A Message from the President

The past several months have been very busy for the organization. The 13th Biennial Conference to be held in Istanbul is now rapidly taking form as you can see from page 6, the Call for Papers on pages 7 and 8, and the growing information on the World Council's website. You will soon be receiving the first official announcement giving important information on registration, housing, and all the interesting academic events and colorful historical tours that await us in Turkey in August of 1999. Dr. Klaus Urban, World Council Conference Chair, Drs. Nazif Ülgen and Omit Davaslıgil, Istanbul World Conference Local Committee Co-Chairs, and their committees are working to ensure that your experience at the conference will be rewarding and memorable. Be sure to mark your calendar and make your plans to attend.

The Executive Committee members have added to their responsibilities the oversight of seven regions of our world community. This will help us to better establish a communication network with the Delegates and members. The members of the Executive Committee have agreed to contact the Delegates in their regions from time to time, provide them with information, get information regarding their countries from them, and encourage solicitation of memberships throughout their regions. The continued on page 7

Need News Fast? Check out the World Council Website

Searching for international resources, a membership application, or updated information about the upcoming World Conference? Look no further. You can find all that and more on the World Council's new Website located at www.WorldGifted.org.

Thanks to the services of Dennis Freitas, World Council Webmaster, the Website continues to grow and undergo refinement. The site contains a brief history of the organization, our mission statement, ways for you to get actively involved in the World Council and a host of resources such as:

List of Executive Committee and Delegates. Official delegates representing 33 countries are listed. Contact these professionals for information and advice specific to gifted programs in your country.

1999 World Conference information. As conference plans are formalized, look for detailed information on registration, travel and accommodations, pre-conference and academic programs, and special events. Currently included are the Call for Papers and submission guidelines, and a direct link to the Turkish Embassy homepage, which provides "everything you ever wanted to know about Turkey."

Worldwide resources. Names of organizations involved in gifted education are provided with direct links to those that maintain Websites. Contact Headquarters if you wish to add to the list.

Gifted and Talented International submission guidelines. Guidelines for submitting manuscripts for possible inclusion in the World Council's peer-reviewed journal are detailed.

International Research. If you are planning or currently involved in a project and seeking international collaboration, you can fill out a form and post a notice for interested colleagues.

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Time to Renew?
Check the expiration date on your mailing address label. To continue receiving World Gifted and Gifted and Talented International as well as conference mailings, make sure your membership doesn't expire. Fill in the membership application form on page 16 and mail it with your dues to Headquarters.
The World Council for Gifted and Talented Children, Inc. (WCGTC) is a nonprofit international organization dedicated to the needs of gifted and talented children throughout the world. For membership information contact Headquarters:
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WORLD COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS
World Gifted, is the newsletter of the World Council. Published three times a year, it contains the latest news and information concerning the organization, its membership, and the international gifted education community. It is produced and edited by Sheila Madsen and Barbara Clark. Any article or portion thereof may be reprinted as desired with credit given to the source. Send all news and articles for future editions to Headquarters.

Gifted and Talented International, refereed by an editorial review board of leading international gifted educators, is the official journal of the World Council. The purpose of the journal is to share current theory, research, and practice in gifted education with its audience of international educators, scholars, researchers, and parents and is published twice a year. Prospective authors are requested to submit manuscripts or queries to:
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Calendar

July 13–24, 1998
Confratute '98
Sponsored by the Nat'l Center for Gifted Education and Talented Development, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, USA.
Fax: 860-486-2900
www.ucc.uconn.edu/~wwwgt

Tenth International Conference on Assessing Quality in Higher Education
Sponsored by Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Mutiara Beach Resort Hotel, Penang Island, Malaysia.
For information, Trudi Banta, USA, 317-274-4111; Chris de Winter Hebron, UK, 44-0-1328-830355;
Prof. Adnan Alias, Malaysia, 60-3-556-4966.

August 2–6, 1998
Fifth National Conference on Gifted and Talented Education for Native People “Strengthening the Circle Through Sharing Our Gifts.” Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA. Sponsored by: American Indian Institute, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, USA. Co-sponsored by Na Pua No’eau. Center for Gifted and Talented Native Hawaiian Children, University of Hawaii-Hilo, HI, USA; Riverside Indian School, Anadarko, OK, USA; The Cradleboard Teaching Project, Nihewan Foundation for American Indian Education, Kapaa, HI, USA. For information contact American Indian Institute, University of Oklahoma, 555 Constitution, Suite 237, Norman OK 73072-7820, 405-325-4127
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e-mail: aii@ccce.ocece.ou.edu

August 26–28, 1998
Fax: 55 61-321, 9398
e-mail: seesp@seesp.mec.gov.br

September 1–5, 1998
Fifth Asia-Pacific Conference on Giftedness
“Beyond the Classroom, A Global Perspective on Giftedness,” New Delhi. For information, contact Dr. Krishna Maity, Fifth Asia-Pacific Conference on Giftedness, D-2, University Flats, 8, Cavalry Lane, Delhi-110007, India.
Fax: 91 11 7256593
e-mail: maitra@giasdl01.vsnl.net.in

September 19–21, 1998
International Conference organized by The National Association for Able Children in Education (NACE) and the European Council for High Ability (ECHA) "Potential into Performance." St. Catherine’s College, Oxford. For information, contact Conference Secretary NACE Research Centre Westminster College Oxford, OX2 9AT Great Britain.

