



**NAGC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, November 3, 2004
8:00 am – 5:30 pm
Alpine East Room
Hilton Salt Lake
Salt Lake City, Utah**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:00am by the Chair, Rick Olenchak, with greetings and acknowledgements.

Present: F. Richard Olenchak, Joyce VanTassel-Baska, Carol Tomlinson, Del Siegle, Rena Subotnik, Carolyn Callahan, Arlene DeVries, Sidney Moon, Jane Piirto, Jeanne Purcell, Julia Link Roberts, Kris Haslund, Frederick Ladit, Bonnie Cramond, Felicia Dixon, Marcia Gentry, Thomas Hébert, Mary Landrum, Robert Seney, Diana Reeves, Laurence Coleman, Tracy Cross, Patricia Hollingsworth, Sylvia Rimm, Virginia Burney, Chris Nobbe.

Staff: Nancy Green and Gail O’Sullivan.

Excused Absence: Ann Robinson, family medical emergency

2. Approval of Minutes

Secretary Siegle asked the Board to vote on approval of the minutes taken at the 2003 November Board meetings. A point was raised that it would be helpful to capture working group participants in future minutes when results of the groups are shared as part of the minutes.

MSP: That the Board of Directors meeting minutes of 11/12/03 and 11/14/03 be approved.
M – Hollingsworth
S – Seney
Unanimously approved.

Callahan shared concerns regarding the “draft” nature of the June Executive Committee minutes. Green noted that a draft version of the Executive Committee minutes had been included by mistake and requested that the Board disregard. The Board received the Executive Committee minutes for information only.

3. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Olenchak distributed a revised agenda, reflecting additional consent agenda items and reports, to replace the Board book copy. A call for items under new business also surfaced the following additional items for discussion: 1) financial reimbursement for Board Members, 2) a discussion of non-functional divisions, 3) review of criteria for convention proposals—how companies qualify to present.

MSP: That the revised agenda be approved for the Board meeting.
M – Siegle
S – Purcell
Unanimously approved.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Olenchak shared a list of reports received on site, in addition to those reflected in the Consent Agenda. They are as follows:

- Research and Evaluation Annual Report, 2003-2004
- Research and Evaluation 3-year Report, November 2001-Spring 2004
- Past Presidents' Report, 2003-2004
- PHP Editor's Report 2004
- Legislative Committee Report
- Education Commission Report 2003-2004
- Gifted Child Quarterly Report, 2004
- Creating Division Annual Report, 2003-2004
- Creativity Division 3-year Report
- Early Childhood Division Report

Callahan requested that she have an opportunity to report on the Past Presidents' Task Force.

MSP: To accept the additional reports as part of the consent agenda, and to approve the agenda as presented, with the exception of the Past Presidents' report.
M – Ladt
S – Roberts
Unanimously approved.

Past Presidents' Task Force Update: Callahan reported on the work of the Past Presidents' Task Force, which has emphasized work with teachers and students in the Laurence Middle Schools. Callahan agreed to share "lessons learned" from the project as part of the report from the group. As part of the discussion, C. Callahan requested that additional funds be approved to extend the current work of the Past Presidents' Task Force. Green responded that as it stands, the 2004 budget will cover the additional costs that the committee plans to incur. No additional funds will be necessary.

5. President's Report

Chairman Olenchak briefed the Board on major NAGC activities since the last meeting. Highlights include the Board Retreat resulting in approval of the 2004-2008 Strategic Plan, the creation of a Governance Task Force chaired by Carol Tomlinson, the hiring in April of Executive Director Nancy Green, and involvement with NCATE (The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education). He noted that several Board members—including Julia Roberts, Joyce VanTassel-Baska, Rick Olenchak, and Del Siegle—will be involved with NCATE Board of Examiners training in the near future.

In addition, Chairman Olenchak raised an Executive Committee recommendation regarding the creation of a Secondary Schools Task Force, to be chaired by Felicia Dixon. At its March meeting, the Board will have an opportunity to vote on a motion that includes recommendations for how NAGC can better emphasize programming and content at the secondary education level, reflecting domain specific needs.

