

BYLAWS
of
HURST-EULESS-BEDFORD ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be an incorporated non-profit organization and shall be called the HURST-EULESS-BEDFORD ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED (herein referred to as "HEBAGT" or as the "Association").

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE AND GOALS

Section 2.1 - Purpose. HEBAGT is an organization of parents and professionals who are concerned with supporting and creating expanded opportunities for the education of gifted and talented students of all ages and their families. HEBAGT supports and encourages the development of such programs, both within the public schools and as extra-curricular activities utilizing community and individual resources.

Section 2.2 - Goals. The goals of HEBAGT shall be as follows:

- A. To increase awareness and sensitivity of parents, teachers, school administrators and the public to the needs of gifted and talented children;
- B. To encourage and support the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District and other independent schools in their efforts to provide a qualitatively differentiated educational program by which each person may advance toward his/her fullest potential;
- C. To provide a chain of communication between the Association, the community, the HEB administration and staff, the Board of Education, and all who are interested in the needs of gifted children
- D. To provide a base for disseminating information about giftedness and available resources;
- E. To provide a support forum for parents of gifted and talented children and to encourage parents' participation in public education and other programs for gifted children;
- F. To locate, utilize and create resources for educational opportunities for all persons interested in gifted and talented education;
- G. To be influential in supporting local, state, and national legislative programs which benefit education for gifted and talented children; and

- H. To cooperate with other non-profit groups with similar aims to carry on any other activities reasonably designed to promote the education of gifted and talented children to achieve their utmost capabilities.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this non-profit organization shall be open to all who are interested in the purposes of the Association and upon payment of the current year's dues.

ARTICLE IV - DUES

Annual membership dues and due date therefore shall be determined by the Executive Board. Any change in the dues shall be set by the Executive board and be approved by the membership at regular meetings. In the event the changed amount set by the Board for any year is not approved, the dues shall be the same as those last approved by the membership.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 5.1 - Number. The officers of the HEBAGT shall be: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 5.2 - Term. Term of office shall be September 1 through August 31 of each year.

Section 5.3 - Limitation. No officer shall serve in the same office for three (3) full years in succession, nor may any person hold two (2) elected offices at the same time. The President shall have served on the Executive Board for any one (1) year preceding election to President.

Section 5.4 - Vacancies. Any vacancy in any office for an unexpired term shall be filled by the Executive Board.

Section 5.5 - Records. Each officer shall be responsible for maintaining written records of that office and shall convey these records to the successor.

Section 5.6 - Attendance. It is expected that the Executive Board meetings shall be regularly attended by its members. If at any time during an officer's term of office, any officer misses three (3) Executive Board meetings, such member shall be deemed to have immediately resigned his position with the HEBAGT, unless a majority of the remaining members otherwise agree.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICES

Section 6.1 - The President shall:

- A. Preside as chairperson of all membership meetings and Executive Board meetings;
- B. Serve as a chairman of the Communications Committee;
- C. Be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee;
- D. Represent the Association in any activities related to the education or interests of talented and gifted children and may delegate any member to represent the Association if the President and First Vice President are unable to serve;
- E. Be responsible for maintenance of all permanent records of HEBAGT.

Section 6.2 - The First Vice President shall:

- A. Assume the duties of the President in the absence or at the request of the President;
- B. Serve as chairperson of the Program Committee;
- C. Perform all other functions as directed by the President.

Section 6.3 - The Second Vice President shall:

- A. Assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President and the First Vice President;
- B. Serve as chairperson of the Membership Committee; promote, recruit and enlist members in HEBAGT, and keep membership records current;
- C. Perform all other functions as directed by the President.

Section 6.4 - The Secretary shall:

- A. Keep accurate minutes of all membership meetings and Executive Board meetings;
- B. Be responsible for necessary correspondence;
- C. Be responsible for notifying Executive Board members of the regular and special meetings of the HEBAGT Board;
- D. Perform all other functions as directed by the President.

Section 6.5 - The Treasurer shall:

- A. Receive and deposit all monies of HEBAGT;

- B. Disburse such sums as approved by the Executive Board of the membership;
- C. Keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures;
- D. Present a brief financial statement at every regular Executive Board meeting and, if requested, at any regular meeting of the membership;
- E. Submit financial records for audit within thirty (30) days of the end of the fiscal year;
- F. Perform all other functions as directed by the President.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 7.1 - Membership and Authority. The Executive Board shall consist of the five (5) elected officers and all chairmen of the standing committees. Except as otherwise provided, the Executive Board shall have the power to transact the business of the HEBAGT.