November 11–15, 1998
45th Annual Conference, National Association for Gifted Children Louisville, KY, USA. For information, NAGC, 1707 1 St. NW, Suite 550, Washington DC 20036 USA.
Tel: 202-785-4268.

August 2–6, 1999
13th Biennial World Conference of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children.
“Gifted and Talented: A Challenge for the New Millennium” Istanbul, Turkey. For information, contact M. Nazif Uğen New Horizons College Burhanıye Mah. Resmi Efendi Sok No. 4, Beylerbeyi, Istanbul, Turkey or WCGTC Headquarters.
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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seven regions are:

- B. Clark - USA and the Caribbean Islands
- K. Urban - most of Europe, including Greece, the Balkans and the UK
- J. Leroux - Canada and the Scandinavian countries
- J. Alonso - the countries represented in the Ibero-American Federation including Mexico, South America, and Central America
- M. Gross - Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, and Hong Kong
- S. Kokot - Africa and the Middle East
- U. Munandar - Asia

As President, I have sent each Delegate packet of World Council brochures, their country's membership list, and a summary of the duties and expectations for their position. As many countries had not named Delegates, I have invited members of these countries to accept an appointment to the position of Delegate and represent their country for the next two years. Many have accepted and the network is growing as you can see from the additions to the Delegates list on page 15. However, we still have many countries with members who do not have Delegates. If you are a member in one of these countries, please consider filling the position of Delegate for your country. As projects and events are created we would like you to be informed and help us to inform all of the members in a timely manner. If you are willing to be our key link in your country, I look forward to hearing from you soon. By the way, do let your Delegates know of any needs you have for information, any activities in which you are engaged, or any news of which you are aware regarding gifted education in your country. Networking the world gifted community will have exciting outcomes for all of us and the gifted population we serve.

The first journal under the editorship of Dr. Joyce VanTassel-Baska has now gone to press. As a member, you will be receiving it soon and any suggestions you have for future issues should be communicated with Joyce. Most importantly, consider writing an article on any research, theory, or practice that is being developed and/or used in your country. The theme of this volume (Vol. 13 #1) is career education for gifted learners although there is a variety of other articles and features included. If we are to get a real picture of how ideas and practices are being used around the world, and if we are to learn from each other, it is important that we hear your point of view and the experiences you are having in educating gifted youngsters. Check your last newsletter for the publication submission guidelines or contact the World Council website, the journal editor, or Headquarters for this information.

Dennis Stevens of our Headquarters recently completed the time consuming, but vitally important task of putting the World Council membership on a current database. This has made it possible to send our membership cards, put expiration dates on all labels, and to acquaint all of the members and recently expired members with their status. This should make it possible now for all members to receive their journals, newsletters, and conference mailings dependably. Please let Headquarters know if you have not received accurate or timely information or if your mailing address changes. We want the new database to be complete, useful, and correct.

Another useful addition to the World Council communication network is noted in the lead article in this newsletter; it is the World Council website. Without the efforts of the Webmaster, Dennis Freitas, this could not have actualized so quickly nor so well. Dennis retired from the world of work and began spending much more of his time on the Internet. A distinct blessing for the World Council is his passion for the World Wide Web. He is essentially contributing his time and expertise to serve as our Webmaster and is interested in expanding the effectiveness of this electronic information network for all of us. There are many ways you can aid this effort. Research, references, links, and resources are but a few of the types of information that Dennis can incorporate if you will take the time to contact him with your contributions and suggestions.

Finally, this edition of the newsletter brings you the Constitution and Bylaws of the organization. Ratified in January of 1995, this document establishes the basic rules that govern this organization and defines its primary characteristics. The document prescribes how the organization functions and includes all of the rules that the organization considers so important that they cannot be changed or suspended without a vote of the majority of the members. By having these rules and characteristics at hand for your reference you will have a better understanding of the scope and potential of the World Council. And, as a member, you can more easily find the way you wish to contribute to the purposes for which the World Council was created. We look forward to hearing from you!

WEBSITE

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quarters is currently compiling an international reference list of knowledgeable persons and books in the field. The list will be included as a new section on the website. Most of the information in the World Council website is dynamic—lists grow, addresses and phone numbers change, and new needs are identified—so it's a good idea to visit frequently. The site will be especially useful to members who are planning to attend our next World Conference in Turkey. While all World Council members will receive conference mailings, the website will provide you with current information faster.
News from Around the World

FROM GERMANY

New EXCELLENCE Program
The Faculty of Psychology and Education University of Munich (LMU) has begun a new upper division master's program on EXCELLENCE. The program is now actively seeking graduate students with either German degrees (Vordiplom, Zwischenprüfung) or international degrees (B.A., B.S.) in psychology or education who are interested in a master's degree in either psychology (Dipl.-Psych.) or education/educational psychology (M.A.) focusing on excellence with special emphasis on mathematics and science education.

The program consists of four semesters leading to the degree. The entire EXCELLENCE curriculum is offered in English and examinations can also be taken in English. For more information, see the Website www.paed.uni-muenchen.de/excellence/index.html.

