

## **UTAH ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN BYLAWS**

Mission Statement: Utah Association for Gifted Children advocates for the diverse population of gifted children in the State of Utah. We advance the understanding of the academic and social/emotional needs of gifted children among community leaders, policy makers, educators and parents. We promote the development of quality services to provide educational opportunities for gifted students. We increase the capacity of educators and parents to be agents of change in their schools and communities and in the lives of gifted children.

### **Article 1 -- Name**

- 1.1 The name of this organization shall be the Utah Association for Gifted Children.
- 1.2 It shall be a duly recognized affiliate of the National Association for Gifted Children.

### **Article II -- Purpose**

- 2.1 The purposes of the Association are to serve as a public advocate for the diverse population of gifted and talented students in Utah.

### **Article III -- Membership**

- 3.1 Membership shall be open to any individual, institution, or group desiring to foster the purpose of this Association.
- 3.2 Local groups may affiliate with this state association.
- 3.3 Each full member shall be entitled to one vote when dues are current.
- 3.4 Membership dues are set annually by the Executive Board.

### **Article IV -- Officers**

- 4.1 The Executive Board shall be the governing board of the Association, and shall be composed of the elected officers. The elected officers shall be a President, Immediate Past President or President-elect on alternate years, Advocacy Vice-President, Publication Vice President, Membership Vice-President, Affiliate Vice-President, and Programs Vice-President, Public Relations Vice-President Secretary, Treasurer, Historian.
- 4.2 The President shall be a member in good standing who is elected by the membership at a fall meeting to serve a term of two years. Each year the board will have either an Immediate Past President or a President Elect who serves for a term of one year. Other officers shall be members in good standing who are elected by the membership at a fall meeting to serve terms of one year. Elected officers shall attend Executive Board meetings in the fall and shall assume the duties of their office at the Annual Conference in January.
- 4.3 In the event of a vacancy in any elected position during a term of office, the Executive Board shall appoint an interim successor.
- 4.4 The Executive Board must include at least two (2) educators and at least two (2) parents who are not employed as licensed educators.

## **Article V - Duties of Officers**

- 5.1 President: Presides over the business of the Association.
- 5.2 Immediate Past President: Coordinates the association's annual awards and assists the President in conducting the business of the association.
- 5.3 President-Elect: Co-chairs the Annual Conference, coordinates the association's annual awards and assists the President in conducting the business of the association.
- 5.4 Advocacy Vice-President: Plans and directs activities of the Association related to advocacy and legislative affairs.
- 5.5 Publication Vice-President: Organizes and disseminates a periodical and other publications designed to promote the purposes of this organization.
- 5.6 Membership Vice-President: Generates and maintains memberships in the association.
- 5.7 Affiliate Vice-President: Assists the development of local affiliates.
- 5.8 Programs Vice-President: Plans and directs the regular meetings of the Association, oversees the activities of ad hoc annual meeting committees.
- 5.9 Public Relations Vice-President: Promotes the purposes of the association with the public.
- 5.10 Secretary: Records attendance at all meetings, takes minutes of all meetings, conducts correspondence of the Association as needed.
- 5.11 Treasurer: Maintains the financial records of the Association.
- 5.12 Historian: Documents events and maintains the history of the Association.

## **Article VI -- Meetings**

- 6.1 Annual meeting: Shall be held each year at the call of the President or a majority vote of the Executive Board.
- 6.2 Regular meetings: Shall be held a minimum of two times during the year at the call of the President or a majority vote of the Executive Board.
- 6.3 Executive Board Retreat: Shall be held at the call of the President or a majority vote of the Executive Board. The President shall invite the Executive Board, all past Presidents, university liaisons, a Utah State Office of Education liaison, District Coordinators representatives, and Presidents of local affiliates to further the purpose of the association.

## **Article VII -- Committees**

- 7.1 The President and Vice-Presidents may establish ad hoc committees.
- 7.2 The Nominations committee shall be composed of the President, Immediate Past President or President Elect, and one other member of the Executive Board appointed by the President. This committee shall nominate a slate of officers to be voted on during a fall meeting.

## **Article VIII -- Amendments**

- 8.1 Amendments to these by-laws may be made at an annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present. Notification in writing of the proposed amendments shall go to each member at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which the voting is to take place.