



## Executive Board Meeting • Quarter 3 August 22, 2016

### I. **CALL TO ORDER: President, Dianne Azarelli** 7:03PM

### II. **ROLL CALL: President, Dianne Azarelli**

#### Present

President	Dianne Azarelli	Hillsborough County	Region 3
Immediate Past President	Stephanie Georgiades	Hillsborough County	Region 3
President Elect	Kathleen Casper	Pinellas County	Region 3
Governance Secretary	Samantha Goodowens	Orange County	Region 3
Advocacy Chair	Karen Fradley	Pinellas County	Region 3
Treasurer	Meredith Miller	Duval County	Region 2
Public Relations Chair	Ashley Flowers-Hoang	Santa Rosa County	Region 1
Region II Coordinator	Missy Kennedy	St. Johns County	Region 2
Region III Coordinator	Terri Pope-Hellmund	Orange County	Region 3

#### Absent

Education Chair	Dr. Bess Wilson	Duval County	Region 2
Membership Chair	Brenda Wirick	Jefferson County	Region 1
Region I Coordinator	Mary-Margaret Enfinger	Leon County	Region 1
Region IV Coordinator	Zuzel Rodriguez	Broward County	Region 4
FLDOE Gifted Specialist	Cheryl Finkbeiner		

#### Vacant Positions

Bylaws Chair

### III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM QUARTER 2, 2016 MEETING**

Dianne Azzarelli: Call for motion to approve minutes  
Stephanie Georgiades: Motion to approve minutes  
Ashley Flowers: 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion to approve minutes  
VOTE: unanimous approval  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2016 APPROVED

## IV. REPORTS FROM LAC (Local Arrangements Committee)

### A. Administrator's/Superintendent's Forum: Kathleen Casper

- Kathleen reports that at the time of the meeting this forum has been cancelled by the NAGC. The intention was to highlight the issues in the state of Florida and bring the leaders and administrators together. There was some back and forth regarding who the speakers would be, and now the NAGC seems to have an issue regarding timeframe to get the forum organized at all. NAGC had the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation as the sponsor and were wanting a speaker on the excellence gap, but the FLAG organizers were wanting to include diversity and social/emotional as a subject and asked to have Donna Ford or Joy Lawson Davis. NAGC was reporting that Dr. Ford was too busy, but Dr. Ford herself was very interested.
- There was a discussion at length on the history of this issue, on how to problem solve other ways to service the administrators and superintendents and on how important it is for Florida's Gifted students to have their educational leaders be aware and included in proper Gifted professional training.
- Stephanie Georgiades has agreed to reach out to Robyn, Rene and the organizers of the conference and find out how to reach a resolution where Florida's students are properly aided by FLAG's efforts while still satisfying NAGC's agenda.

### B. Parent Day: Karen Fradley

- Karen has been able to match each roundtable topic with a FLAG Board Member or an FGN Board Member as well as a professional on the national stage.

Sibling Relationships	Sue Jackson	- Ashley Flowers Hoang
Perfectionism	Jill Adelson	- Bess Wilson
Overexcitabilities	Susan Daniels	- Terri Pope-Hellmund
2e (Twice Exceptional)	Barbara Gilman	- Zuzel Rodriguez
Critical and Creative Thinking at Home	Rebecca O'Brien	- Karen Fradley
Acceleration	Kelly Dilullo	- Brenda Wirick
Mindfulness	Michele Kane	- Mary-Margaret Enfinger
Homeschooling Profoundly Gifted	Nancy Shastid	- Samantha Goodowens
Motivation	Betsy McCoach	- Missy Kennedy
Underachievement	Del Siegle	- Jennifer Martin
Advocating for your Gifted Learner	Dianne Azzarelli	- Stephanie Georgiades
Supporting Social and Emotional	Tiombe Bisa Kendrick-Dunn	- Kathleen Casper
NAGC Membership /Participation	Sally Krisel	- Kathy Nilles
Preschool	Joan Smutney	

- Karen explained that the Advocacy roundtable was a recommendation from Jenny Martin from FGN. There was already an advocacy table, but the goal of this discussion will be pointed to include parents and to help them navigate their districts.

