

# **Boulder Valley Gifted and Talented Bylaws**

## **Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be Boulder Valley Gifted and Talented (BVGT), an affiliate of the Colorado Association for the Gifted and Talented (CAG/T).

## **Article II. Purposes**

### **Section 1. Purpose.**

Mission Statement: To assist and support gifted individuals in developing their talents, strengths and abilities.

Goals: To advocate for meeting the unique and diverse needs of gifted individuals through:

- Communication and partnerships with stakeholders including: parents, teachers, administrators, students, legislators, state and national gifted associations;
- Educating and informing stakeholders through programming and resources;
- Increasing public awareness of giftedness; and
- Nurturing and maintaining positive relationships with all stakeholders.

## **Article III. Membership**

### **Section 1. Members**

Membership is open to all who are interested in furthering the purpose of this organization. All members of BVGT are members of CAG/T; CAG/T members become members of BVGT by selecting Boulder as their affiliate.

### **Section 2. Dues**

Dues shall be set at the annual meeting of CAG/T and shall cover the period of September 1- August 31, of the year in which they are paid. Dues are payable to CAG/T.

## **Article IV. Board of Directors and Officers**

### **Section 1. Officers**

The officers of BVGT shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The officers shall comprise the Executive Board. The immediate Past President shall have the option of remaining on the Executive Board for one term.

### **Section 2- Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Executive Board, two Board Members at Large, and the chairpersons of standing committees.

### **Section 3. Duties**

The President or a designee shall be a representative on the state level Executive Council to consider the affairs, activities and policies of CAG/T. Each officer of BVGT shall have all of the general powers and duties usually ascribed to the office.

### **Section 4. Elections and Terms of Office**

Election of officers (President, Secretary and Treasurer) shall be held at the last meeting of the school year. Terms of office shall be from September 1- August 31. The initial slate of officers shall serve for a minimum of one year. The Board of Directors will recommend policies regarding the staggering of officers and term limits during the initial year. These policies will be presented to the membership for approval during a scheduled meeting.

## **Article V. Meetings**

### **Section 1. Executive Board**

The Executive Board shall meet at the call of the president to conduct routine business. A majority of the Executive Board shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum.

### **Section 2. Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall meet at least three times per year at the call of the President. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, the President shall preside. The presence of a majority of the Board of Directors shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The use of a telephone for participation in meetings shall constitute presence in person. The Board of Directors may use email, fax, or wikis to conduct business.

### **Section 3. General meetings**

At least three general meetings of the membership shall be held each year. The time and location shall be determined by the Executive Board. Notice of general meetings shall be given by email at least one week in advance of the meeting.

### **Section 4. Quorum**

A quorum at any general meetings shall be the number of members present. A simple majority vote shall rule. Only paid members of BVGT in good standing will be allowed to vote at any meeting.

### **Section 5 Liability.**

No director shall be liable for any debt, obligation, or liability for the association.

## **Article VI. Committees**

### **Section 1. Standing Committees**

Standing committee chairmen shall be appointed as needed by the President with approval of the Board of Directors. Term of office shall be for one year.

### **Section 2. Special Committees**

Special committees shall be created as required by the Board of Directors. The chairman of each Special Committee shall be appointed by the President with approval of the Board of Directors.

## **Article VII. Meeting Procedure**

Meetings will be conducted in a respectful, courteous manner with an opportunity for all points of view and all members to be heard. In order to allow all members to participate and maintain a sense of order during meetings, the Board of Directors will establish a set of procedures that will govern general meetings. These procedures will provide for informal meetings in most instances and provide regulations for situations where formal procedures are required.

## **Article VIII. Bylaws**

### **Section 1. Consistency**

The bylaws of this organization shall be consistent with the Constitution of CAG/T.

### **Section 2. Amendments**

A petition to amend these bylaws must be presented, in writing, to the Board of Directors at any meeting of this organization. The proposed amendment is accepted when first approved by the Board of Directors and then approved by a majority vote at a general meeting. The proposal will be acted upon within 3 months of formal submission.

## **Article IX. Dissolution**

Should BVGT dissolve, assets shall be held by the Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented until such time as the Affiliate reorganizes.

## **Article X. Indemnification**

Any officer or director of BVGT shall be indemnified and held harmless to the full extent allowed by law.