6. *Executive Committee Report*

PRESIDENT-ELECT REPORT

Graduate Program Standards Review Process

J. VanTassel-Baska provided an overview of the Graduate Program Standards review process, and reviewed the background document included in the Board materials as item 7.1.a. Key steps have included a comprehensive two-day meeting on May 5-6, 2004, which attracted participants from 40 universities nationwide. During this conference, the group reviewed NCATE related issues, performance assessment plans, course syllabi, and distance learning issues in the context of the standards. Leadership of NAGC and CEC/TAG then met in September, where the May input and feedback was reviewed. The current document before the Board reflects two days of work focused on the initial standards and a discussion of research evidence, culminating in the development of draft standards. The CEC/TAG Board has approved the current draft standards, which were developed in full cooperation with members of TAG. The next steps, assuming NAGC approval, is to submit the draft initial standards along with the research support for them to the CEC Knowledge and Skills Committee for its review. The CEC committee will circulate the draft standards to the field for review, after which the initial standards can be finalized for submission to NCATE.

MSP: That the NAGC Board approve the current draft of the Initial Knowledge and Skills Standards for Gifted & Talented Education, which will be sent for subsequent review to the CEC Knowledge and Skills Committee in April 2005.

M – Callahan

S – Moon

Unanimously approved.

Discussion: Siegle commended the process and requested that this work continue to reflect, “Educators Representing Programs for Gifted,” rather than TAG versus NAGC. Cross commented on the remarkable positive change in perceptions and goals of CEC/TAG and NAGC as they continue to work more closely together. Others also commented on the positive participation and sharing at all levels. VanTassel-Baska highlighted the Executive Committee’s desire to continue to strengthen the university network, and shared that it is NAGC’s goal to bring the university participants together for a meeting at least once a year.

State Policy Initiative

With a request for feedback from the Board, VanTassel-Baska presented her paper on “State Policies in Gifted Education,” in the context of a broader state policy initiative to work with states to 1) develop and revise state policy to reflect current research and major developments in the field, and 2) to develop political action strategies to reflect these changes. At the State Policy Institute offered in Salt Lake City, the goal will be to attract the audiences that need to be involved and engaged, including the policy developers themselves as well as the advocates. Additional content will be offered in February as part of the State Directors’ meeting and then again at the NAGC State Affiliate conference in March.

Discussion: Callahan requested that the State Policy paper not be positioned as an official NAGC document. Reeves suggested that relevant laws and language be included in a user friendly way. Ladt stressed that it’s critical to include professional development recommendations in the absence of national standards on what should be taught to gifted and talented students.

Position Paper Criteria

J. VanTassel-Baska reviewed the Board Action Item regarding Position Paper criteria, which was brought to the forefront as a result of the recent update of the NAGC Position on Acceleration. In addition, VanTassel-Baska shared that the Executive Committee will develop a process for creating and updating position papers for review by the Board at a future meeting.

MSP: That NAGC position papers be standardized to include specific criteria as identified, appeal to the target audience in an appropriate editorial manner, represent NAGC's position, and that these changes be phased in as current position papers are updated.

M – VanTassel-Baska

S – Seney

Unanimously approved.

DIVISIONS/BOARD LIAISONS

Subotnik began a discussion of the Board Liaison role by thanking Jeanne Purcell for the many improvements she made to Division communication and operations during her tenure as Divisions Secretary.

Subotnik requested that members of the Board convey their interest (or non-interest) in serving as Division liaisons, and referred the Board to the current list. Discussion continued regarding the pros and cons of serving as liaison to a Division one already had experience with, and the importance of sharing lessons learned /what works and what doesn't vis-à-vis the liaison role. Seney stressed the importance of emphasizing leadership and bringing new people into key positions. Subotnik noted that time will be provided during the March Board meeting to strengthen these roles further.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Governance Task Force

Tomlinson reported on outcomes from the initial Governance Task Force meeting, held on November 1, 2004, in Salt Lake City. Unfortunately, the facilitator was unable to participate due to serious family illness. In a PowerPoint presentation, (see attachment), Tomlinson shared the desired outcomes and organizing principles for the group, and stressed the importance of creating an inclusive process. Cross reinforced the importance of reaching out to diverse groups via surveys to ensure all voices are heard.

Middle School Joint Position Statement

Tomlinson mentioned the involvement of key volunteers from both NAGC and NMSA in accomplishing the joint position statement, mentioning Danute Krebs and Susannah Richards specifically. Tomlinson suggested that NAGC continue to pursue a relationship with NMSA to build on this success with a plan of action. The Board applauded Carol Tomlinson in her efforts.