- The Parent & Community Network event will be on Thursday evening from 7P – 9P and a business meeting on Friday morning. They have invited the FLAG Board to their networking event on Thursday. They have also asked to add a pre-school table to the discussions. Karen has added Joan Smutney who is the chair of The Parent Editorial & Content Advisory Board. She will be the only person who is hosting a table on her own, but this may not stay this way.

- The Parent & Community Network has also asked to cross-promote the event. Karen and Samantha will be working on a flyer that can be used to help FLAG promote the Parent Institute and get it to the NAGC for their use.

Karen Fradley: Motion to cross promote

Meredith Miller: 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion to

VOTE: unanimous approval

**C. FLAG Event: Stephanie Geordiades / Dianne Azzarelli**

- We will be holding our Annual Meeting at the NAGC Conference because we are not going to be having our normal annual conference due to the convention. It is tentatively scheduled for 11:45A – 1:15P on Saturday. We have been given a budget for the lunches which will be for 100 people and Dianne has asked for them to increase our lunches to at least 125 and to find out about room capacity beyond those who will be there for lunch.

- Kathleen and Dianne discussed making sure that Brenda Wirick will be able to fulfill her responsibilities to the board specifically as it relates to the Awards and Scholarships that will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Currently Kathleen, Dianne and Stephanie are already on the Scholarship Approval Committee. There was discussion about when the committee will make their decision but no date was determined.

- There was discussion about who and how we sign up the FLAG Members to attend the annual meeting and the first 100 (or 125) will be able to receive the free lunch.

**D. Hospitality / Volunteers: Samantha Goodowens**

- Carolyn Kaye spoke with Terri and Samantha regarding the volunteers that are needed for the convention. The hardest slot that needs to be addressed are the 20 slots that are needed to help prep the convention bags on Tuesday before the convention from 11A – 3P.

- Samantha has arranged to have all of the volunteer slots filled by the FLAG Retreat. There was a discussion that any members of the FLAG Board who are not on the LAC should have priority so they won't have to pay for the convention, since we are requiring them to be there.

- We need to still determine how we recognize who the volunteers are and which day they are volunteering for or allowed to return to the convention. There needs to be a sign in / sign out station or scarves or something. Once the list has been established it will be much easier to determine the best way to handle the reciprocity.

**E. LAC Chair:**

**Dianne Azzarelli**

- Dianne is working with the schedule of the convention to determine when would be a good time to have our Annual FLAG Board Meeting. This meeting would typically be on Friday evening, but there is an event at EPCOT that would take precedent. Thursday evening has a large networking event that also would make the board meeting less than ideal. Currently Dianne is researching Friday as an option, but we will discuss this further at the retreat. Another issue with the board meeting is the location because we have a hospitality suite at our disposal, but that might not be a large enough location.
- There are 3 spaces available for The Affiliates Breakfast. Typically, the President, Past President and President Elect attend, however, FLAG only pays for the President to attend.
- Samantha, Stephanie and Ashley have been working on the brochure. The current draft of the brochure was sent to Dianne so she can make her comments and then have the brochure sent out to the board members for approval. Samantha noted that much of the content and graphics are placeholders and need attention and replacement.
- The room assignments for the LAC and the Board are as follows:  
Dianne Azzarelli      Stephanie Georgiades  
Kathleen Casper      Samantha Goodowens  
Meredith Miller      Terri Pope-Hellmund  
Bess Wilson will be alone  
Karen Fradley will be alone  
Missy Kennedy, Zuzel Rodriguez and Ashley Flowers-Hoang have their rooms being paid for by their school districts.  
TBD: Brenda Wirick, Mary-Margaret Enfinger,

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. NAGC Membership**

- There are two memberships available for NAGC. One membership costs \$550 and one coasts \$150. The difference lies in the NAGC Webinar access. Dianne is curious if the incentive to join FLAG could be to offer the webinar access as a perk to our members. Dianne is looking to put out a survey monkey to our member to see if this benefit would be appealing. Stephanie noted that previously no one had ever taken advantage of the webinars. Ashley will be sending out a google forms survey to our members to find out their interest.

