



KANSAS ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED, TALENTED, AND CREATIVE (KGTC)

Constitution

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PREAMBLE

The responsibility for educating gifted students in the State of Kansas requires the attention, effort, and collaboration of parents, educators, education leaders, business leaders, policy makers, and other stakeholders. The fulfillment of this responsibility can be furthered through this organization by uniting, supporting, and further developing these individuals' understanding of giftedness.

ARTICLE I – NAME AND MISSION

The name of this organization shall be Kansas Association for the Gifted, Talented, and Creative (KGTC).

The mission of KGTC is to promote, support, and improve services for intellectually and creatively gifted and talented youth of Kansas.

KGTC is organized exclusively for charitable, educational purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of this organization by the Board of Directors (BD), assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code or shall be distributed to the federal government or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to advocate for continued, improved gifted education services and increased resources by:

1. supporting opportunities for students which develop their gifts and talents.
2. collaborating with parents and supporting families in their special relationships with gifted children.
3. collaborating with educational leaders, policy makers, and colleges/university personnel to enhance the professional skills of general educators, gifted educators, educational leaders, and others who work with gifted students.
4. advocating at the local, state, and national levels to improve policies, funding, services, and understanding of gifted students' needs.
5. providing professional development and networking opportunities on matters pertaining to gifted education.
6. providing paper and electronic publications to maintain and disseminate research and other information to stakeholders concerning issues in gifted education.

ARTICLE III – ORGANIZATION

Section 1. KGTC shall consist of the executive board, the board of directors/BD (elected officers and voting appointees), members of committees and task forces (non-voting), and the remaining membership at-large.

Section 2. Each KGTC BD and committee member must be a member in good standing (ARTICLE VII, Section 3).

Section 3. The KGTC BD is subject to & must adhere to all current & future state & federal passed legislative laws & acts.

Section 4. The president or their designee is the official representative/spokesperson shall use KGTC's white papers in public discourse.

Section 5. Conflict of interest & whistleblower policies are in place and shall be enforced.

ARTICLE IV – NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTED OFFICE

Section 1. During odd-numbered years, a nominating committee of the BD regional representatives shall confidentially meet to begin the nomination process.

Section 2. Any individual on the nominating committee running for office shall recuse her/himself from the nomination committee and submit an application.

Section 3. The nominating committee will confidentially review all applications to ensure they meet criteria.

Section 4. The nominating committee shall obtain consent from all nominees before presenting their names to the BD.

Section 5. The nominating committee shall submit only rejected nominees for further vetting and possible inclusion before the election.

Section 6. The list of candidates shall be submitted to the active membership through every available means prior to the annual general business meeting. The election may include verbally nominated write-in candidates from the floor of the meeting.

ARTICLE V – ELECTED EXECUTIVE BOARD AND VACANCIES

Section 1. KGTC's executive board officers shall be the president, president-elect, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. Each officer serves two-year terms; no more than four terms on the executive board. Reapplication can be made after two terms in another capacity.

Section 3. The president and president-elect serve one term. The president-elect automatically succeeds the president. The secretary and treasurer can serve two terms.

Section 4. The election of the president-elect, secretary, and treasurer take place in odd-numbered years.

Section 5. If there's a presidential vacancy the president-elect shall serve the remainder of the term. The time remaining determines if the president-elect serves the term which they were elected.

Section 6. If there's a secretarial and/or treasurer vacancy at any time, the president shall appoint a replacement to fill the position(s). The appointment must be BD approved.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

Section 1. Appointed BD members serve at the pleasure of the president and shall include:

- A. One voting representative from each geographic region of the state. Assistant representatives can serve as proxy.
- B. Previous presidents shall be invited to serve as ex-officio (non-voting) BD members.
- C. Committees can be formed from the general membership for special projects or tasks.
- D. Additional positions shall be developed by the president and executive board.
- E. Appointed positions are determined by the voting BD members.

Section 2. Each board member's duties are outlined in procedural policies addendum E.

ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP, DUES, FINANCIAL, CONVENTION, AWARDS AND GIFT PROCEDURES

Section 1. All persons shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Membership dues are proposed & accepted annually by the BD.

Section 3. Memberships are for the calendar year and are not prorated.

Section 4. The Treasurer is responsible for providing the BD with a proposed budget with budgeted & non-budgeted expenditures subject to BD approval.

Section 5. The Convention will be organized by the Convention Chair and designated Assistant with the support of the Treasurer.

Section 6. Annually, KGTC may select students for monetary scholarships, recognition & awards.

Section 7. KGTC, as a 501(c)(3), accepts monetary gifts, memorials, donations, and recognitions, which the BD will allocate the funds with documentation by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE VIII – BOARD MEETINGS, BETWEEN MEETINGS AND RULES OF PROCEDURES

Section 1. All meetings use Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 2. A minimum of four regular BD meetings shall be held each year.

Section 3. BD meetings must maintain a quorum of voting members and must include two elected officers.

Section 4. An annual general membership business meeting shall be held during the KGTC convention.

Section 5. Adopted KGTC procedural policies shall govern the conduct of all BD and membership meetings.

Section 6. Annual Meeting – The time and site of the KGTC's active membership annual meeting shall be published in every available form.

Section 7. Board Meetings – Meetings shall be held at the time and site determined by the president with unexpected changes precipitating notification according to procedural policies.

Section 8. Committee Meetings – Designated BD committees shall meet in the most convenient manner with 50% of its members and chairperson present.

Section 9. Special Meetings – The executive board, voting BD members, committee and active membership shall be empowered to conduct KGTC business between regularly scheduled meetings and vote in a convenient form with results recorded at the next BD meeting or petitioned by 10% of KGTC members' signatures. Secretarial notification according to procedural policy shall state the date, time, site, and express purpose(s) of meeting. Business shall be limited to the stated purpose(s).

Section 10. Draft minutes are reviewed at the BD meetings and approved prior to archival.

Section 11. KGTC selected advertisements are placed in designated publications.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS

Section 1. Constitutional amendments and revisions may be proposed by a BD member in writing at a meeting and in compliance with ARTICLE VIII, Section 9.

Section 2. BD approval of proposed constitutional amendments/revisions are subject to notified KGTC memberships' approval at their business meeting and in compliance with ARTICLE VIII, Section 9.