7. Financial Report

Proposed Investment Policy

Sonny Surkin, Trusco Capital Management's Vice President of Fixed Income Portfolios and NAGC's financial advisor for the past eight years, joined the meeting to present a new approach to NAGC's long-term investment goals in the form of a written investment policy. Surkin reviewed the basic concept: rather than using a low risk approach to managing ALL of NAGC's reserves, the policy suggests dividing funds into three separate investment pools—short term, intermediate, and long-term reserve funds. The

Board discussed current investment trends, potential risk involved, as well as the types of funds under consideration. Surkin noted that the shift to these new investments will take place over the next three years, as current investments mature.

MSP: To approve the proposed investment policy

M – Moon

S – Siegle

Motion approved.

2003/2004 Budget Highlights

In the absence of the Finance Secretary, Green reviewed the 2003-2004 annual profit and loss summary, including current income, operating expenses, non-budgeted items, and overall performance. After final accounting adjustments, Green projected that NAGC will finish FY 2003-2004 with an overall deficit of approximately \$125,000, which is lower than the budgeted level of \$193,000.

2004/2005 Approved Budget

Green also shared the 2004-2005 budget, which was approved by the Board in April 2004. Because it is still so early in the first quarter, it is difficult to draw financial conclusions or make predictions at this time.

8. National Office/ Executive Director Annual Report

Green reviewed key accomplishments and outcomes during her 7-month tenure. She asked the Board to review the new Employee Handbook, recently developed in conjunction with staff, and shared some of the key staffing changes that have occurred in recent months. Green stressed the desire to focus staff efforts on creating value for members, rather than on internal processes. The shift in resources from internal technology systems to external alliance building and marketing was cited as a key example.

9. NAGC Strategic Plan

Chairman Olenchak and Green reviewed the newly approved 2004-2008 NAGC Strategic Plan. Green shared the importance of creating an implementation plan tied to job descriptions and performance objectives as the next step in the process from her perspective. Key to NAGC's future success will be the launch of a new Web site and creating new content, member benefits, and strategic alliances. To get guidance from the Board on potential new alliances, Green circulated a list of criteria and potential alliance organizations, and asked the Board to work in small groups to identify their top five, outside any groups NAGC is currently working with (like CEC). The highest priorities identified by all groups were the American Association of School Administrators, American Academy of Pediatrics, math/science organizations, AVID/POSSE, and the National School Boards Association.

10. Strategic Plan Initiatives/Budget Requests

(a) Content Resources

Chairman Olenchak reviewed the Resource Proposal to support Goal 3 in the Strategic Plan, enhanced competency. In the spirit of the *Teaching for High Potential* proposal from November 2003, the Executive Committee recommends moving forward with a plan to deliver resources in a variety of formats that directly support teachers who work with GT students, including a special section in

Communiqué (now *Compass Points*) and content for the NAGC Web site. The Board discussed at length how best to approach the development of teacher resources, and the merits of a Web based versus print publication. Siegle pointed out that this option may well lay the groundwork for a magazine in the future, but urged a preliminary step before such a significant investment is warranted. The Board approved the motion as amended.

MSP: To approve, as amended, Action Item 9a: A request for \$57,000 from reserves to fund a teacher resource specialist who will work closely with National Office staff to develop resources that support the work of classroom teachers.

M – VanTassel-Baska

S – Moon

Abstention – Dixon

Motion approved.

Amendment: Approval conditional on annual evaluation of the position based on the following: expertise and skills of the resource specialist, (advanced degree with a concentration in gifted), quality control of content, scope, and level of content (does it cover the gifted waterfront?), assessment of the value of the product (does it extend NAGC’s outreach?), and does the product encourage the participation of teachers and get them involved?

(b) Information Resources

Green spoke to the need to upgrade and standardize IT infrastructure within the National Office, in addition to creating a new Web site that ensures NAGC’s position as clearinghouse for resources on gifted issues.

MSP: To approve Action Item 9b: To position NAGC as a national clearinghouse for knowledge and resources by creating an accessible, easy-to-navigate Web site and content management system.

M – Siegle

S – DeVries

Unanimously approved.

