

CAG Seeks Candidates for Board of Directors

Applications Due by February 5, 2010

The strength of the CAG organization is in the dedication and efforts of its membership. As a volunteer organization, we depend on you to provide not only the support, but the leadership that is required in order to fulfill our mission of providing for the needs of gifted children.

Elections for the 2010-2012 CAG Board of Directors will take place this spring. We're looking for quality candidates to run for office and provide that necessary leadership. Specifically, we are seeking candidates for the offices of:

President Elect
Secretary
Educator Representative Chair
Parent Representative Chair

In addition, we will be electing two representatives from each of CAG's eleven geographical regions -- a Parent Representative and an Educator Representative.

What is Expected of A CAG Regional Representative?

CAG's eleven regions are each served by two representatives -- one parent and one educator. The representatives serve as liaisons between the region and the Board of Directors, coordinate activities in the local regions, foster interest in CAG membership, and respond to queries from local parents and educators.

Please review this list of responsibilities for Regional Representatives. While the list may seem overwhelming, be aware that the Regional Representatives do not do all of the work alone in their region. They are encouraged to develop a regional committee and work together with local members to accomplish regional goals. Reimbursement is available for expenses incurred for CAG business.

Basic Responsibilities of Regional Representatives

1. Attend scheduled Board meetings
 - Prepare, plan, and budget for region
 - Use regional expenditures aligned with regional plans
 - Complete a regional report for each meeting.
 - Give a brief report to update Board of regional events, if requested.
2. Develop regional capacity
 - Develop regional support committee
 - Develop leadership network
 - Organize meetings/local inservice
 - Develop a systematic liaison network with affiliate groups
 - Disseminate timely information

- Maintain phone, email, and mail contacts
- Recruit new members
- Encourage continued membership
- Follow-up on members who discontinue
- Assist with CAG sponsored events in the region

4. Commit to annual conference duties
 - Participate in regional CAG Distinguished Service Award selection and ceremony
 - Assist in Resource Room
 - Actively participate in all other conference responsibilities
5. CAG activities:
 - Serve on committees
 - Facilitate committees
 - Attend related inservice
 - Submit articles to Gifted Education Communicator, if appropriate
 - Contribute regional news for newsletters and the CAG website on regular basis
6. Advocacy duties
 - Initiate and maintain legislative contacts in region
 - Initiate and maintain contacts with school districts and County Offices of Education

What are the Benefits of Board Participation?

- A forum where your ideas about gifted education in California can be heard and disseminated.
- An opportunity to use your leadership abilities in a meaningful activity.
- An opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with leaders in the field—California and the nation.
- Reimbursement for travel expenses incurred for organization business.

Term of Office

All officers and representatives are elected to a two-year term. If re-elected, they may serve a maximum of two consecutive two-year terms.

If you are interested in a leadership position, please consider running for office. The following timeline has been established:

- Candidate's application form postmarked no later than February 5, 2010.
- Telephone interview
- Candidate's ballot statement received by CAG no later than February 26, 2010.
- Ballots sent out electronically and/or mailed and received by members in March, 2010.
- Ballots counted and results announced by April 15, 2010.

You will find a candidate's application form on page 11 of this *Intercom*.

Application for CAG Office

Please complete the application, affix a letter of endorsement, and mail or fax to the address below to be postmarked no later than February 5, 2010.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Home Address: _____
City State Zip

Home Phone Number: _____ Work Phone Number: _____

FAX: _____ Email: _____

CAG Region: _____ Office you are seeking: _____

Background Information:

Describe your current experiences with gifted children: _____

Candidacy Qualifications:

a. Identify professional and personal qualities that will enable you to perform the role of the office you are seeking.

b. Identify what you believe to be the most important issues facing gifted education in the next few years.
Discuss how you would like to be of service in those areas.

List References:

1. Name _____ Title: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

2. Name _____ Title: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Please affix one letter of endorsement and mail to CAG Election, 9278 Madison Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662.
Or you may FAX your application and letter of endorsement to 916-988-5999.