For additional information, contact Prof. Dr. Kurt A. Heller, program coordinator, University of Munich (LMU), Department of Education Psychology, Leopoldstrasse 13, D-80802 München, Germany. Tel: 49-89-2180-5148/9, Fax: 49-89-2180-5250.

Submitted by Klaus Urban, Vice President, World Council for Gifted and Talented Children.

FROM SPAIN

Research Project Seeks International Collaborators
Last year an international macroresearch project titled “Project for Early Identification of Gifted Pupils” was created. The project was authored by Yolanda Benito and Jesús Moro both affiliated with Spain’s Huerta del Rey Psychological Educational Center. Juan A. Alonso serves as international coordinator for the project.

The Project for Early Identification of Gifted Pupils has been published by the Spanish Ministry of Education and Culture and has been adapted and translated into English by Camino Pardo. In addition to the work in Spain, the project is presently administered in several countries.

The project aims to be a useful scientific contribution. It will add to the limited body of research currently available on early identification of gifted pupils, a condition noted by Dr. Kurt Heller in International Handbook of Research and Development of Giftedness and Talent. The advantage of the early identification project is its validity for every social class.

If you or other members of your organization are interested in taking part in the macroresearch, please contact: Centro Huerta del Rey, Calle Pío del Río Horte 10, 47014 Valladolid, Spain. Phone/fax: 34-983-34-13-82, e-mail: c_h_rey@correo.cop.es

Submitted by Juan A. Alonso, Member, World Council for Gifted and Talented Children.

FROM THE UK

WCGTC Represented at United Nations Global Forum
Peter Williams, WCGTC UK Delegate, will be representing the World Council at the invitation of the United Nations Global Forum in India in February 1999 to address the issues of the millennium at the UN’s Academy for a Better World. The academy’s prime aim is to enable all persons to realize their full potential.

The challenge for 200 leaders from 50 countries, drawn from the fields of education, business, science, community, religion, arts, law and politics will be to:
- determine a collective vision for the planet’s preferred future, and
- determine practical ways to put words into action.

Perhaps this forum will help to strengthen the links between the WCGTC and the UN Academy.

A report will appear in a future issue of World Gifted.

Developing School Links Between China, Germany, UK, and the USA
Management groups of gifted and talented children are creating their own agendas and teaching programs in a four-country collaborative project called “Building a Better World.” Peter Williams, WCGTC UK Delegate, has completed his first two-week teaching in China as a member of the United Nations Global Educators Initiative to promote Values in Education across the globe. Themes discussed in the first sessions included peace making, the environment, and human rights. The introduction of western teaching methodologies and values education to a group of Chinese students helped the students to increase their academic performance by 6%.

The project also includes children who have been “failed” by the academic system and refugee children. Early indications suggest that a values/affective approach to learning helps to release the innate potential of these students hitherto unrecognized.

Two Chinese teachers will be visiting England and Germany for two months at the start of what will be a three-year teacher-exchange program involving staff in all countries. The ultimate aim will be to bring the children together to help shape their preferred global and personal visions for their own futures.

Local universities, academies of sciences, and national governments are following the project’s progress. Perhaps an affective curriculum approach to learning, which includes the spiritual, moral, cultural, and social dimensions of learning will help to lead our gifted and talented children into new realms of growth.

Submitted by Peter Williams, UK Delegate, World Council for Gifted and Talented Children.
Seattle World Conference Proceedings Nearing Completion

The Proceedings of the 12th World Conference of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children held in Seattle, Washington, USA, July 29–August 2, 1997 will be published in Ottawa this year thanks to the efforts of Dr. Janice Leroux, Treasurer of the World Council, and her editorial committee. The group is presently compiling and editing the papers to be published in this proceedings book. From all reports this will be a rich resource from a variety of researchers and practitioners in the field of gifted education.

Due to the volume of papers, the decision was made by the Executive Committee to publish only the papers of presenters of keynote addresses and other invited speakers in the 1997 proceedings book. Papers of the presenters of other addresses and sessions during the conference have been forwarded to the editor of the Gifted and Talented International journal, Dr. Joyce VanTassel-Baska, for consideration of publication in future editions of the journal. Presenters of these other sessions who have not yet mailed their papers are asked to send them as soon as possible to Dr. VanTassel-Baska.

As soon as the publication is complete, the proceedings will be mailed to all participants who paid full registration fees. By the end of the year, the sale of the book to other individuals interested in purchasing a copy will be announced.

The World Council is most grateful to the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Education for their support of this project which has allowed the proceedings to be produced at a nominal cost.

World Council Affiliated Federations Hold International Conferences in Off Years

International conferences focused on the education and development of learners and other related issues are available on a yearly basis due to the efforts of the World Council Affiliated Federations who conduct such conferences in the years between the Biennial World Council Conferences.

The theme for the Third Ibero-American federation’s International Congress on Giftedness, to be held in Brasilia, is “Giftedness: A Vector for Alliances in Building the Future.” Its goal is to analyze expectations, trends, and challenges from an intersectorial and globalized perspective, aiming at an effective development of human potential related to gifted, talented, and high-ability children. The event is sponsored by the Ministry of Education and Sports through its Special Education Office, with the participation of other ministries and public and private organizations. Dr. MaríEne Ribeiro dos Santos is the President of the Congress and can be reached as announced in the CALENDAR on page 2 of this newsletter.

