gifted education.
- Committee appointments are made in late August, after review by the Leadership Development Committee and Board approval.
- Terms of service run three years unless otherwise specified.

Election to the Board of Directors

- NAGC seeks a diverse group of leaders to develop and monitor its strategic plan and to advise on programs and services.
- Each year the Election Committee issues a call for candidates to run for the NAGC Board of Directors.
- Successful candidates serve for two years beginning on September 1 of the year elected.

Timeline for NAGC Involvement

January	Plan a conference proposal
February	Submit conference proposal online
March	NAGC Affiliate Conference and “Super Weekend”
April	Call for Board Nominations Open
May	Award and Board nominations due
June	Applications for Committees due Board and Network elections
August	Election results announced
September	Committee rosters announced Terms of Service begin
Oct/Nov	NAGC Annual Convention and leadership meetings

Ongoing

- Participate in Networks that interest you
- Be involved in your NAGC state affiliate
- Organize a local advocacy group