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I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This policy defines the benefits and services afforded to organizations defined as NAGC Affiliate members of NAGC, as well as the opportunities for communication and participation by affiliates within the organizational structure.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

<u>Overview</u>

NAGC may recognize an NAGC Affiliate in any U.S. state, territory, or region to create a central contact point and formal relationship within that state, territory, or region. The Association may also grant NAGC Affiliate status to additional groups in any state, territory, or region, provided it meets the criteria specified in the Policy Manual and the group provides additional services to educators and/or families in that area.

- NAGC Affiliates must be nonprofit organizations and must have documentation of their nonprofit status, including the number of members. NAGC Affiliate organizations may not limit membership or services based on race, religion, cultural background, ethnicity, nationality, disability, gender, age, marital and family status, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, or gender identity in membership, leadership, programs, or practices.
- 2. As an affiliate member, each NAGC Affiliate organization pays dues. Membership as an NAGC Affiliate shall become active upon application, meeting criteria approved by the Board, and payment of initial dues. The membership year for all NAGC Affiliates is aligned with the NAGC fiscal year, September 1 August 31. Dues for established NAGC Affiliates will not be prorated if a payment is made after a new fiscal year begins. Newly created and approved NAGC Affiliates are eligible for prorated dues equal to the percentage of months left in the fiscal year. For example, if a new affiliate joins in January, that affiliate would pay 66% of the full dues for that year.
- 3. The general benefits available from the Association relating to NAGC Affiliates include online networking opportunities, access to discounted speaker fees, professional development opportunities, an annual meeting to discuss affiliate development and public policy issues, and organizational and strategic advice from NAGC staff. Benefits will be reviewed annually and augmented as necessary.