The Fifth Asia Pacific Conference on Giftedness, sponsored by the World Council Asia Pacific Federation is to be held in New Delhi, India. With the theme, “Beyond the Classroom—A Global Perspective on Giftedness,” the Conference is being organized by the Psychology Unit, Department of Education, University of Delhi. The conference will focus on issues that reflect the various facets of giftedness leading to a deeper understanding of human beings and their many-sided and diversified potentialities and expressions. The organizers hope to create a massive awareness among parents, teachers, and teacher educators about their roles in helping our children to actualize their felt and unrealized dreams irrespective of who or what they are. Dr. Krishna Maitra is the Convener of the conference and can be reached as announced in the CALENDAR on page 2 of this newsletter.
1999 World Council Conference Taking Shape

The Istanbul Convention and Exhibition Centre is the venue for the 13th Biennial World Conference, “Gifted and Talented: A Challenge for the New Millennium.” Rich in culture, steeped in history, Istanbul is the only city in the world located on two continents—Asia and Europe. Set in this venue, the 1999 World Conference, co-hosted by Yeni Ufuklar Koleji, is shaping up as an exciting conference with an outstanding academic program and opportunities to experience the magic of Istanbul.

You will soon be receiving the first conference announcement, which includes registration, travel and accommodations forms, and further details about the conference. Following is a brief synopsis of conference highlights.

Academic Program
A sampling of pre-conference sessions and presenters sets the tone for the academic program of the conference: “Critical Principles of Teaching Gifted Learners,” Barbara Clark, USA; “Acceleration for Gifted Students: Why, for Whom, and How?” Miraca Gross, Australia; and “Creativity: Assessing, Challenging, and Nurturing,” Klaus Urban. These three-hour workshops will be presented on Monday, August 2, 1999 from 9:00 a.m.—noon.

Surrounded by water, the Bosphorus Straits course through the center of Istanbul with waters from the the Black Sea, the Sea of Marmara and the Golden Horn

Four days of presentations (August 3–August 6, 1999) will include daily keynote addresses by well-known international speakers, the Second Biennial A. Harry Passow Memorial Lecture, symposia, cooperative and individual presentations, poster sessions, and opportunities for informal meetings with international experts in the field.

Youth Summit
Once again the popular Youth Summit will be held during the World Conference. You will receive detailed information as plans are finalized.

Hotel Accommodations
The five-star Istanbul Hilton is the headquarters hotel for the conference. In addition to the Hilton, rooms are reserved at other nearby hotels to accommodate your budget.

Check the World Council Website at www.WorldGifted.org for conference updates. We look forward to seeing you in Istanbul!
**PROPOSAL COVER SHEET**

Please print or type clearly

Title of Submission

First Name/Given Name  Middle Initial  Last Name/Surname/Family Name

Primary author or organizer

Preferred Mailing Address (must be complete)

City  Country  Zip or City code

Institution

Telephone (work)  Telephone (home)

Fax  e-mail address

**PROPOSAL FORMAT**

All proposals must be based on research, theory, or practice. Proposals must be submitted in English. English will be the official language of the 13th World Conference; however, actual oral presentations may be in other languages. Posters may also be in other languages with an English translation included.

Type of presentation (check one only)

☐ Individual Presentation (45 minutes including time for discussion)

☐ Symposium (1½ hours, group presentation on a single theme, must include a moderator & discussant. The moderator is the symposium chair and organizer, responsible for presenters participating in the symposium, and responsible for sending in the proposal.)

☐ Poster Session (45 minutes, must be a free-standing, clear, visual presentation. Author must be present with handouts available)

Emphasis of presentation (check one only)

☐ Research  ☐ Theory  ☐ Practice

Primary target audience (check one only)

☐ Researcher  ☐ Educator  ☐ Administrator  ☐ Parents

Are you a member of the World council for Gifted and Talented Children?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

(Note: Membership is not required for presentation.)

☐ I am enclosing my WCGTC membership dues with this proposal

See reverse side for additional information and policies for proposal submission.

Attach this cover sheet to your abstract.

PROPOSALS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 1998

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**DATE & VENUE**

August 2–6, 1999

Istanbul Conference & Exhibition Centre

Istanbul, Turkey

**CONFERENCE THEME**

GIFTED AND TALENTED:
A Challenge for the New Millennium

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

Proposals must be postmarked on or before

December 31, 1998

**MAILING ADDRESS**

Send proposals to:

World Conference Proposals

World Council for Gifted and Talented Children

18401 Hiawatha Street

Northridge, CA 91326 USA

Tel: 818-368-7501

Fax: 818-368-2163

e-mail: WorldGT@earthlink.net
PROPOSAL CONTENTS

Proposals must be based on research, theory or practice. However, the focus should be indicated on the proposal Cover Sheet.

Proposals should address the concerns and interests of researchers, educators, and parents who seek to respond to the needs of gifted children and youth. Proposals will be evaluated by the WCGTC Program Committee using the following criteria:

- Significance of the proposal
- Clarity and organization of the proposal
- Soundness of concepts to be presented
- Soundness of the methodology
- Appropriateness for the conference

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

1) The WCGTC will accept no more than two (2) proposals for consideration from any one person listed as the lead presenter. You may, however, be listed as a panelist or secondary presenter on other proposals. If your name appears on accepted proposals which are scheduled at the same time, you will be required to select the one session at which you will present.