11. Proposed Endorsement Policy

In light of the recent situation with, “A Nation Deceived,” (which NAGC eventually endorsed,) the Executive Committee recommends that NAGC have a formal Endorsement Policy in place to create clear parameters when opportunities arise. After review and discussion of the draft policy proposed by staff, the Board agreed to table the discussion, and request additional sample policies to review. In the absence of a formal Conflict of Interest statement, the Board felt that the policy under consideration was too broad. Staff agreed to present additional models at a future meeting.

12. New Business

Chairman Olenchak reviewed the new business items proposed at the start of the meeting.

Financial Reimbursement for Board Members

Callahan shared concerns that, in light of the addition of a second Board meeting in March, that Board members are not adequately compensated for travel and other expenses incurred while conducting NAGC business. Other Board members supported this perspective. In addition, Ladit suggested that corporate board member expenses be covered in the same way that “at-large” members are compensated. Staff agreed to send out a proposal to reflect this motion for approval by electronic ballot prior to the Thanksgiving holiday break.

MSP: That a new reimbursement policy be created to replace current Policy 6.1.6, stating that “Board travel will be reimbursed up to \$500 per Board meeting upon presentation of original receipts.” In addition, the phrase “at their own expense” will be stricken from Policy 6.1.3.4 in an effort to treat all Board members equally.

M – Piirto

S – Callahan

Unanimously approved.

The other new agenda items were tabled for a future discussion.

Motion to adjourn: Seney

S – Hollingsworth

Unanimously approved.

Chairman Olenchak adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm.



**NAGC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BI-ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, March 12, 2005
8:00 am – 5:30 pm
Mount Vernon Room
Wyndham City Center Hotel
Washington, DC**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. by the Chair, Rick Olenchak, with greetings, acknowledgements, and thanks to Sandy Hughes, Governance Task Force facilitator and presenter, for her dinner presentation the night before.

Present: F. Richard Olenchak, Joyce VanTassel-Baska, Del Siegle, Rena Subotnik, Carolyn Callahan, Arlene DeVries, Sidney Moon, Jane Piirto, Jeanne Purcell, Julia Link Roberts, Kris Haslund, Frederick Ladit, Bonnie Cramond, Felicia Dixon, Marcia Gentry, Thomas Hébert, Mary Landrum, Robert Seney, Diana Reeves, Laurence Coleman, Patricia Hollingsworth, Sylvia Rimm, Virginia Burney, and Chris Nobbe.

Staff: Nancy Green, Karol Scher, and Andy Bassett

Guest: Sandy Hughes, Hughes Consulting

Excused Absence: Tracy Cross and Carol Tomlinson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Siegle proceeded to request the approval of the November, 2004 minutes. Green directed the Board's attention to handout 2a, the tally of Board votes since July 2004. It was suggested that a narrative be added to this sheet regarding each voted item. Green pointed out that most Board votes had a corresponding discussion captured in the official Board minutes. Cramond noted the need to make sure that the tallies correspond to Board discussions.

MSP: That the Board of Directors meeting minutes of 11/3/04 be approved.

M – VanTassel-Baska

S – Seney

Unanimously approved.

III. REFLECTIONS ON GOVERNANCE PRESENTATION/ GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE REPORT

Olenchak welcomed Sandy Hughes of Hughes Consulting, who discussed the Friday night (3/11/05) presentation she did for Board and Division leadership. Hughes asked for thoughts from the Board about governance in general. Rimm remarked that she was surprised at the suggestion to have a lawyer, accountant, etc. on the Board and not just members who represent the profession they serve. Hollingsworth mentioned how many Boards move toward a fundraising structure. Landrum supported the idea of inviting in other skill sets, but not necessarily changing the entire Board makeup. Seney supported creating a whole new model, encouraging change, and looking forward to new directions. Discussion on these issues continued.

Gentry brought up the NAGC National Advisory Board and suggested that they should do more for NAGC than serve as figureheads. Nobbe inquired about what NAGC's mission statement is, so Green passed out a copy of the NAGC Strategic Plan. Nobbe suggested that the tag line from the NAGC Vision should appear on all materials from NAGC. Coleman brought up the ability of each board member to think of the overall organization vs. personal issues. Hughes shared some ideas regarding conflict of interest and Board structure, and supported Seney's idea for a structure to fit NAGC's unique issues and culture. The role and timing of the Governance Task Force was again reviewed.