Section 7.2 - Meetings/Quorum. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held as needed. The date of such meetings shall be set by the President. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members.

Section 7.3 - Notice. The Executive Board members shall be notified at least three (3) days prior to the Executive Board meeting.

Section 7.4 - Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President or by notice to the President by three (3) members of the Executive Board.

Section 7.5 - Past President. The immediate Past President, if available, shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Board and shall serve as Parliamentarian of the HEBAGT.

ARTICLE VIII - ELECTIONS

Section 8.1 - Eligibility. Only members in good standing may be nominated for office in the Association.

Section 8.2 - Nominating Committee. At a general membership meeting to be designated by the Executive Board a nominating committee consisting of five (5) persons shall be constituted. Two (2) shall be selected by the Executive Board and three (3) elected by its membership. The Nominating Committee shall select its own chairperson, shall secure consent to serve from prospective nominees, and shall present a written slate of nominees for the five (5) elected offices at the next following general membership meeting.

Section 8.3 - Voting. Election shall be by ballot at the May meeting at which the slate of officers is presented, at which time additional nominees may be nominated from

the floor providing consent of the nominee has been obtained at that time. The candidates receiving a simple majority (50% plus 1 vote) of the votes cast shall be declared elected.

Section 8.4 - Term.
their successors are elected.

Officers shall be elected to serve for one (1) year, or until

ARTICLE IX - STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 9.1 - Designation. The standing committees shall be established and their functions assigned by the elected officers. The elected officers shall also appoint the chairperson for each committee except Program, Membership and Communications. Each committee chairperson shall appoint committee members as necessary.

Section 9.2 - Review. All committee actions will be subject to review by the Executive Board.

Section 9.3 - Standing Committees. The standing committees of the Association shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

A. Program Committee. The Program Committee shall be responsible for planning the programs which further the goals of the Association

B. Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall be responsible for implementing a membership plan for the Association. This Committee shall also be responsible for maintaining a current membership roster.

C. Education Committee. The Education Committee shall provide a chain of communication and act as a liaison between school personnel, School Board, State Department of Education, and the community. The Education Committee shall support the efforts of the Hurst-Eules-Bedford School District to meet the special needs of its gifted and talented students and shall stimulate interest in the HEB School District's gifted and talented programs through involving and informing parents and teachers.

D. Legislation Committee. The Legislation Committee shall present reviews to the Executive Board and general membership of legislative action affecting gifted and talented students.

E. Publications Committee. The Publication Committee shall edit and publish the membership newsletter, fliers, and other publications as designated by the Executive Board.

F. Communications Committee. The Communications Committee shall be responsible for all publicity for the Association and shall provide a chain of telephone communication for membership notification purposes. One member of the Communications Committee shall be the Telephone Coordinator, who shall be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE X - MEETINGS

Section 10.1 - General Meetings. General membership meetings of the HEBAGT shall be held at places and times designated by the Executive Board, with appropriate notice given to the members.

Section 10.2 - Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President, the Executive Board, or one-fourth (1/4) of the membership, providing five (5) days' notice has been given to the members.

Section 10.3 - Open Meetings. All meetings and programs will be open to the public, unless otherwise specified by the Executive Board; however, voting is limited to the paid membership in good standing.

Section 10.5 - Family Memberships. For purposes of voting at regular meetings, a husband and wife shall have one (1) vote each, so long as their family membership is in good standing.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

The Association's Charter and/or these Bylaws can be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board for presentation in writing to the general membership prior to the vote, and then by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members voting, a quorum being present.

ARTICLE XII - INDEMNIFICATION

The Association shall indemnify officers, directors and other persons participating in the activities of the Association.

ARTICLE XIII - AFFILIATIONS

HEBAGT may enter into affiliations with associations with common interests and purposes by recommendation of the Executive Board and vote of the general membership

ARTICLE XIV - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Association for any reason, a majority of the Executive Board then in office shall, after providing for the payment of all liabilities of the Association, dispose of all of the assets by distribution to a tax exempt corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas and qualifying as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.