2) Proposals postmarked after December 31, 1998 will not be acknowledged and cannot be considered for the conference program.

3) Proposals for the 13th World Conference will be reviewed by the WCGTC Conference Program Committee. Final decisions regarding proposal and proposal submitters will be notified by February 28, 1999.

4) Individual sessions will be 45 minutes. Symposia will be 1½ hours. Presentations should be structured to allow for audience participation, questions, and discussion (as appropriate).

5) Presenters are advised to bring sufficient handouts to the 13th World Conference and to prepare transparencies or slides that can be easily read on the screen when seen from the back of the presentation room.

6) Expenses for travel and attendance (including registration fee) are the responsibility of each presenter.

7) Each presenter is asked to send a paper for publication in the official proceedings of the 13th World Conference.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Please send your proposal with three (3) copies of each of the following items:

- Proposal cover sheet
- Abstract’s title page (title of presentation, names of presenters, and complete affiliate listing of all presenters)
- One-page (single-spaced) abstract, with title included

Additional items to remember:

- Include one self-addressed postcard with your proposal. (USA residents: please provide postage.) The card will be used to acknowledge receipt of your proposal.
- Submit proposals in English.
- Proposals, whether accepted or declined, will not be returned. Make sure you retain a copy of your proposal.
- Deadline for submission: Proposals must be postmarked no later than December 31, 1998.
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF
THE WORLD COUNCIL
FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN INC.
(Ratified January 1, 1995)

ARTICLE I - NAME
The name of the corporation shall be The World Council for Gifted and Talented Children, Inc., referred to hereinafter as the World Council.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES
Section 1.
The purposes of the World Council are: To focus world attention on gifted and talented children and their valuable potential contribution to the benefit of humankind.

1.1 To initiate, conduct, and support research into the nature of giftedness, talents, creativity, and the education and development of gifted and talented children; to disseminate the findings of this research; and provide a database for members and researchers.

1.2 To assemble, for an exchange of ideas and experiences, people from all over the world interested in gifted and talented children.

1.3 To persuade governments to recognize gifted children as a category for special attention in normal educational programs, and to cooperate with national and other organizations for gifted and talented children who share these purposes.

1.4 To establish means for a continuing world-wide exchange of ideas, experiences, teaching, and teacher-training techniques in respect to gifted and talented children.

1.5 To create a climate of acceptance of gifted and talented children, as a valuable global asset, whether from advantaged or disadvantaged backgrounds, disabled or able bodied, and from developing or developed countries.

1.6 To initiate, conduct, and support activities designed to bring together gifted and talented children of the world.

1.7 To encourage parent and family education and support to enhance all children’s potential.

Section 2.
In the service of these purposes the World Council: organizes conferences and symposia; publishes a newsletter and a journal: acts as a global clearing house for parents, teachers, other professionals, and governments; assists countries seeking to develop educational programs for gifted and talented children; and works to gain the cooperation of the media worldwide.

Section 3.
The World Council is nonsectarian and nonpartisan and shall not take any action nor carry on any activity that is not a furtherance of its stated purposes.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES
Section 1.
Membership of the World Council is open to individuals from every part of the world without discrimination in any form who support the purposes of the World Council and who satisfy the criteria for membership as stated in the Constitution.

Section 2.
There shall be the following categories of membership:

A. Regular Member - of the World Council can vote and hold office

B. Life Member - are Regular members who pay a one-time membership fee set by the Executive Committee.

C. Student Member - are full-time students who pay a reduced fee set by the Executive Committee, who have no voting privileges, nor can they hold office.

D. Honorary Member - are eminent persons who are nominated and approved by the Executive Committee. Honorary members are non-voting and not eligible to hold office.

Section 3.
In addition to membership by individuals, the World Council may also accept Affiliated Organizations and Federations that request such recognition in a written petition. Dues and fees for Affiliated Organizations and Federations shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR
Section 1.
The officers of the World Council shall consist of a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. All officers, except for those properly removed, shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. Only one office may be held by the same person at any given time. The Executive Committee must meet within 24 hours after the biennial World Conference to elect from among its members the Secretary and Treasurer of the World Council for the next two years.

Section 2.
President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the World Council and shall have the general supervision of its affairs. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, the Delegates, and the general membership. The President shall sign or countersign all contracts and other instruments to which the World Council may be a party which shall have been authorized by the Executive Committee.
The President shall, with the approval of the Executive Committee, vote and otherwise act on behalf of the World Council, in person or by proxy, at any meeting of stockholders of or with respect to any action of stockholders of any other corporation in which the World Council may hold securities and otherwise to exercise any and all rights and powers which this corporation may possess by reason of its ownership of securities in such other corporation.

The President shall report to the Executive Committee not less than quarterly, to the Assembly of Delegates not less than annually and to the General Meeting of the membership not less than biennially on the operations and affairs of the World Council. The President shall perform all other duties as are incidental to the office and are properly required of the President by the Assembly of Delegates.

The President will serve a four year term having been elected as President-Elect by the Delegates four years prior to assuming the presidency. No person may serve as President for more than one term of four years.