Governance Task Force Report

Olenchak moved on to the Governance Task Force report submitted by Tomlinson. He stated that creating new governance parameters will be a deliberate process, but that it will be transparent, and encouraged the Board to give their thoughts on governance to the Task Force at any point.

Approval of Agenda

Olenchak called for approval of the updated agenda, which was distributed immediately prior to the start of the meeting.

MSP: That the revised agenda be approved for the Board meeting.

M – Siegle

S – Purcell

Unanimously approved.

IV. STRATEGIC PLAN / NATIONAL OFFICE REPORT

Green reviewed highlights of her national office report as well as the strategic plan spreadsheet. She mentioned that future reports will always tie back to the goals of the plan, which has become a useful management tool for the staff. In addition to items from the report, Green also mentioned that

- 89% of presenters for the national convention in Louisville submitted online proposals, which at 777, is the highest number received since Denver in 2002.
- Becky Eckert has been hired as the Gifted Resource Specialist, and will start June 1, 2005.
- A \$25,000 sponsorship has been received from The College Board to host a Superintendent's Academy at the National Conference in Louisville. Green suggested that the Board might be called upon in the future to provide further contacts and outreach for NAGC's follow-up on sponsorship possibilities.

In response to a question regarding the *State of the States* RFP, Green mentioned the lack of interest in the project from universities. The Board suggested alternative approaches and shared their viewpoints on why the project is a difficult and complex one. Not all states collect the requested data, or they don't present it in a useful format for the report. However, questions have to remain somewhat similar from year-to-year so comparison data can be acquired.

In a discussion about disseminating information regarding "A Nation Deceived," Callahan cautioned that the Templeton report should be very carefully presented to Congress because there has been some misconception in the public about what the report means for gifted programs. Specifically, acceleration is no substitute for additional gifted services.

Landrum had a question about the Division program rubrics and how questions are handled that come from the Divisions. Green responded that they often end up in her office or with Subotnik, as Division Secretary. VanTassel-Baska commented that she had just presented program changes to and discussed concerns with the Division chairs, and said the group was on board with the process.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

Robinson began her report with an overview of the budget timeline, making the point that with the addition of a second Board meeting, members have an opportunity to collectively discuss the budget before the voting process takes place. Robinson also reviewed the audit, which had no issues for FY04-05. She discussed current investments, and their conversion to the short, mid, and long-term funds over time. Robinson then presented the proposed budget for 2005-2006 and reviewed the budget narrative. Robinson said we have 20 months of operating budget in reserves. Purcell commented that 40% of the members tend to drop after one year, and that we should be cautious about spending on new initiatives. Ladit shared concerns about the convention revenue versus expenses, and rising costs. He proposed that non-members pay more than the current registration fee for the conference, and suggested adding at least the cost of an NAGC membership to the non-member fee.

Olenchak conducted a straw poll to see who agreed that the non-member fee should be increased to reflect a membership in NAGC, from \$325 to \$350 – no members opposed this. No further discussion took place on the proposed budget. Robinson concluded by commenting that the Board's vote on the budget will take place in April by electronic ballot.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Secondary Schools Task Force

There was a brief discussion on the scope of the proposed Secondary Schools Task Force. It was recommended that specific programs (e.g. AP, IB) not be mentioned and that global terms be used to describe them.

MSP: To approve the Secondary Schools Task Force charge and recommendations.

M – Nobbe

S – Robinson

Unanimously approved.

Student High Achievement Week

Rimm covered the background and highlights of this action item, which was one of many ideas resulting from the Parent Trust weekend discussions in January. The Board discussed the pros and cons of spending the time and effort to make this a national focus. While states often get approval from the governor's office for this concept, it's more difficult at the federal level and must be handled in concert with a supporting congressman. The Board suggested looking at how other organizations have handled the process and what they learned. The group also recommended that staff explore the option of partnering with other education groups to make this happen. Rimm and the group agreed that a national designation would be a great springboard to national media coverage.

MSP: That NAGC explore the potential of and process for requesting that a week be designated nationally as Student High Achievement Week, potentially timed with the birth of Albert Einstein in March.

M – Nobbe

S – Purcell

Unanimously approved.

Endorsement Policy

Green provided background on the endorsement issue, which had been brought forward from the November 2004 Board meeting without resolution. It's clear that a policy is needed, particularly in light of the video funding request that appears later in the agenda, and other requests that are sure to arise.

