
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, Tamra Stambaugh, Steven Fredericks (ex-officio), Tarek Grantham (ex-officio), John Segota (ex-officio)

Jonathan Plucker called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM ET.

Consent Agenda

- 1.1 November 2019 Meeting Minutes
- 1.2 Organizational Committee Reports
- 1.3 Approval of Agenda

Shelagh Gallagher moved, and it was seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda.

MOTION PASSES.

Treasurer's Report

Andrew Bassett, Director of Finance, joined the meeting. Bassett and Stuart Omdal provided an update on the FY 20 budget and shared that the Financial Projection and draft FY21 Budget Assumptions would be proposed in June. To assist with cash flow funds were transferred from Intermediate to Operational funds. The NAGC office lease expires in January 2021 and so the process has been started to identify a new office space in or around Washington, DC.

Omdal shared a request from the GCQ Co-Editors to increase their budget for editorial expenses for FY 2021 by 5% (\$1075).

Stuart Omdal moved, and it was seconded, to maintain the GCQ budget for editorial expenses at the current FY 2020 level.

MOTION PASSES

The board discussed potential steps that NAGC would need to take in case the COVID-19 pandemic forced cancellation of the 2020 convention. Staff and the Finance Committee will begin exploring different scenarios and contingency planning should current events impact the 2020 convention.

Auditor's Report

Bill Abell and Hannah Nixon of Flynn, Abel and Associates joined the meeting to discuss NAGC's audit. They provided a summary of their work and reported that they saw consistency with previous practices. The auditors strongly cautioned the board against the continued trend of deficit spending. The board discussed steps to address this.

Micro-credentials Program

The history and status of the micro-credentials program was shared for the purposes of budget planning for FY 2021. The program was initiated in 2017, and there are currently three micro-credentials available with a fourth in development. Over 500 people have participated in the

program since it was initiated yielding approximately \$34,000 in net revenue after direct expenses and fees to the platform vendor.

John Segota shared that platform vendor is changing its business model resulting in more fees over the past year, with even higher fees in a proposed contract renewal scheduled for October. It was noted that both the direct and indirect expenses for the program are high, and that participation has declined over the past year yielding less revenue than anticipated.

Jennifer Jolly moved, and it was seconded, to suspend the micro-credential program for up to a year at the end of the current contract.

MOTION PASSES.

Discussion.

Lauri Kirsch moved, and it was seconded, to direct the Executive Director to develop a cost-neutral plan to operate the micro-credential through the expiration of the contract in October.

MOTION PASSES.

Due to time constraints, the board discussed revising the agenda for the rest of the meeting.

Shelagh Gallagher moved, and it was seconded, to remove items 3.1, 3.4, 6, 10, 11, and 12 from the agenda.

MOTION PASSES.

President's Report

Jonathan Plucker provided an update to the board on the work of the Teachers Education Task Force, and exploratory discussions on the possible creation of an NAGC fellows program. Based upon the feedback received, the fellows program will not be explored further.

Plucker shared a proposal received from the Research on Gifted, Creativity, and Talent Development (RoGCT) SIG of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) in response to a column he wrote for their Fall 2019 newsletter in which he advocated for closer relations with the group. The unsolicited proposal from the RoGCT SIG recommended that NAGC consider changing its governance structure and create a seat for a representative from the RoGCT SIG on the NAGC Board of Directors.

Stuart Omdal moved, and it was seconded, to maintain NAGC's current governance structure and not create any additional seats on the Board of Directors for representatives from other associations.

MOTION PASSES

Executive Director's Report

John Segota shared the national office report and the updated Headquarters Staff Organization Chart. He then discussed the process followed for cancelling and rescheduling the 2020 Leadership & Advocacy Conference.

John Segota shared a new award proposal submitted to the Awards Committee called "The Special Populations Network Annual Gifted AND _____ Early Career Award." Although leaders of

the Special Populations Network currently serve on the Awards Committee, the committee should evaluate the proposal as it would any other and have committee members recuse themselves as appropriate. Tarek Grantham will coordinate with the group to facilitate this process.

President-elect's Report

Lauri Kirsch provided an update on the 2020 Program Committee meeting that had concluded in the morning. It was changed to hybrid format at the last minute due to the pandemic but went well. Kirsch recommended that NAGC begin to plan for an alternate, perhaps virtual, convention format in case it was not possible to hold the 2020 convention in November at the Disney Coronado Spring Resort in Florida due to the pandemic situation.

Past President's Report

Sally Krisel reported on the Executive Director Evaluation Committee work and the newly revised evaluation process. Krisel also provided an update on the Elections Committee and the status of the upcoming board elections.

Governance Secretary's Report

Dina Brulles described the process being employed by Scott Peters and the Publications Committee to review the position statements and white papers. The committee members will prioritize which documents need revisions most immediately.

Latinx Task Force Update

Dina Brulles provided an update on Latinx Task Force. She recommended the discontinuation of the task force and the inclusion of these efforts within the newly formed Diversity & Equity Committee.

New Business

Dina Brulles requested that NAGC consider translating some of its resources into Spanish. John Segota will seek quotes from professional translation firms. Dina Brulles, Sally Krisel and Ellen Honeck suggested using free school district translations services as a possibility.

Dina Brulles suggested the board consider making the September board meeting virtual. John Segota noted that there was already a contract in place with Disney for the September Board meeting, but events will be monitored in case a change in planning is needed.

*Angela Housand moved, and it was seconded to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION PASSES.*

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM ET.