**B. Retreat: September 30 – October 2**

- Kathleen Casper recommended last year to do a retreat for bonding and light business because the board members are all so far apart from one another. Stephanie purchased for \$350 a beach weekend through the FLAG Auction, but the owners who donated it sold the condo. They do have another place that is for a larger group. Dianne recommended that FLAG reimburse Stephanie for her auction, and the Board use the new location for the retreat. It is one block from the beach in St. Petersburg. It is a compound for at least 12 people that is comprised of 3 units. Those who cannot attend will be Skype/Face Timing in.

**Expected to Attend:**

President	Dianne Azarelli
Immediate Past President	Stephanie Georgiades
President Elect	Kathleen Casper
Governance Secretary	Samantha Goodowens
Advocacy Chair	Karen Fradley
Education Chair	Dr. Bess Wilson
Region III Coordinator	Terri Pope-Hellmund
Region IV Coordinator	Zuzel Rodriguez

**Not Expected to Attend:**

Treasurer	Meredith Miller
Region I Coordinator	Mary-Margaret Enfinger
Region II Coordinator	Missy Kennedy
Membership Chair	Brenda Wirick
Public Relations Chair	Ashley Flowers-Hoang
FLDOE Gifted Specialist	Cheryl Finkbeiner

Meredith Miller: Motion to approve the weekend retreat  
Kathleen Casper: 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion to approve the weekend  
Stephanie Georgiades ABSTAINS because we are reimbursing her expense  
VOTE: unanimous approval

**C. Miscellaneous New Business**

- Samantha disclosed that she spoke with Cheryl Finkbeiner from FDOE and that she may not be coming to the NAGC Convention at all. Kathleen noted that FDOE was cracking down on travel and affiliate memberships. Everyone agreed that we would all reach out to her to make sure she has a place at the conference through FLAG as a volunteer and roundtable presenter.
- Kathleen is recommending for the 2017 FLAG Conference to happen in St. Augustine at Flagler College. It looks like we will be able to partner with Flagler's Education Department and the local FDOE School District. There is also a unique tourism program for teachers and families that could be a great conference. It's currently being planned for Saturday September 23, 2017.
- Stephanie wanted to know about the Gifted Awareness Proclamation for 2016 for the Florida Legislature. Ashley did mention that it was sent to Tallahassee, but still needs to follow through.
- Stephanie wanted to also remind the board that the position for the Secretary will be going out to the membership for a January 1<sup>st</sup> assumption of duties.
- Ashley wanted to organize the Wiggio account for the FLAG Board Members and to further streamline the Quarterly Board Meetings as well. Ashley and Stephanie agreed to work on getting the account information and passwords and then update the information and get it out to the board for the next phone-in meeting.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

9:04PM

# **FLAG 2016 3rd Quarter Board Meeting Agenda**

,August 22,2016  
7:00-9:00pm

I. Call to order

II. Roll call and welcome FLDOE's newest Education Specialist for the Gifted, Cheryl Finkbeiner

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

IV. Reports from LAC

A) Administrator's/Superintendent's Forum: Kathleen, Dianne, Bess

B) Parent Day (and families): Karen, Dianne

C) FLAG Based Event: Stephanie, Dianne

D) Hospitality / Volunteers: Terri, Samantha

E) LAC Chair: Dianne

V. New business

A) NAGC Membership

B) Retreat Sept. 30th-Oct. 2nd in St. Pete (one block from beach :-)

VI. Adjournment

Reminder:

- November 5, 2016: General meeting during NAGC Conference in Orlando

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## Newsletter

### INFORMATION

Presents articles of interest for teachers, parents, administrators, and gifted advocates. Updates members on legislative activity and state/national gifted issues.