Sandy Hughes shared the need for an overarching ethics policy, which would include a conflict of interest statement as well as an endorsement policy.

Landrum and others shared concerns about voting on endorsement and conflict of interest together in one policy. Green agreed to gather Board input and present two separate policies to the Board at its next meeting.

FA: Purcell made a friendly amendment to ask the staff to develop two separate draft documents, an endorsement and a conflict of interest policy.

Sandy Hughes stated that boards are adopting an overall ethics statement, which then prompted further discussion on how an ethics statement could also be part of this request.

FA: Purcell made an additional friendly amendment for staff to consider developing a code of ethics, which would subsume an endorsement policy and a conflict of interest policy.

Call for the question: Nobbe

S – Purcell

Vote: 8 opposed, 9 in favor

Brief discussion and revote.

MSP: Charge the staff to develop drafts of (1) amended endorsement policy and (2) conflict of interest statement via a code of ethics.

M – Nobbe

S – DeVries

Unanimously approved.

Video Funding Proposal

Subotnik raised the conflict of interest issue, and asked whether those Board members who have involvement in this proposal should recuse themselves from the vote. Callahan raised a point of information regarding the review process, suggesting that the proposal should have gone to the Publications Committee first, before review by the Executive Committee. Nobbe suggested sending it to the Publications Committee for review and then doing a fax vote for the full Board. Olenchak clarified the process, stating that after review by the Publications Committee, the proposal would come back to the Executive Committee, and they would decide if it should go back again to the full Board for a final vote. Callahan suggested that the Board should send their opinions regarding the proposal to the Publications Committee for their consideration while reviewing.

FA: Moon made a friendly amendment to send the proposal to the Publications Committee with a 30-day review period.

MSP: That discussion of the video funding proposal should be tabled until the proposal can be sent to the Publications Committee, with 30 days to review. The proposal will then be sent back again to the Executive Committee and then on to the Board for discussion.

M – Nobbe

S – Seney

4 Opposed, 4 abstained: Hollingsworth, Landrum, Piirto, and DeVries

Motion carried by majority vote.

Special Memorial Funds

Green reported that NAGC is approached periodically to create memorial funds or scholarships to honor prominent members of the field. The most recent example is Mary Frasier. Green asked the Board to review the questions in action item 7e and provide feedback for a course of action.

FA: Landrum made a friendly amendment to use separate specific words in #2, corporate and professional organizations.

Moon suggested making this proposed fund for Mary Frasier a permanent NAGC initiative, with long-term endowment guidelines. Cramond mentioned that Tarek Grantham has been working closely with the Frasier family and has a good relationship with them, and that NAGC should keep him involved with this proposal as well.

MSP: Encourage staff to take next steps with memorial funds, including a proposed diversity fund for Mary Frasier, as well as broader guidelines for accepting scholarship offers.

M - Moon

S – Purcell

Unanimously approved.

VII. ADVOCACY

Roberts spoke about the important role of advocacy as a responsibility of all Board members on an ongoing basis. She referred to a list of members of Congress in the Board books and encouraged contact with them, emphasizing the important need to be strategic and persistent. Piirto wondered how best to approach her legislators, and Roberts suggested inviting them or a member of their staff to a function or meeting to begin the relationship. Burney suggested going to them and telling them that you have an issue that is very important, and then offer to be a contact for them on gifted. Landrum said she spent time with her governor and brought up gifted issues. Roberts announced that KAGE just secured the Kentucky Academy of Math and Science. Reeves announced the Massachusetts Leadership Summit in April.

VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Past President's Report

Board Nominations

Rick Olenchak presented the report submitted by Carol Tomlinson, Elections Committee chair. It included a description of this year's process, as well as a slate of Board candidates for the 2005 elections.

In her role as parliamentarian, Moon suggested that current Board members who appear on the slate should step out during the discussion of and vote on the slate presented. Siegle, Purcell,

Moon, Roberts, and Ladt left the room. Haslund spoke as a member of the Elections Committee to the review process, which Olenchak interrupted with a point of order requesting a motion.

Motion was made to vote on the slate presented.

Olenchak provided further background, reminding the Board that the slate has come to them for a vote as part of the NAGC policy, which hadn't been followed in the past. Subotnik asked for a paper ballot vote. Discussion followed regarding the qualifications of candidates, the administrative process, and issues surrounding conflict of interest. While several board members recognized that the current process needs modifications, these changes should not be made while the process is underway.

