
Board Actions

Present: Jonathan Plucker, Sally Krisel (ex-officio), Lauri Kirsch, Dina Brulles, Stuart Omdal, Kristina Collins, Laurie Croft, Shelagh Gallagher, Ellen Honeck, Angela Housand, Tracy Inman, Cheryl McCullough, Jennifer Jolly, Steven Fredericks (ex-officio), Tarek Grantham (ex-officio), John Segota (ex-officio)

Absent: Tamra Stambaugh

Jonathan Plucker called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM EDT.

2020 Convention Status

The Board received an update on the status and planning for the 2020 annual convention. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in-person events have been cancelled across the country. Based on data from health officials and NAGC members continuing with plans for an in-person convention would not be advisable. The association could face severe financial penalties due to its contractual obligations with the Disney Coronado Spring Resort, so there have been ongoing negotiations with the venue. The Executive Director reported that the venue ultimately agreed to waive all penalty fees in exchange for NAGC rebooking the convention at the Coronado Springs Resort in 2023.

An ad hoc advisory group had been appointed in May consisting of several members of the Program Committee and other leaders to develop a list of suggestions on how a virtual or hybrid convention might operate. The Board discussed several of the recommendations from the ad hoc advisory group as well the steps that need to be taken to move the convention to a virtual format for this year.

Lauri Kirsch moved that the 2020 convention be changed from an in-person to a virtual format. The board agreed by acclamation.

Equity and Social Justice Initiative

The Board discussed the draft statement *Championing Equity and Social Justice for Black Students in Gifted Education: An Expanded Vision for NAGC*. Recognizing the commitment to action in the statement, the Board discussed the ramifications of approving the statement. More time will be dedicated at the next board meetings in July and September to discuss the equity and social justice initiative and plans moving forward.

Shelagh Gallagher moved, and it was seconded, to approve the statement and to have it disseminated both to the membership and publicly.

MOTION PASSES.

Lauri Kirsch moved, and it was seconded, to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION PASSES.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm ET.