Section 3.
President-Elect. The President-Elect shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President. The President-Elect shall chair the World Council Conference Committee, and the Bylaws and Policies Committee, and shall perform such other duties as the President or the Assembly of Delegates shall prescribe. The President-Elect is elected for a four-year term and shall be elected by a plurality of the votes of the Delegates voting by mail ballot prior to the biennial meeting at the completion of President-Elect’s term of office. The President-Elect must be a member of the World Council, have served as a Delegate prior to being nominated, and be a current or former member of the Executive Committee. Upon the completion of the President’s term of office the President-Elect shall normally succeed to the Presidency. In the event that a President-Elect will/can not serve as President, a special election for a new President will be called. No person may serve as President-Elect for more than one term.

Section 4.
Secretary. The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the organization and shall keep the minutes and report all transactions of the Executive Committee, the Assembly of Delegates, and the General Meeting of the Membership. The Secretary of the World Council shall be elected from and by the Executive Committee. This election shall take place at the first meeting after the election of the members of the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall be elected for a two-year term that can be extended through re-election for another two years.

Section 5.
Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the custody of all monies and securities of the World Council and shall keep regular books of account. The Treasurer shall make such disbursements, countersigned by the President, of the funds of the corporation as are proper and shall have been approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall tender an annual financial report to the Executive Committee and to the Assembly of Delegates and an audited biennial financial report at the General Meeting of the Membership. The Treasurer shall be elected from and by the Executive Committee at the first meeting after the election of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall be elected for a two-year term that can be extended through re-election for another two years.

Section 6.
Executive Administrator. The normal ongoing business of the World Council shall be carried on by an Executive Administrator appointed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Administrator shall issue all authorized notices for all meetings of the Executive Committee. The Assembly of Delegates, and the General Meetings of the membership.

The Executive Administrator shall report to the Executive Committee not less than quarterly, to the Delegates not less than annually, and to the General Meeting of the membership not less than biennially on the operations and affairs of the World Council. The Executive Administrator shall be evaluated by the Executive Committee in writing annually. The salary and terms of employment of the Executive Administrator will be determined by the Executive Committee as part of a negotiated contract.

The Executive Administrator is an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee with voice and no vote.

Section 7.
Removal. Any officer of the World Council may be removed at any time, with just cause, by the Executive Committee. This removal is subject to ratification by the Assembly of Delegates and takes effect on an interim basis immediately following such action by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1.
The Executive Committee shall consist of seven members and shall include the President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Administrator shall serve on the Executive Committee as an ex-officio member with voice but no vote. The affairs of the World Council shall be conducted by the Executive Committee. The President-
Section 2.
Qualifications and Term of Office. Members of the Executive Committee must be members of the World Council. They shall be elected for a period of four years. With the exception of the President and the President-elect, the five other members of the Executive Committee shall be elected on a staggered basis every two years. The term of office ends the last day of the biennial World Conference appropriate to the length of their term of office. No more than one member from any one country may serve as an elected member of the Executive Committee at any given time, unless the number of countries represented in the membership of the World Council is fewer than seven, in which case at least one member from each country represented must be elected to the Executive Committee.

Section 3.
Election and Vacancies. The Executive Committee members except the President and the President-Elect shall be elected for a four year term by the membership by mail ballot prior to the biennial meeting of the Assembly of Delegates. Nominations of persons to serve as members of the Executive Committee shall be made by the membership through the Elections Committee. Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by a plurality vote of the membership voting, from the persons so nominated.

If a member of the Executive Committee is unable to continue by reason of death, resignation, disqualification, removal, or other cause, the candidate receiving the next highest votes, provided that country is not already represented on the Committee, will succeed to the vacant position for the unexpired term.

Any member who is elected to the Executive Committee is not entitled to serve as a Delegates and if already holding that position must be replaced by an alternate.

An Executive Committee member cannot serve more than two consecutive terms with the exception of members who are elected President-Elect. If a member of the Executive Committee is absent from the country from which he or she was originally selected for twelve months then the position would become vacant at the next World Council General Membership meeting and the candidate receiving the next highest votes from that country will succeed to the vacant position for the unexpired term. Members of the Executive Committee are entitled to attend meetings of the Assembly of Delegates with voice and vote.

Section 4.
Annual Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at such place or places, on such dates and at such times as shall have been established by the Executive Committee and publicized among all its members.

Section 5.
Special Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by one-third of the members of the Executive Committee then in office or by the President and shall be held at such place, on such date, and at such time as they or the President shall fix. Notice of the place, date, and time of each such special meeting shall be given each member of the Executive Committee by whom it is not waived by mailing or Faxing written notice not less than ten days before the meeting. Unless otherwise indicated in the notice thereof, any and all business may be transacted at a special meeting.

Section 6.
Quorum. At any meeting of the Executive Committee, five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for all purposes. If a quorum shall fail to attend any meeting, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting to another place, date, or time, without further notice or waiver thereof.

Section 7.
Conduct of Business. All meetings of the Executive Committee shall be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order (latest edition) and other procedures as the Executive Committee may from time to time provide. At closed sessions of the Executive Committee only elected members will be present.

Section 8.
Compensation of Executive Committee Members. Members of the Executive Committee, except for the Executive Administrator, shall not receive any compensation for their services as members of the Executive Committee, including, their services as members of committees of the Executive Committee. Members of the Executive Committee shall, however, receive free registration at the biennial conference and be reimbursed by the World Council for their designated expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI - ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES

Section 1.
The Assembly of Delegates shall consist of three delegates and one alternate from each country of residence. The number of delegates from any country shall not, however, exceed the number of members in the World Council who have designated such country as their country of residence.