### OPPORTUNITIES

Shares information about special awards, activities, and recognitions. Shares information about activities in your region for educators and families.

### RESOURCES

Provides access to resources that can support families and educators interested in gifted education.

Lists a contact roster of FLAG Board Members providing specific support in specific areas.

## Conferences and Workshops

**FLAG's Annual Conference** features national and local experts with a focus on issues of concern for educators and parents of students who are gifted.

**Regional Meetings** are offered for teachers, parents, administrators and school personnel to aid in understanding best practices for gifted education and students who are gifted.

In addition, FLAG collaborates with the Florida Department of Education in sponsoring their annual **Workshop for Teachers New to Gifted.**



## Annual Awards

Each year, FLAG is honored to accept applications for four (4) annual awards. The application period runs from early March through the end of June with the awards being presented at the Annual Conference in the Fall.

### Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award -

This award is designed to recognize distinguished achievement in academics, leadership or the arts, in children grades 3 through 6.

### The Scobee Scholarship - Award for Excellence in Creative Teaching -

Created in honor of Space Shuttle Challenger Commander Dick Scobee there are two \$1,000 awards for one male and one female gifted student interested in pursuing studies in the areas of math, science or technology.

### Classroom Teacher Mini Grant -

Teachers of Florida K-12 gifted students who are a member in good standing are eligible to apply for a Creative Classroom Mini-Grant. The Grant program is meant to promote new and creative teaching strategies. The individual grant is up to \$500.



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Please visit FLAG on the web to stay current on:

- networking opportunities, conferences and workshops

- contact information for FLAG Board Members

- current articles and information on research, advocacy and legislation

*“What makes a child gifted and talented may not always be good grades in school, but a different way of looking at the world and learning.”* - Senator Chuck Grassley



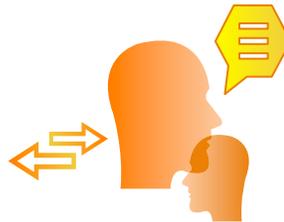
# Parent Institute

National Association for Gifted Children  
2016 Annual Convention

## Keynote

***“Understanding and Addressing Underachievement”***

***Professors D. Betsy McCoach & Del Siegle***  
***University of Connecticut***



## Professionally Lead Roundtable Discussions

- ***Perfectionism • Overexcitabilities • Twice Exceptional (2E) • Underachievement • Acceleration • Sibling Relationships •***
- ***Preschool & Early Childhood • Supporting Social & Emotional • Mindfulness • Homeschooling Profoundly Gifted •***
- ***Motivation • Advocating for your child in the district and beyond • Critical & Creative Thinking at Home •***

**Saturday • November 5, 2016**

**7:30A – 10:15A**

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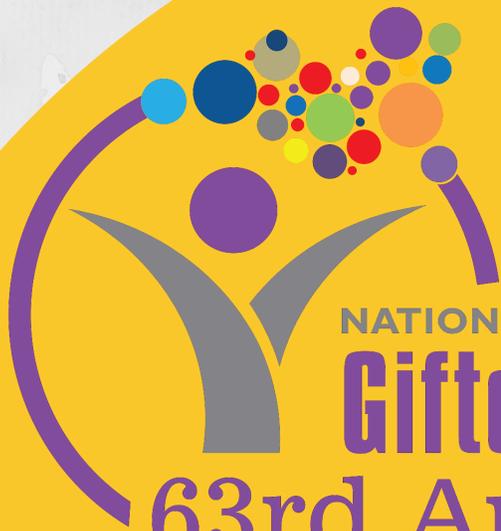
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