

The President's Message



Welcome fellow Hga Members! We are all looking to 2014 as we set our sights on fresh new ideas, committees and projects for the upcoming year. The NAGC convention last fall in Indianapolis was inspiring and provided good networking opportunities with fellow affiliates. It provided an excellent platform for great minds to meet on a professional level and bring forth valuable research and findings as well as provide a social networking opportunity. While attending the convention, I had the fortunate opportunity to participate in a panel that consisted of past and present individuals who are/have been key players in keeping new members involved in the work of NAGC and Affiliates. I participated in a panel discussion with NAGC Leadership and Development Committee in Indianapolis. It was a panel of past and present individuals who have / are key players in connecting NAGC and Affiliates. We all contributed by providing a brief history of our involvement with NAGC and the varied levels of participation that brought us there that day. Our experiences ranged from leaderships roles in respective Affiliates to roles we played in committees including curriculum, parent committees, advocacy, professional development and creativity and the arts, to name a few. Dr. Brian Housand also presented several topics at the convention: 60 Tech Tools in 60 minutes, Video Games and Gifted Kids, Mechanisms of Motivation; 5Cs for Promoting Creative Productive Giftedness and Content, Creativity and Technology. Hga encourages you to join as members of NAGC as the resources are plentiful, peers are supportive and the networking worth as much as you make of it! Hga looks forward to getting to know you better and keep connected. We all welcome the opportunity to speak with you further in 2014!



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Aloha!

Thank you to all those who contributed to Hga in 2013. Your donations in gifts-in-kind are greatly appreciated. You keep the creative energy alive!

The 2013 financials are complete. Thank you, Charlie, for going over annuals! I welcome any questions from the Board so just inquire. We publish a bi-annual newsletter so if you have any articles, announcements and items of interest, please email them to Hga editor, Priscilla Hall. If you have any higher education announcements or new members, please let Ethan know.

Just an added reminder to our members, your personal comments remain testimonies as to how effective Hga's work remains. We appreciate letters and testimonies not only during session but throughout the year as we advocate for those gifted and talented. Personalized Testimonies are always welcome to include in packets being dropped off to State House and Senate !

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Additional New Board Members

Hga welcomes additional new 2014 Board Members:

Ethan Chang, Member at Large/ Graduate Student Liaison

Zachary Trow, Member at Large

Sean Donahue, Member at Large

Fiona McNeill, Member at Large/ Parent Action Comm./PAC

Our new board members, as you all, bring diverse and varied professions to the Hawaii Gifted Association.

Funding Restored

As of 1-15-14 NAGC (National Association for Gifted Children) and CEC (Council for Exceptional Children) were successful in securing and restoring Javits funding for the gifted and talented. Many of you know that Javits Act was defunded in 2011. The 2014 spending bill will include \$5 million for the Jacob Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act. See the latest information and detail <http://www.nagc.org>.

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A session at the NAGC Convention 2013, Indiana

NAGC Conference

Affiliates of NAGC will convene once again in March in Washington, D.C. at the annual NAGC conference. We are all looking forward to this as we begin the year on a positive note due to the restoration of the

Javits funding. Collaboration with the Wallace Symposium will add to the content to be presented from March 22 to 24. Congressional visits in the House and Senate will commence on the last day, March 25, where Affiliates will call upon House and Senate Representatives for their support for the gifted and talented. The next newsletter, Summer Fall issue, will have much to report on this topic.

The Aloha Show

Hga encourages students to take advantage of member sponsorships offered by the Association of Hawaii Artists. The organization, established in 1926, will be exhibiting at Honolulu Hale under the sponsorship of the Mayor's Office on the Culture and Arts. The entry date for the "Aloha Show" is March 24 with the exhibit being held through April 11. This would be an excellent opportunity for our talented young adults to show their artwork! All interested and talented artists---we would like to see you there! All interested and talented artists, please contact Hga for registration details and any questions. We will assist you through the process. Please click on this link for the prospectus and more information:

<http://www.associationhawaiiartists.com>

Just a reminder---the State Affiliate conference will be held in Washington, D.C. this March once more. We hope to have an update from the Advocacy and Legislation committee upon our return. This year the NAGC convention will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, from November 13-16. There should be several topics of interest for everyone. For more information on the convention, here is the link:

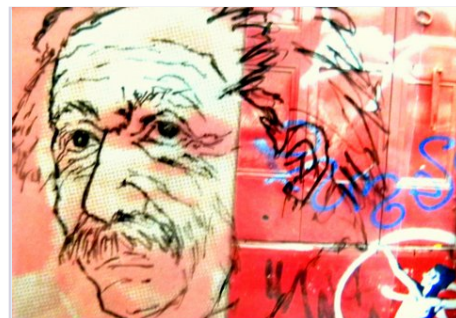
<http://www.nagc.org/nagcconvention.aspx>. Note: NAGC extends proposal submission deadline. <http://bit.ly/1gxBuN>

Art Library

Hga is building their library of images to preview at the NAGC Convention in November in Baltimore, Maryland. The images will be part of a "moving gallery" which involves a walk thru of six to eight different galleries within Hga Museum. We are currently working on how to best develop this concept with the help of David Rockwood and his students. Each gallery will show artists' work and highlight their artistic talent! The gallery thus can be presented at different venues. Hga will preview this in November at the National Convention of NAGC as part of a curricula presentation as to how to develop this concept as a student project. Comments are welcome as we work on this project for presentation. We would like to include 4 groups: K-8, 9-12, college and graduate/professional.

Call for donations to Hga

As we continue our work for the gifted and talented we would like to remind you that this cannot be achieved without your continued and kind donation. We hope you will support Hga in 2014 so each gifted and talented individual will be recognized, serviced and not left behind.



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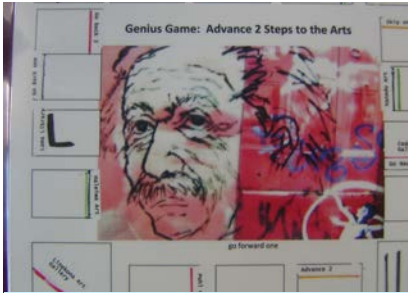
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Dear Gifted and Talented Advocate:

We hope you will continue to support our efforts in 2014 by a donation to Hawaii Gifted Association. Your help furthers our professional development efforts in building our resources for the gifted and talented through our advocacy efforts, exhibits, workshops and activities. As you know, our services are free and so is your membership! Your year-end donation assists the Hawaii Gifted Association in serving your community and state by connecting the gifted and talented individuals with the resources that they need.

Mahalo!

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