Section 2.
Delegates must be members of the World Council in good standing. The members of the World Council who have des-
ignated a country of residence shall select from among the members from their country three delegates to serve in the Assembly of Delegates, or such lesser number of delegates as there are from that country. Delegates must be current residents of their country, or away from their country on a temporary basis. Delegates and, where appropriate, Executive Committee members, from each country shall determine the procedure to be followed in the selection of Delegates, and delegates so selected shall be the Delegates recognized by the World Council.

Section 3.
Delegates to the Assembly of Delegates shall be selected prior to the biennial meeting of the members of the World Council in accordance with the foregoing provisions, shall attend the biennial conference, and shall serve for a term of two years and until their successors are selected.

Section 4.
Business Meetings of the Assembly of Delegates for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the Assembly of Delegates shall be held at least once every two years prior to the General Meeting of the of the World Council during the biennial meeting. Notice of the meeting shall be made no less than 30 days prior to such a meeting at such times and places as the President and the Executive Committee shall designate. This meeting shall be convened for the full day immediately prior to the biennial conference. The first half of the day will be designated for the completion of the business of the former Delegates and the second half for the new Delegates and new business.

Section 5.
Special Meetings of the Assembly of Delegates, for any purpose or purposes prescribed in the notice of the meeting, may be called by the Executive Committee with 30 days notice, except for meetings to be held within the announced dates and times of the biennial World Conference wherein twelve hours shall suffice, and shall be held at such place, on such date and at such time as the Executive Committee shall fix.

Section 6.
Quorum - At any meeting of the Assembly of Delegates, the presence in person or by proxy of at least one third of the Delegates from one third of the member countries shall constitute a quorum for all purposes.

Section 7.
Conduct of Business. The President of the World Council shall call to order any meeting of the Assembly of Delegates and act as presiding officer of the meeting. In the absence of the President, the President-Elect or, in the absence of such a person, the Secretary, if present, or the Treasurer of the World Council shall call to order the meeting of the members and act as presiding officer of the meeting. The Secretary shall act as secretary of the meeting. In the absence of the Secretary, the secretary of the meeting shall be such a person as the presiding officer of the meeting appoints.

All meetings of the Assembly of Delegates shall be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order (latest edition) and the procedures established by the Executive Committee.

Section 8.
Proxies and Voting. At any meeting of the Assembly of Delegates, every delegate may vote in person or by proxy authorized in writing and filed in accordance with the procedure established for the meeting.

All voting, except where otherwise required by law, may be by a voice vote; provided, however, that upon demand by a delegate entitled to vote or his or her proxy, a secret ballot vote shall be taken. Every vote taken by ballot shall be counted by an inspector or inspectors appointed by the presiding officer of the meeting.

All elections shall be determined by a plurality of votes cast, and all other matters shall be determined by a majority of votes cast.

Section 9.
List of Members of Assembly of Delegates. A complete list of the delegates to the Assembly of Delegates arranged in alphabetical order and showing the address and designated country of origin of each delegate, shall be open to the examination of any member of the World Council. The list of delegates to the Assembly of Delegates shall be kept at the place of the meeting during the whole time thereof and shall be open to the examination of any member of the World Council. This list shall determine the identity of the delegates entitled to vote at the meeting.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

Section 1.
Appointment. The President with the approval of the Executive Committee may appoint such committees with such powers and duties as given in the Bylaws and that the Executive Committee shall confer. Members of all committees shall serve for the tenure of the President who appointed them.

Section 2.
Conduct of Business. All meetings of the Committees shall be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order (latest edition) and other procedures as the Executive Committee may from time to time provide.

Section 3.
The committees of the World Council may include: Elections, Awards and Scholarships; Finance, Bylaws and Poli-
cies, Research, Conference, and any others deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS OF THE WORLD COUNCIL

Section 1.
Biennial Meetings of members of the World Council for the presentation of such matters as the President and the Executive Committee may designate, shall be held at such place and time as the President and the Executive Committee shall determine. This meeting shall normally be a part of the World Council’s Biennial Conference on Gifted and Talented Children and be designated as the General Meeting of the Membership.

Section 2.
Special Meetings of the members, for any purpose or purposes prescribed in the notice of the meeting, may be called by the President and Executive Committee and shall be held at such place, on such date and at such time as they shall determine.

Section 3.
Notice of Meetings. Written notice of the place, date, and time of all meetings of the members shall be given not less than 30 days before the date on which the meeting is to be held.

Section 4.
Quorum. At any general meeting of the members, the presence of at least one member from each of at least one-third of the total number of countries having members in the World Council shall constitute a quorum for all purposes.

If a quorum shall fail to attend any meeting, the presiding officer of the meeting or the majority of the members who are present may adjourn the meeting to another place, date, or time.

Section 5.
Conduct of Business. The President shall call to order any meeting of the members and act as presiding officer of the meeting. In the absence of the President, the President-Elect, in the absence of such a person, another member of the Executive Committee shall preside.

All meetings of the members of the organization shall be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order (latest edition) and other procedures established by the Executive Committee.