MSP: That the Board approve the entire slate presented by the Elections Committee
M – Moon
S – Reeves
Paper ballot vote: 3 no, 15 yes
Motion carries.

Elections Committee members Roberts and Haslund volunteered to be available to answer questions about the elections process after the meeting. The Board also recognized the need for new guidelines to identify individuals to run for office, as well as a revised, proactive role in recruiting for the Elections Committee itself. The Governance Task Force will review these issues in the context of the overall governance model.

b. President-Elect Report

State Policy Update

VanTassel-Baska shared the latest reports and information from her policy work with state affiliates, including the alignment between current state policy and the NAGC K-12 program standards. The models and data in the report are educational and informative, and will be shared with states that can benefit from knowledge of best practice to shore up their weakest policy areas.

Convention Program Changes

VanTassel-Baska referred to her background memo that addresses the principles used to implement major changes that will occur as part of the convention this year. The Program Committee will meet on April 8 to ensure the best possible combination of content for conference in a final scheduling format. VanTassel-Baska was pleased with the data collected by the National Office from a survey sent to determine convention value, which received about 800 online responses. Special sessions were also evaluated carefully this year, resulting in improvements to session quality and relevance. She said the Local Arrangement Committee, as hosts for conference, should be encouraged to make decisions on theme, etc., as Kentucky has done by having two slots for math and science strands. She listed special session planning criteria and identified 21 special sessions. In addition, VanTassel-Baska recommended inviting

general session presenters who showcase NAGC's views, and those that can address a primarily teacher audience.

Green explained proposed programming changes and the scheduling template, highlighting the opportunity to create a special opening and closing to the meeting to bring people together. Green also mentioned integration of Parent Day with the Saturday convention, and that it will be co-marketed with Parent & Community Division and local Parent Committee. Seney thinks this is a very valuable offering.

Graduate Program Standards Update

VanTassel-Baska shared that a full work group meeting has been scheduled on April 7th to compile full research citations and annotations. Revisions will go to CEC/TAG in October, then to the NAGC board in November. The CEC Knowledge and Standards Committee will follow up with a survey in Spring 2006.

VanTassel-Baska again stressed the importance of this initiative to NAGC; the relationship with NCATE has provided models for making connections with other organizations. Both process and substance have exceeded expectations. The Board agreed, and recognized VanTassel-Baska for her extensive work.

Guest Presentation

Pat Ross, Director of the Javits Program, joined the meeting to provide an update on the U.S. Department of Education and the Javits program.

- Ross stated that the Javits competition for Priority II grants (local school districts and state departments; no universities may apply) opened March 8 and closes April 22. Few applications have been received to date. She explained that Priority I funding is offered only for continuing projects; no new applications will be accepted for Priority I grants this year.
- A project was conducted this year to bring together scholars who are doing research with poor and minority populations to map out a research agenda that identifies the gaps.
- The future of the National Research Center is unclear at this time.
- The current climate at the Department of Education—much more interest in results; pressure to demonstrate that funded programs actually have an impact. Expert panel reviewers will make judgments about what's working and what's not.
- Ross also stated the increasing need for math and science talent development. Data reflect lack of teacher training, and Dept. of Ed is looking at what it will take to recruit more teachers and students.
- President Bush has announced a major initiative for high schools that will double the amount of money available for AP/IB programs.

c. Divisions Secretary Update

Subotnik provided the highlights of her written report, stressing efforts to solicit feedback from Divisions regarding recommendations for program changes and visibility at the NAGC

Convention. Subotnik mentioned that several Divisions expressed concerns about their role in the session selection process for this year's Convention, but that they felt more included once she and VanTassel-Baska discussed the overall process earlier that day. She also called attention to the memo that outlines the role of the National Office regarding Division support.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE

The Executive Committee reported on the outcome of the Executive Director's performance review in closed session.

X. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Olenchak told the Board that he appreciated everyone's support of his presidency, especially during such a positive period of change in NAGC. He said he is looking forward to participating on the Board as Past President and getting back to his work with the Divisions. Ladt and the Board applauded Olenchak's positive impact on NAGC.

Motion to adjourn: Seney
S – Siegle
Unanimously approved.

Chairman Olenchak adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.