

The Association for the Gifted (TAG)
TAG Standing Committee Overview
Website: <http://cectag.com/>

1. What is a TAG Standing Committee?

TAG's bylaws establish Standing Committees to support the organization in achieving its mission. They are necessary to carry out the primary functions of the organization. TAG Standing Committees utilize member-expertise to complete specific sectors of TAG's work through formalized bodies. TAG Standing Committees are charged to work toward specific sectors of TAG's work to operationalize TAG's mission.

2. Standing Committees within TAG's Organizational Structure

TAG Standing Committees report to the TAG Board of Directors in the overall organizational structure. A member of the TAG Board of Directors chairs each TAG Standing Committee. The Board of Directors is the official connection and point of contact with all TAG Committees.

3. Standing Committees Help TAG Reach its Goals

TAG's mission is to embrace and support the needs of students with gifts and talents, focusing on multi-exceptional and other diverse learners, through advocacy, professional learning, and resources. To answer the call of that mission, the work TAG does to provide resources, products, services, and supports to the field are critically important and are TAG's first priority.

4. Responsibilities of TAG Standing Committees

TAG Standing Committees support TAG's mission. Each committee has a specified charge (i.e. purpose) which is described in the TAG Policy Handbook. Committees review the TAG Strategic Plan to determine initiatives and activities that fall within their charge. Committees meet through video conference periodically between board meetings to develop proposals for actions the organization might take to achieve the initiatives and activities. Committees are required to provide quarterly reports to the Board which are delivered by the committee chairs.

5. Standing Committee Membership and Member Terms

Standing Committees will comprise no more than six members in addition to the committee chairs (who are Board members), including members already specified by role in policy. The exception is the Standards and Accreditation Committee, which will include no more than 12 members in addition to the committee chair. Committee members will serve staggered two-year terms with the exception of the Standards and Accreditation Committee members who will serve three-year terms. To facilitate the roll out of committee membership in 2020, some committee member terms will be three years. Terms will begin on or before April 15.

6. Appointment Process

Standing Committee Member volunteers will be solicited through a transparent call and application process in conjunction with the annual CEC Convention. The application process will be facilitated

by the Past President and the Elections Committee. Candidates will be considered based on a qualitative review of their demonstrated abilities, expertise, and experiences related to the responsibilities of the committees for which they volunteer. Selected candidates will be recommended to the President for appointment. The Board of Directors must approve the appointments.

7. TAG Standing Committees

Membership Committee

The purpose of the Membership Committee is to recruit and retain members. The members of this committee will assist the Membership coordinator in carrying out all responsibilities.

Publications Committee

The purpose of the Publications Committee is to oversee all publications of the TAG, including the journal, the newsletter, and other publications as approved by the Board. Additionally, the committee will work with CEC to ensure that publications related to gifted education are appropriate. The membership of the committee includes the journal editor, newsletter editor, a general Board member, and the president. The president with the consent of the Board may appoint other members. The Publications Committee will recommend to the Elections Committee nominees for journal newsletter editors. These nominations will be presented to the TAG membership for ratification. The chair of this committee (i.e., *JEG* editor) will submit quarterly reports to be presented at each Board meeting.

Governmental Relations Committee

The purpose of the Governmental Relations Committee is to support advocacy work for children and youth who have gifts, talents, and/or high potential. The CAN coordinator will chair the committee. The chair will submit quarterly reports to be presented at each Board meeting.

Diversity, Equity, and Access Committee

The purpose of the Diversity, Equity, and Access Committee is to advocate for children and youth with gifts, talents, and/or high potential from underrepresented minority or underserved populations to gain equitable access to gifted and advanced educational services. The committee will propose initiatives to support and promote diversity and, upon approval of the Board, implement them. The chair will submit quarterly reports to be presented at each Board meeting.

Awards Committee

The purpose of the Awards Committee is to acknowledge and publicly recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of gifted education and TAG. A list of all previous award recipients will be maintained by the chair and submitted annually to the secretary for the archives. The past president will serve as chair of this committee.

Finance Committee

The purpose of the Finance Committee is to monitor the financial health of TAG. The treasurer will serve as the chair of this committee. The president-elect will be a member of this committee.

External Funding Committee

The purpose of the External Funding Committee is to raise funds for TAG (e.g., annual development campaign, grants). The Treasurer will serve as the chair of this committee.

Public Relations Committee

The purpose of the Public Relations Committee is to communicate TAG's mission and initiatives with various audiences in both digital (e.g., social media, website) and print media. The Public Relations coordinator will serve as the chair of this committee.

Outreach Committee

The purpose of the Outreach Committee is to increase and sustain TAG's visibility and impact in the field of education. The CSDPG representative will serve as the chair of this committee.

Standards and Accreditation Committee

The purpose of the Standards and Accreditation Committee is to work with CEC on the development of standards and the implementation of accreditation procedures. The Standards and Accreditation Coordinator will serve as chair of this committee.

Elections Committee

The purpose of the Elections Committee is to conduct the elections for TAG Board membership and recommend committee members. The past president serves as the chair of this committee. Other members are the president, president-elect, and other members as appointed by the president with the consent of the Board. Committee members who are nominated for elected or appointment positions must recuse themselves from the committee.