Section 6.
Membership List. At each biennial meeting, a complete list of members arranged in alphabetical order by name and by country and showing the designated country of residence of each member shall be kept at the place of the meeting during the whole time and shall be open to the examination of any member who is present. This list shall determine the identity and country of residence of the members entitled to participate in the selection of delegates to serve in the Assembly of Delegates.

ARTICLE IX - AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS AND FEDERATIONS

Section 1.
An Affiliated Organization may be formed by any country. An Affiliated Federation may be formed by three or more countries.

Section 2.
The Executive Committee may, upon petition for status as Affiliated Organizations, grant such organizations interim status as an Affiliated Organization. At the next business meeting of the Assembly of Delegates, the Assembly shall act upon such organization’s petition. The Executive Committee and the Assembly of Delegates may similarly terminate the affiliated status of any organization, a request from the organization not being required for this removal. An Affiliated Organization or Federation may be granted membership upon application approval by the Executive Committee and the Assembly of Delegates and payment of a fee to be determined by the Executive Committee. An Affiliated Organization or Federation shall have rules of conduct of its own that are in accord with the purposes of the World Council Bylaws. It shall elect its own officers and organize its own programs.

Section 3.
The President of an Affiliated Federation may attend meetings of the Executive Committee for the purpose of making presentations on matters related to the Federation, with voice but no vote. Attendance of Affiliated Federation Presidents at the Executive Committee meeting will be at their own expense.

ARTICLE X - PUBLICATIONS

Section 1.
All publications of the World Council, with the exception of the newsletter and the proceedings of the annual conference, shall be under the general supervision and editorial management of the Editor with the cooperation of an Editorial Board and the Executive Administrator. The President and the Executive Committee shall appoint the Editor and the Editorial Board.

Section 2.
The Editor and the Editorial Board shall have the right to select for publication any paper submitted.

Section 3.
The Editor may be authorized to appoint such consulting editors as may be required. The Editor is bound by the policies of the organization and by the budget determined by the Executive Committee. The Editor shall report at such
meetings of the Executive Committee as requested by that body.

**ARTICLE XI - BIENNIAL CONFERENCE**

Section 1.
There shall be a biennial conference of the World Council at a time and location set by the Executive Committee. The biennial conference shall provide opportunities for meetings of the Assembly of Delegates, the general membership, and the committees of the World Council. The conference program shall also provide professional opportunities such as presentations, workshops, and symposia on the theory, research, and practice on the development and education of gifted and talented children.

Section 2.
The President-Elect will serve as the Chair of the Biennial World Council Conference Committee. The Executive Administrator will assist and serve at the direction of the President-Elect and the World Council Conference Committee.

**ARTICLE XII - NOTICES**

Section 1.
Notices. Whenever notice is required to be given, such requirement shall not be construed to mean personal notice. Such notice may in every instance be effectively given by depositing a written message in the English language in a post office or letter box, in a postpaid, sealed wrapper, or by dispatching a prepaid telegram, or FAX addressed to such delegate, officer, or member at his or her address as the same appears on the books of the corporation. The time when such notice is dispatched shall be the time of the giving of the notice.

**ARTICLE XIII - OFFICIAL WORLD COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Section 1.
Bylaws. This Constitution shall serve as the Bylaws of the World Council and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, USA.

Section 2.
Facsimile Signatures. Facsimile signatures of any officer or officers of the World Council may be used whenever and as authorized by the Executive Committee.

Section 3.
Corporate Seal. The Executive Committee may provide a suitable seal, containing the name of the World Council. The Executive Administrator shall be in charge of the seal.

Section 4.
Reliance Upon Books, Reports, and Records. Each member of the Executive Committee, each member of any committee designated by the Executive Committee, and each officer of the World Council shall, in the performance of his or her duties, be fully protected in relying in good faith, upon the books of account or other records of the World Council, including reports made to the World Council by any of its officers, by an independent certified public accountant, or by an appraiser selected with reasonable care.

**ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS**

Section 1.
Amendments to these Constitution Bylaws may be proposed to the Executive Committee by:
A. Any Executive Committee member supported by five members,
B. Assembly Delegate supported by five members, or
C. A petition of 10 or more members of the organization.

Section 2.
Following the proposal for an amendment, the issues shall be discussed at a regular or special meeting of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will then send the recommended amendments to the Assembly of Delegates for further discussion. The Assembly of Delegates will then return the amendments with their suggestions to the Executive Committee who will submit the amendments to the membership for ratification.

Section 3.
Any constitutional amendment that is supported by signatures or letters from at least ten members from at least four different countries must be voted upon by the membership as submitted.

Section 4.
The Executive Committee will conduct and supervise the vote on the amendments and report the results to the membership.

Section 5.
Amendments shall become effective as soon as the report of the vote of the membership is made official and notification to the membership is made.

**ARTICLE XV - TERMINATION**

Section 1.
In the event the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children, Inc. is dissolved, the Executive Committee then in office shall continue until all affairs of the organization have been officially terminated. Any assets remaining after the payment of debts and obligations shall be disposed of in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation.
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- Austria
- Belgium
- Brunei Darussalam
- France
- Ireland
- Israel
- Kenya
- Malaysia
- Mexico
- Qatar
- United Arab Emirates

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